

NEWSLETTER 05/09/25

Dear Families,

It's been a very settled couple of weeks at school. We're so glad to have children back in the classrooms, and it's been wonderful to see them getting into their learning with such enthusiasm. Our staff has been busy, too, making sure everyone has the support they need.

Children have already been on some great learning adventures. Our Year 5 students became "Ecosystem Detectives," investigating why certain species disappeared and learning how important it is to protect our planet. And Year 6 recently turned into scientists, doing hands-on experiments with acids and bases and even creating art from what they learned. We can't wait to see their final pieces!

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Meet the Team sessions and the recent curriculum workshop. It was great to see so many of you attend, and your involvement helps us build a strong partnership between home and school.

Yesterday, we also had a fantastic day welcoming about 170 prospective families to our school for a tour. It was a perfect chance to show off our wonderful community and the great learning environment we have here. We're so grateful to the parents, staff, and students who helped out and spoke with such pride about our school. Special thanks go to Mikki Kemp and Simon Jones who spoke so passionately about their experience at Glenealy, and to Jake and Cheryl in Year 6 for enthusiastically sharing their perspectives as students. Our Year 6 student ambassadors guided families around the school with a real sense of pride.

We're delighted to introduce our new 'Learning Links' newsletters today! This is a new way for us to share what your children are learning in class. Each newsletter will give you a quick look at the recent outcomes and skills the class has been working on. It will also tell you what's coming up next so you can have a better idea of your child's learning journey. We hope this will make it even easier for us to work together to support your child's education, so be sure to check them out regularly!

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Rashida Mithailwala, our outgoing PTA Chair. Her exceptional contribution over the past 2 years has been pivotal in creating a collaborative atmosphere and enriching our Glenealy community. We deeply appreciate the countless hours of dedication and support she has devoted, which have made a lasting impact on our school. Rashida's commitment and leadership have been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for all her efforts.

We are also excited to welcome Naqiyah Talib, parent of Burhanuddin in Year 4, as our new PTA Chair. We look forward to working with her to continue strengthening our community.

Thank you all for being such an important part of our school!

Christopher Coyle
Principal

DATES & EVENTS

An overview of the key dates and school events can be found in the calendar on the ESF App. You can also find the school calendar on our school website at https://glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent/school_information/school_calendar/

Please make a note of the following events that will take place in Term 1:

KEY DATES Term 1 - 2025/2026

- **01–14 September** - Student Health and School Dental Services Online Enrolment
- **9 September** - T1 ECAs start
- **10 September** - Parent Volunteer Workshop 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM
- **12 September** - Y1 to Y6 Coffee Morning & PTA Annual General Meeting
- **16 September** - Language Workshop and Walkthrough
- **17 September** - Chinese Language Workshop
- **25 September** - PTA Parent Social Night
- **25 September** - Y1 to Y6 RSE Parent Question and Answer Session
- **01 October** - Public Holiday (National Day)
- **02 October** - Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
- **06 to 10 October** - ESF Mid-term break
- **14 October** - DTaP Vaccination
- **15-16 October** - Student Conferences
- **20 October** - Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar for 2025/2026 at the following link:

<https://gloodle.glenealy.edu.hk/pluginfile.php/15220/course/section/3621/calendar2025-26.pdf>

STUDENTS CATCHING THE BUS

We've seen a significant increase in the number of students taking the school bus at the end of the day. With ECAs starting soon and more children arranging playdates after school, it's especially important that we have accurate transport information for each student. Please do not assume that the bus mother, or in cases where external ECA providers are involved, the school, will automatically be aware of your child's ECA schedule.

To help us manage this smoothly and safely, please update your child's end-of-day transport arrangements via the Glenealy School Bus App. If there are any changes to your child's usual routine, we kindly ask that you notify the school well in advance.

In the event of an emergency or a last-minute change, please contact the school office directly, as class teachers may not be able to check their emails while teaching.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Road Crossing Alert – Conduit Rd & Hornsey Rd

The school has reported an urgent need for maintenance at the pedestrian crossing located at the bottom of Hornsey Road and is following up with the relevant departments. Please note that the crossing button on the opposite side of the road to the school is currently not functioning. Students walking to and from school should take extra care when crossing.

Lower Playground After School Closure

Please be reminded that the playground is closed after school. This is done for safety reasons as there is no supervision provided by us. Children waiting quietly for an ECA should be supervised by a family member/guardian. Please also note that no food should be consumed on the grass area, consistent with our arrangements during snack and lunch times.

