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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term four! We can't believe we are more than half way through the year already!

Ramadan Mubarak to all our families who are observing the Holy Month. We look forward to sharing Iftar with many of you on Friday next week. Thanks so much to all the staff who are busy preparing for this. It promises to be a wonderful community event.

This term we are focussing on our Core Value of Fairness. We will be talking to the children in assemblies about equity and equality, putting yourself in someone else's shoes, and listening to both sides of the story. See the Fairness Values Newsletter below for more information on this.

Easter is fast approaching so see below for details of our annual competition. Entries can be brought in to the main hall from 30th March and must be in by the end of the day on 1st April. We will judge after school on 1st April and award prizes on 2nd April. Thanks to FOG as always for their support with prizes.

As you can see the contractors have made lots of progress with the landscaping work. It is now clear that the Y2/3 playground is going to be wonderful! Please keep children off the areas that are being worked on. We don't want any accidents!

Staffing news: Mrs Wallace will be returning to Year One from her maternity leave after the Easter break. She will be job sharing in Chestnut class with Miss Thomas. We are delighted to be able to keep Miss Thomas and would like to thank her for all her hard work with the class.

Finally a reminder to park safely and preferably **further away** from the school. Do not park on the zig zags OR on the double yellow lines in the cycle lane on Glenfrome road! This is causing utter chaos at pick up and drop off and inevitably there will be an accident. We have asked the council again this week for updates on a school crossing patrol. We would also love to hear from anyone who would be keen in setting up a walking bus.

.Have a lovely weekend all *Mrs O'Callaghan*

Miss School, Miss Out!
 Please make sure your child is in class
 ready to learn at 8.45.

Key Dates

Thurs 5 th Mar	World Book Day -dress as your favourite book character- see poster below
Fri 6 th March	Glenfrome Grand Iftar 5.30pm
Thurs 12 th Mar	Oak Class Assembly 10am -10.30am parents/carers are welcome
Thurs 12 th Mar	Science Day- see poster below
Tues 17 th /Thurs 19 th Mar	Parents Evenings - Booking details to follow
Thurs 19 th Mar	SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm - 3pm all welcome
Fri 20 th Mar	Red Nose Day
Thur 26 th Mar	Ash Class Assembly 10am -10.30am parents/carers are welcome
Mon 30 th Mar- Wed 1 st April	Easter below Competitions- See poster
Tues 31 st Mar	Yr3 Ukulele Concert - Parents/Carers are invited 2.30-3pm
Thurs 2 nd April	Last Day of Term 4
Fri 3 rd April - Sun 19 th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 20 th April	Back to school - Term 5
Mon 27 th April	Parent Open Morning 9-9.45am Come and spend some time in your child's classroom.
Sat 20 th June	SUMMER FAIR times TBA

Star Learners

Class	This week	Last week
Ash	Aronas	Ovieya/Arlo
Chestnut	Jesse	Zacky
Elm	Marcel	Marek
Rowan	Otis	Honey
Beech	Amelia	Aadam
Cedar	Malakai	Julijan
Oak	Sophia	Rosanna
Hazel	Aviyaa	Eesa
Holly	Aaliyah	Luke
Sycamore	Idris	Donlad
Pine	Amina	Scarlett
Juniper	Miran	Henry
Blossom	Aisa	Zaki

Spotlight on Attendance

Learning starts in classrooms at 8.45. Please ensure you child is lined up outside their classroom door at this time.



World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 5th March, and we are excited to celebrate!

As part of the day, we would love each class to have a Mystery Reader - would you like to come & surprise your child by reading a book to their class? If you are able to, please arrange a time with your child's teacher by emailing the office with a time that suits you.

As usual, we invite children to dress as a favourite book character or theme. Dressing up is completely optional, and we want to keep things easy and low-cost for families. There are lots of tips on the World Book Day website:

Simple, Low-Cost Ideas

Start with a book your child enjoys.

Everyday clothes work brilliantly — tracksuits, pyjamas, T-shirts, or anything comfortable.

Add one small detail such as a hat, badge, label, or simple prop to show the character.

There are lots of paper mask templates online that children can colour in and wear!

Comfort matters most so children can enjoy the day.

If Your Child Prefers Not to Dress Up

A badge or sticker that gives/invites book recommendations are a good alternative.

Children can dress to represent a topic or fact from a non-fiction book.

A small prop or accessory is enough!

A Reminder

World Book Day is about celebrating reading, not costumes. We encourage all children to bring a book they enjoy or feel confident talking about.



NW24 Science Day Thursday 12th March

As part of British Science Week, we are excited to be taking part in this year's **NW24 Science Day**, a collaborative event involving our local partnership of schools.

This year's theme for British Science Week is "**Curiosity**", and we will be taking on a shared science investigation inspired by our curiosity about **Mars** and the rovers exploring the planet. The focus is on problem-solving, creativity and scientific enquiry.

Children will work in small groups to:

- **Build the tallest possible free-standing structure using only paper (and tape if needed)**
- Test, evaluate and improve their designs
- Explore how strong structures are essential if humans were ever to build on Mars

Celebration Event at the University of Bristol

A group of **12–20 children** will be selected to attend a special celebration event at the **University of Bristol Wills building on Wednesday 25th March**.

There they will:

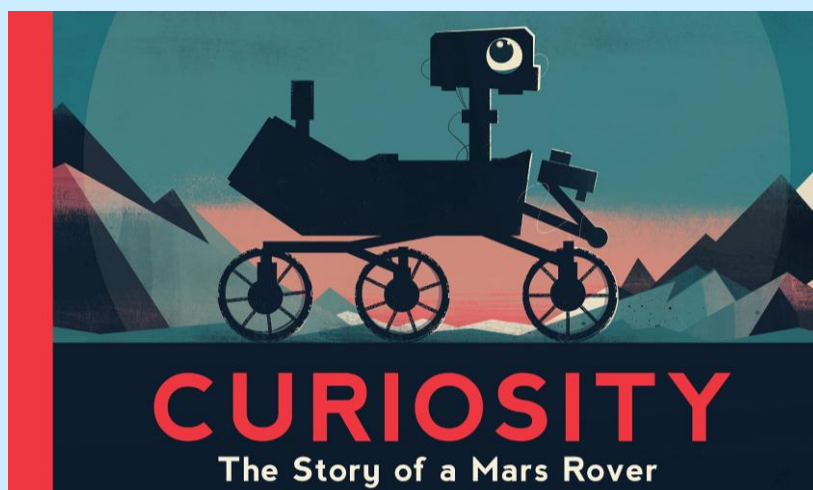
- Work in mixed-school teams
- Hear from a **keynote speaker** about the science and engineering linked to the investigation
- Enjoy a science presentation exploring the theme of *curiosity*

Families of selected pupils will be notified in advance so they can support with transport.

Selection of Pupils

We will choose:

- **Two winners from KS1 and two from KS2 based on the tallest free-standing structure**
- Additional pupils who have demonstrated strong **scientific enquiry skills**,



Easter

The Easter competitions are back! Children can enter in 3 categories for their phase: Easter Hat, Easter Garden and Decorated Egg. Entries can be brought in from Monday 30th March and the deadline is end of day on Wednesday 1st April. Judging will take place after school on 1st April with prizes being awarded in assembly on Thursday 2nd April.

Make an Easter hat...



Decorate an egg...



Make an Easter garden....



Each entry will need to be labeled with your name and class. Exciting prizes to be won!

Term 4:

Core Value: Fairness

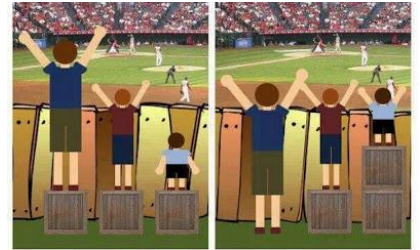
Learning Power: Co-operation

FAIR ISN'T
everybody getting the
same thing.....

FAIR IS
everybody getting
what they need
In order to be
SUCCESSFUL.

Fairness

At Glenfrorne, we want to help our children to go into the world as resourceful, tolerant, creative individuals – true global citizens. Our core value of 'Fairness' certainly helps our children to be empathetic to others as they learn to be fair. Our children understand that being fair doesn't mean treating everyone the same, but giving everyone the opportunities they need to succeed. We help our children to understand that they need to be fair in the way that they treat others in all aspects of life, not just in lessons.



When thinking about fairness at Glenfrorne, we strive to help our children to:

- Be fair to ourselves
- Be fair to others

Adults are committed to listening to all sides of every story.



Co-operation

Each term we focus on a different Learning Power and this term we will focus on 'Co-operation'. Working with others effectively is a key life skill and helps us to achieve in all areas, inside and outside of the classroom. Our children constantly demonstrate co-operation in the classroom but also demonstrate it during PE and break times. We help our children to understand how to be an effective group member and

why this is so important. They understand that we show cooperation through our actions as well as our words – what and how we speak is important if we are to work as part of a team.

At Key Stage 1, our children show their co-operation skills by:

- Being kind to other people
- Sharing what we have and what we know
- Understanding the feelings and needs of our friends
- Taking turns
- Understanding that sometimes we don't agree with other people

At Key Stage Two, our children show their co-operation skills by:

- Assigning and accepting different roles independently
- Being patient and kind with others

School Street at Glenfrome Primary School

School Streets aim to make it easier and safer for children and their families to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school by improving road safety outside the school gates.

Cottisford Road, Parkside Gardens, and South Hayes along with a section of Sir John's Lane (up to the junction with Heyford Avenue), would become a walking, cycling, wheeling and scooting-only zone at school drop off and pick up.

Vehicles would not be permitted to enter the zone for 40 minutes in the morning from 8.30am to 9.10am and 45 minutes in the afternoon from 2.50pm to 3.35pm. Emergency vehicles, Blue Badge holders and residents affected by the closure would be exempt from the road closure.

We will be at the school gates on:

Wednesday 11 March 8:30am – 9:30am

As a parent or carer at the school, we would like to hear your views on the proposals and are inviting you to take part in a short survey. We would love to hear from all parents and carers to get a representative view. To find out more about the proposed scheme, including a list of frequently asked questions, please visit travelwest.info/Glenfrome.

Please visit <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GlenfromePrimary/> to complete the survey online from Monday 16th February 2026. The survey will close on Monday 23rd March 2026.

Case Studies

We would love to hear from families at Glenfrome Primary School about how they usually travel to school. We would appreciate it if you could briefly answer the following bullet points and email to schoolstreets@bristol.gov.uk.

How you travel (e.g. by bus, bicycle, walking, car share etc) and why you use that chosen mode?

Overall, how you find your journey?

What elements of the journey work well/are enjoyable?

What some of the challenges/barriers you face are?

And what, if any, you believe could be possible solutions to these issues/challenges?

What you feel would make your drop off/pick up better?



Online Safety Tips

Here is a link to a useful guide to supporting your child if they are gaming online. You will find some top tips about setting boundaries, and encouraging children to take responsibility for their online safety.



Wiggly Phonics

Don't just say the sound... STOMP IT!

Is your child high-energy or neurodivergent? We turn phonics into a full-body adventure. At Wiggly Phonics, wiggling isn't just allowed—it's the method!

We use somatic movement, sensory regulation techniques, games and silly stories to make reading games accessible and fun.

Embodied Learning: Systematic Phonics (Set 1 and 2) meets active play.
Regulate to Learn: Science-backed methods to support every growing brain.

- Tuesdays, starting 10th March
- 4:15pm
- St Werburghs Community Centre
- £25 for a four-week block

Spaces are limited to keep groups small and supportive.
To book, visit:

www.wholeandwildlearning.uk/shop



SAMBISTAS

Join us at 7.30pm on Wednesdays for weekly samba classes at Glenfrome primary school

What to expect

- Welcoming group of people
- Teaching for all levels of experience
- Variety of styles
- Performances
- New skills
- Lots of fun

First class £5

drop in price £10
block booking £8.50
per class

Contact us

jordan.sambistas@gmail.com

Festival of Stories

Saturday 7th March 11am-6pm
@ SPARKS Bristol

Join us for an unforgettable day of shared experiences, creativity, and inspiration, as we honour the art of storytelling and the way it can bring a community together.

Storytelling! (Featuring Nikesh Shukla!)

Bookish craft stalls, local indie authors, writing workshops, free craft activities, fairytale decor, fun vibes, special deals and discounts, and lots more!

(Fancy dress encouraged!)



Scan to follow our Facebook event page!



SPARKS BRISTOL

CRICKET



@ STAPLETON CRICKET CLUB
Join us for U11 Girls Cricket!

For more information contact
Ian Crawford on 07951 310 645
or ian277crawford@btinternet.com



Scan me for more info!

Workshops to Manage BIG Emotions in the Family

This series of Mindfulness Workshops supports parents with practical techniques that help navigate family challenges.

Run by the Mindful Parenting and Community Project



Mindfulness has been proven as supportive and beneficial in managing stress. It can build our emotional resilience, help us be more present with our children and support us to maintain healthy habits and relationships.

These online workshops support parents with family issues such as managing big emotions, developing emotional resilience with our children and how to manage conflict within the family.

The Mindful Parenting and Community Project has been supporting parents for over 10 years. We are parents ourselves and so have a lived experience of these challenges.

For more info:

www.mpcp.info

mpcp.bristol@gmail.com

07949399633

Book a place here:



Booking Details:

These Online Workshops run on Fridays from 9.30 - 11am or Weds 6-7.30pm via Zoom

Managing Difficult Behaviour

Friday 6th March am

Weds 11th March pm

Developing Emotional Resilience

Weds 22nd April pm

Friday 24th April am

Managing Conflict within the Family

Friday 8th May am

Weds 20th May pm

Love and Limits (setting limits)

Friday 5th June am

Weds 17th June pm

Managing Emotions Teens/Tweens

Weds 1st July pm

Friday 10th July am

Cost: Unwaged - By donation

Low Waged - £10

Waged - £25

Book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mindfulness-workshops-to-manage-big-emotions-in-the-family-tickets-1980949798172?aff=oddtcreator>