

## NEWSLETTER 19/09/25

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe how much we've packed into just two weeks! Our school has been buzzing with incredible energy, from global connections to creative workshops and a strong sense of community. We're so proud of our students and grateful for the support of our wonderful parents and PTA.

Last week, our students were part of something really special, the largest online gratitude lesson in the world! Gathered in the Learning Commons, children joined a live global meeting on our big screen, reflecting on how much they appreciate each other and the world around them. It was a beautiful reminder that we are connected to a much bigger, global community.

Our students were both entertained and inspired by the fantastic Author and Poet, Mark Grist. He shared some of his wonderful books with us, and each year group had the special opportunity to participate in a workshop with him. Thanks to the generosity of the Glenealy PTA, our young writers and poets were able to further develop their own stories and verses. It was a day filled with creativity and imagination!

Year 3 had a fantastic trip earlier this week, exploring the unique mangrove environment in Tai Tam and learning all about this special ecosystem and its amazing wildlife. It was the perfect day for discovery and outdoor learning!

We loved seeing so many parents at our recent Y1-Y6 Coffee Morning. It was a great chance to connect over coffee and conversation. The morning was followed by the PTA AGM, where we celebrated last year's successes and heard about some exciting plans for the year ahead. Thank you to everyone who attended—your participation is what makes our school community so strong!

We also had a fantastic turnout for our two recent language workshops, where parents got a firsthand look at how we teach English and Chinese. It was wonderful to have you join the walkthrough and see learning in action right in our classrooms.

It's clear that the spirit of Glenealy is alive and well.

Have a great weekend!

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/](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

- **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
- **13 October** - CPD - No school
- **14 October** - DTap Vaccination Day

- **15 & 16 October** - Student Conference
- **20 October** - Flu Vaccine Date for Students
- **23 & 24 October** - Student Photo Days
- **28 October** - Y3 Camp
- **29 October** - Public Holiday (Chung Yeung Festival)
- **30-31 October** - Y4 Camp
- **4-7 November** - Y6 Camp
- **10 November** - CPD - No school
- **13 November** - Parent Workshop: Early Years
- **17 November** - Flu Vaccination - 2nd dose
- **21 November** - Y5 & 6 Athletics Meet
- **21 November** - Winter Fair 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- **26-28 November** - Y5 Camp
- **27 November** - T1 ECA Ends
- **28 November** - Y3 & 4 Athletics Meet
- **05 December** - Christmas Carols  
- T2 ECA sign up opens
- **08 December** - HK Election Holiday (School Closed)
- **11 December** - Y6 Panto AM
- **12 December** - Term 1 ends: Half-day
- **15 December - 2 Jan 2025** - Winter Break

## 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>

## 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](#)

### **MID AUTUMN LANTERN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS "ART INSTALLATION"**

We are delighted to invite our Glenealy Families to our **GLENEALY SCHOOL MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION** on Thursday, 2nd October, to walk among our lantern displays and light installations. There will also be a Chinese Culture Study, which the children have worked on during their Mandarin classes, available to view in the Centre. The celebration will begin at **6:30pm** when the main school gate will be opened. The celebration will continue until 8pm, **but please note that the main gate will be closed at 7:45pm**

### **CREATE YOUR OWN MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL FAMILY LANTERN**

In addition to the lanterns and light installations which the children have created at school, we also invite children and families to create family lanterns to be brought to the Community Hub by the 30th of September for display on the 2nd evening.

Your lantern can represent anything special to your family. Take your inspiration from:

- What you like to do together
- A favourite animal or pet
- A place which is special to your family
- A special family tradition that you have

Click here for the [Family Lantern Guidelines](#).

We look forward to seeing all of you at this special event.

### **FROM THE NURSE**

Kind reminder: Please return all vaccination paperwork by Wednesday, September 24th (next week).

Please also note that nurse Jackie will be on leave from Thursday through the end of the mid-term break. During this period, a supply nurse will be on site to ensure continuity of care.

Thank you for your attention and support!



### **NEWS FROM THE HUB**

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

**Last Chance to Book Your Tickets for Live Performances and Open Mic Night!**

Don't miss out on an incredible evening featuring live performances from talented members of our Glenealy school community, followed by an open mic session. This adults-only event is the perfect opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy great entertainment, and take a break from the everyday.

Secure your tickets now! Remember, this event is exclusively for Glenealy community members.



#### **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (PTA AGM)**

We sincerely appreciate everyone who joined us for our PTA Annual General Meeting on Friday 12 September. Your presence and engagement are invaluable to our community.

If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to catch up by reading the minutes from the meeting. [You can find them here.](#)

Thank you for your continued support!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Watch this space for details on upcoming events.

14 October - PTA Diwali Celebrations - Lunchtime

24 October - Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser - 3.00 PM

14 November - PTA Christmas Celebrations - Arts & Crafts - Lunchtime

21 November - Glenealy Winter Fair

2 December - Hanukkah Celebrations - Arts and Crafts - Lunchtime

5 December - Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser - 3.00 PM