MUSIC NEWS

Great news! Our talented instrumental teachers are now able to offer Saturday lessons on-site at school, utilising our state-of-the-art music facilities. If your child is keen to learn Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, or Drums, this is an excellent opportunity to get started or keep the rhythm going over the weekend. Interested? Just drop an email to Mr Benzie to find out more and register your interest: David.Benzie@glenealy.edu.hk

STUDENT AGENCY AND ACTION

Student Council

We are excited to announce that we are creating a new Student Council at Glenealy School! The purpose of the Student Council is to promote deeper dialogue with students, enhancing their ability to articulate ideas and influence experiences at school. We want to hear their ideas, thoughts, and suggestions on how we can make our school an even better place to be safe, happy, kind, learning and engaged. This is an opportunity to be a great leader, listener, and a critical and creative thinker!

The Student Council will be a group of representatives from each class, from Year 1 to Year 6. Students will:

- **Wear** their student council badge with pride so that everyone knows who they are
- **Represent** their class during the 2025-2026 academic year
- **Listen** to classmates' ideas, ready to share at meetings
- **Attend** meetings, held every other Friday at 1.15pm with Mrs Ngao
- **Feedback** what they've discussed during Student Council meetings with their teachers and classmates
- **Help** suggest and plan new initiatives that affect students' daily lives
- **Collaborate** with other school groups, like the new Forest School group and House and Vice Captains, to share ideas and work together on projects
- **Inspire** other students to take action and get involved in short-term student agency and action groups

In the week beginning Monday, 15th September classes will hold mini elections to choose one representative from each class. To run for the Student Council, students should prepare a short presentation to share with their class, detailing why they should be elected onto the Student Council. This presentation can take the form of a poster, a video, a short speech, a slideshow or anything else they can think of!

House Captains and Vice Captains

This week, Ms MacRae talked to students in Years 5 and 6 about the roles and responsibilities and process involved in becoming a House and Vice captain.

Students have been asked to create an application stating why they would make a good House and Vice Captain. They are encouraged to share some ideas they have about the houses and possible house events in this application. Students can submit their application as a handwritten letter, an email or a video. Applications are due on Friday, 26th September.

Please note that students in year 5 and 6 can apply to be a Student Council representative and a House/ Vice Captain. They however, will not be allocated both roles in the 2025-2026 academic year. Ms MacRae and Mrs Ngao will meet to ensure this overlap in representation does not occur.

LEARNING LINKS

ESF GLENEALY SCHOOL



In order to provide more specific information for families about what your children are learning in class, the class teachers will share a fortnightly newsletter called 'Learning Links' which will provide information about the previous week and the coming week in each year group, and also give ideas of ways parents can support their children at home. The Learning Links are posted on each year group page of the VLE under the "Learning Links" heading.

[Year 1 Learning Links](#)

[Year 2 Learning Links](#)

[Year 3 Learning Links](#)

[Year 4 Learning Links](#)

[Year 5 Learning Links](#)

[Year 6 Learning Links](#)

Y1 - Y6 COFFEE MORNING & PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Please join us for coffee, meet the Glenealy School Team & PTA, connect with other families from Year 1 to Year 6 and join us as we reflect on the past year and look to this school year and beyond.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of ESF Glenealy School's Parent Teacher Association will be held on:

Date : Friday 12 September 2025

Time : 8.45am - 10.00am

ESF Glenealy School, 7 Hornsey Road

The AGM is an important event, so please come along and join us as we reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of the past year, and look to this school year and beyond.

Breakfast & refreshments will be available.

[\[Click here to register your attendance.\]](#)

If you have any topics you would like to submit, please don't hesitate to email pta@glenealy.net by 4pm on 5 September in order for it to be addressed during the 'Any Other Business' section of the meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

NEWS FROM THE HUB

PTA PARENT SOCIAL - [BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW](#)

Join Us for Live Performances and Open Mic Night!

Enjoy a fantastic evening filled with live performances from talented members of our Glenealy school community, followed by an open mic session. This event is for adults only and is the perfect opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy great entertainment, and take a break from the everyday.

This event is exclusively for Glenealy community members.



**GLENEALY PTA
PARENT SOCIAL**

**Live performances from
within our community
followed by open mic night**

**Thursday 25 September
6:00pm Onwards**

HIGH STREET GRILL

Shop 4&5, G/F, Hang Sing Mansion,
54& 56 High Street, Sai Ying Pun,
Western District
3-min walk from Exit B2,
Sai Ying Pun MTR Station

**\$330 per ticket
includes Open Bar
and Food**

TICKETING DEADLINE: FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER