



RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Newsletter ~ 14th November 2025

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **94.5%**.

The class with the winning attendance was
Swans Class.

Congratulations to Zyron (Owlets) and Roma
(Firecrests) for winning the £5.00 gift cards for having
100% for a whole week.

Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 93.1%

Swans Class Attendance for last week = 96.4%

Firecrests Class Attendance for last week = 95.2%

Magpies Class Attendance for last week = 95.2%

Red Kites Class Attendance for last week = 90.5%

Merlins Class Attendance for last week = 96.1%

Phoenix Class Attendance for last week = 94.5%

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 = Gabriel Jaskros and
Archie Hewitt

Swans Class Stars = John Broatch and
Cecily Vargas

Firecrests Class Stars = Holly Willin and
Anna Aldous

Magpies Class Stars = Dalton Killingworth
and Maiklas Arasimavicius

Red Kites Class Stars = Kacey Moore and
Bradley Cronin

Merlins Class Stars = Ella Evans and
Anani Kajanesan

Phoenix Class Stars = Lana Parham and
Heaven-Rose Meen

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 do let us know if you have any feedback about children from Year One through to Year Six wearing their P.E. kits to school on days when they have P.E. lessons...you can message your child's class teacher or Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Brookes-White in the school office using Class Dojo.

The children's interim school reports will be sent home with them on Monday at the end of school (17.11.25). We hope these will give you an overview of:

- how your child has settled into their new class,
- the progress they are making in each subject,
- the effort they are putting into their learning, and
- how their achievement compares to national expectations.

Parents' Evenings are next week, giving you the opportunity to discuss aspects of your child's report and learning with their class teacher(s). Please do contact your child's class teacher to book an appointment if you haven't already done this – if you're unable to join us after school next Tuesday and Thursday staff will be happy to work with you to find another mutually convenient time.

There is a covering letter with the report, but just as a reminder:

- 1 is (rarely) used to recognise EXCEPTIONAL effort and progress;
- 2 is used to recognise GOOD effort and progress;
- 3 is used to recognise EXPECTED / SATISFACTORY effort and progress;
- 4 is used to recognise UNSATISFACTORY effort and progress.

Please do bring your children with you for their parents' evening meetings ~ they will benefit from being part of the discussions about their learning and the progress they are making at school.

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

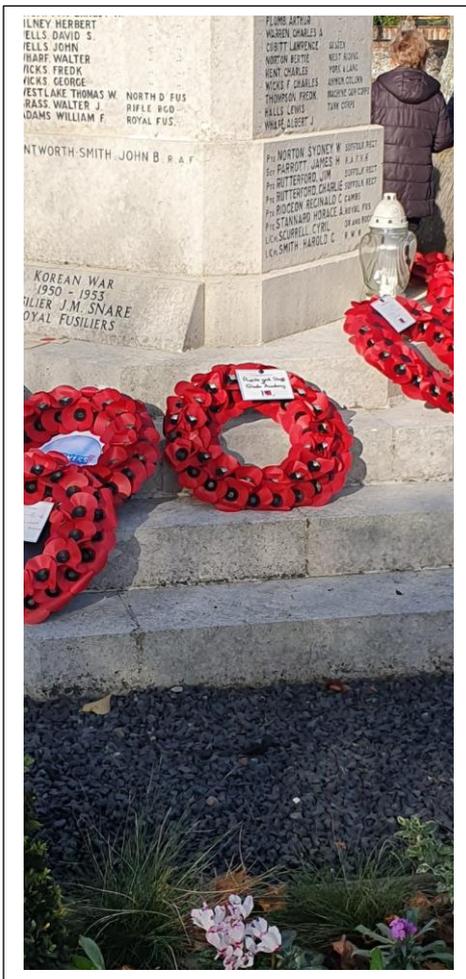
Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office if you have any questions or concerns, and they will ensure that the right member of staff gets back to you.

With all best wishes,

Tracey McCarthy
(Headteacher)

Brandon's Remembrance Parade on 9th November 2025:

A huge thank you to the pupils, parents and carers who represented Glade Academy at Brandon's Remembrance Parade at the weekend. The conduct and behaviour of all our pupils was, as it is every year, exemplary.



Brandon in Bloom:

We supported Brandon in Bloom with their latest creation!

Children from Years 3 and 4 designed and built a giant spider from recycled materials (you can see it on the left of the photo), and a web filled with handmade cork spiders (on the right of the photo). Their imaginative contributions are at the heart of the display, combining environmental awareness with hands-on creativity.



Glade at junior parkrun!



We are delighted to share that, so far, **11 children from our school have taken part in the parkrun Primary at Breckland Leisure Centre junior parkrun.**

Congratulations to Irah, Millie M, Erin, Klara, Maisy, Theodore, Seeley, Elsie, Emlyn, Gabriel & Ian 🙌🙌 With Millie and Erin being almost halfway towards their 'half marathon' wristband, which they will be awarded once they have completed 11 junior parkruns. 🙌

All the children showed fantastic enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork as they completed the course. It was wonderful to see them enjoying being active together and representing our school so proudly.

The junior parkrun is a brilliant way for children to build confidence, stay healthy, and have fun with friends. We are so proud of everyone who joined in – well done, Glade!

Join Us!

We would love even more children to take part. junior parkrun happens at **9am every Sunday at Breckland Leisure Centre.** It's free, fun, and open to all primary-aged children. Why not come along and give it a try? Parents can join in too, and children can enjoy the excitement of running with family and friends.

What Our Children Say

Here are some thoughts from the children who took part:

- Seeley said, "I get to run with my friends and it's fun!"
- Irah said, "I like the running and the warm-ups. I feel proud when I have finished."
- Erin said, "It's fun and it gets me out of the house every Sunday morning. I feel proud to see others in my school improving and I am proud of myself."
- Millie said, "I love doing junior parkrun because it makes me feel fit and ready. You can run it, walk it, skip it or do whatever you like!"

Mrs Peck (Glade P.E. Lead).



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Dates for your Diaries:

November:

- 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.

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.
3.15pm: School Council Teddy Tombola (running until 18th December, after school every day)
- Tuesday 9th 9.30am: KS1 Nativity Performance – ticketed event only.
- Thursday 11th 6pm: KS1 Nativity Performance - ticketed event only.

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Friday 12th

9am: Owlets Nativity Assembly.

Monday 15th

9am: Star of the Week Assembly;

5.30pm: Owlets Nativity – ticketed event only.

Wednesday 17th

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day - £1;

Christmas Dinner – orders need to be placed on Aspens Select.

Monday 22nd December – 5th January Christmas Holiday.

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