



**Glade
Academy**

RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Newsletter ~ 10th October 2025

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was 94.1%.

*The class with the winning attendance was
Merlins Class.*

*Congratulations to Holly Willin (Firecrests) and Charles
Killingworth (Owlets) for winning the £5.00 gift cards
for having 100% for a whole week.*

Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 95.3%

Swans Class Attendance for last week = 87.3%

Firecrests Class Attendance for last week = 96.3%

Magpies Class Attendance for last week = 92.8%

Red Kites Class Attendance for last week = 95%

Merlins Class Attendance for last week = 97%

Phoenix Class Attendance for last week = 93.6%

*The national average for attendance is 96%; if a child isn't at
school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress and
their relationships with other children.*

*One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will
win a £5.00 gift card.*

*One child who has achieved 100% attendance each
half-term will win a £10 gift card.*

*At the end of the school year, one child with 100%
attendance will win a £20.00 gift card.*

Our Stars of the Week

***Owlets Class Stars = George Dilley and
Emlyn Winston***

***Swans Class Stars = Evie Sheppard and
Mimi Woodger***

***Firecrests Class Stars = Paige Thomas and
Roma Smith***

***Magpies Class Stars = Jobi Loveridge and
Guney Toprak***

***Red Kites Class Stars = Freddie Nice and
Oswald Grandison***

***Merlins Class Stars = Louis Buckingham and
Jasmine Hawkins***

***Phoenix Class Stars = Kingston Clarke and
Benjamin Potschul***

*Star of the Week certificates are awarded for
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect,
Resilience and Teamwork) and for showing
excellent Behaviours for Learning.*





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Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a look at the 'Dates for your diaries' at the end of this newsletter and make a note of any events for your child/ren's class(es). All the usual Sharing Assemblies and Parent Cafes have been booked into the school diary and we are booking in our usual Parent Information sessions for: Early Years, the Year One Phonics Test, end of KS1 expectations, the Year Four Multiplication Test, and end of KS2 expectations...we would love to see lots of you at these events!

We will soon be sending out a letter informing everyone of the results from the ballot organised by our School Council relating to whether children should wear their P.E. kits to school on days when they have P.E. ~ please keep an eye out for information about this.

Just a reminder that our policy has always been for children to bring water only to school in their water bottles for their classrooms...they can bring other soft drinks for lunchtime. We understand that some children may have medical needs and we're happy to look at letters provided by parents and carers from GP surgeries in these circumstances. I've had a quick look on the internet and it's clear that lots of primary schools insist on water only in children's water bottles, this is 'the norm'. We do this for more than one reason:

- Water is the healthiest drink for any of us to have (provided we don't drink too much of it)...some children may not actually like drinking water, but it's still the healthiest option for them, and of course as a school we want to support all our parents and carers in keeping your children healthy.
- Some of our children have got into the habit of having their water bottle at their lips and mouths a lot of the time (we do try to discourage this) almost like a soother / comforter, and drinks other than water risk causing damage to children's teeth.
- We try to avoid ant infestations during the warmer weather, and sweet drink spillages cause issues with this.

I'm sure we all want to support our children in learning how to keep themselves safe and healthy as they get older ~ drinking plenty of water, eating a healthy diet, developing a healthy relationship with food and their own bodies (the occasional sweet treat / bag of crisps does us all good! 😊), and it's good to know that Glade's expectations align with lots of other primary schools across the country. Where staff notice that a child has a drink other than water in their classroom water bottle we will be reminding the child that it should be water, and we'll be drawing the parent's attention to this as well.

If anyone would like to discuss this further with me you are very welcome to follow the guidance at the end of this letter.

As always, many thanks for all your encouragement and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office if you have any questions or concerns, and they will ensure that the right member of staff gets back to you.

With all best wishes,

Tracey McCarthy
(Headteacher)



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Dates for your Diaries:

October:

- Monday 13th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly;
2pm: Owlets Parent Café.
- Tuesday 14th 2pm: Magpies Parent Café.
- Thursday 16th 2pm: Swans Parent Café;
5.30pm: Year 1 Phonics Information Presentation.
- Friday 17th 9am: Red Kites Sharing Assembly.
- Monday 20th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
- Thursday 23rd 4.45pm: KS1 Disco (Years 1 & 2);
6pm: KS2 Disco (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6).

Monday 27th – Friday 30th October Half Term.

November:

- Monday 3rd 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
- Monday 10th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
- Friday 14th 9am: Magpies Sharing Assembly.
- Monday 17th Interim School Reports;
9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
- Tuesday 18th Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 19th Parents' Evening.
- Friday 21st 9am: Firecrests Sharing Assembly.
- Monday 24th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly;
2pm: Firecrests Parent Café.
- Wednesday 26th 2pm: Swans Parent Café.
- Thursday 27th 2pm: Owlets Parent Café.
- Friday 28th 9am: Swans Sharing Assembly;
10am: EYFS Open Morning for prospective Sept 2026 families.



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December:

- Monday 1st 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.
2pm: Magpies Parent Café.*
- Tuesday 2nd 2pm: Red Kites Parent Café;
5.30pm: EYFS Open Evening for prospective Sept 2026 families.*
- Wednesday 3rd 2pm: Phoenix Class Parent Café.*
- Thursday 4th 9am: SEND Parent Drop-in Session;
2pm: Merlins Parent Café.*
- Monday 8th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.*
- Tuesday 9th 9.30am: KS1 Nativity Performance – ticketed event only.*
- Thursday 11th 6pm: KS1 Nativity Performance - ticketed event only.*
- Friday 12th 9am: Owlets Nativity Assembly.*
- Monday 15th 9am: Star of the Week Assembly.*

Monday 22nd December – 5th January Christmas Holiday.