

Dear Parents,

These last few weeks marked the start of our camps. These camps are essential for supporting the social and emotional development of our students, providing challenges that build resilience while ensuring everyone has fun. Beyond the activities themselves, these experiences often become some of our students' fondest memories of their time at Glenealy school. The camps create strong bonds across the year groups with collaboration and problem-solving during outdoor challenges and cultural experiences.

Year 3 St Stephen's Beach Camp - Last week, Year 3 students enjoyed their day camp at St Stephen's Beach and worked to develop their paddling and water skills. The camp provided a great opportunity for students to collaborate and work together to take on challenges and support one another.

Year 4 Silvermine Bay Overnight Camp - Our Year 4 students enjoyed their first overnight camp at Silvermine Bay in Mui Wo, where they took part in a range of exciting outdoor experiences. They learned fundamental paddling skills on Giant Stand-Up Paddleboards and explored the local area through a hike along nearby trails. The camp also provided opportunities for team collaboration during pioneering activities.

Year 6 Huanghua Village, Qingyuan, China Camp - Year 6 Our Y6 students are arriving home this evening from their 4 day camp to Huanghua Village in Qingyuan China. During their adventure, they took part in a range of exciting outdoor challenge activities such as rock climbing and abseiling, building confidence, teamwork, and resilience along the way. Beyond the physical challenges, students had the opportunity to explore the local community and immerse themselves in Chinese culture, from picking and making milk tea at a tea plantation to shopping in a local dried fruit stall and engaging with the traditions and language of the region.

This week, we have been fortunate to welcome 11 students from Island School who are volunteering across all our Y1 to Y5 classrooms and specialist lessons. These shared work experience opportunities play a crucial role in strengthening partnerships between Glenealy and Island School, enabling visiting students to gain valuable insights into teaching and learning while making meaningful contributions to our school community. Through collaboration and shared experiences, we continue to build strong connections that enrich learning for everyone involved.

This year's Box of Hope donations have been successfully collected, and we thank everyone for their generosity. These boxes will bring joy to many less privileged children in the Asia Pacific region. We are thrilled to report a record number of boxes collected. The allocated house points will be announced at the next assembly by our House Captains.

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/

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

KEY DATES Term 1 - 2025/2026

- **10 November** - CPD - No school
- **12 November** - 4Q to Wee Park
- **13 November** - Parent Workshop: Early Years
- 4R to Wee Park
- **14 November** - PTA Christmas Celebrations - Arts & Crafts - Lunchtime
- **17 November** - Flu Vaccination - 2nd dose
- 1T Safety Town Cycling Trip (AM)
- **19 November** - 1R Safety Town Cycling Trip (AM)
- **21 November** - Y5 & 6 Athletics Meet
- 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
- Island School Fair
- **02 December** - PTA Hanukkah Celebrations - Arts and Crafts - Lunchtime
- **05 December** - Christmas Carols
- PTA Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- T2 ECA sign-up opens
- **08 December** - HK Election Holiday (School Closed)
- **11 December** - Y6 Panto AM
- **12 December** - Term 1 ends: Half-day

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>

ISLAND SCHOOL FAIR

Glenealy students, parents, and staff are invited to the Island School Winter Fair on Friday, November 28th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Island School campus, 20 Borrett Road, Mid-Levels.

This is an occasion for our communities to come together in a relaxed and festive atmosphere to strengthen relationships, participate in various activities, and enjoy the performances of IS students.

Register your attendance here: [INVITE & REGISTRATION](#)

“TECH INTENTIONAL FAMILY” PARENT WORKSHOP - THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Glenealy parents are invited to attend our Tech Intentional Family parent workshop on 20 November at 8:30 am with Jay Prohaska, ESFC Digital Lead. This workshop supports parents in integrating technology positively into family life. Together, we explore ways to create balanced digital environments that nurture children’s happiness, engagement, and kindness. Parents gain practical strategies for establishing healthy routines, managing devices effectively, and selecting enriching content that supports wellbeing and learning at home. We will send out an app message next week asking parents to register.

SEAT BELT SAFETY

We’re Ahead of the Curve at Glenealy

We would like to share an important update regarding Hong Kong's new seatbelt regulations, which will take effect on 25 January 2026. The law will require all passengers on buses and minibuses equipped with seat belts to wear them at all times, including on school transport.

At Glenealy School, we are proud to say we're already ahead of this change. We have long expected our students to wear seatbelts on school buses, and we've worked closely with our transport providers, bus supervisors, and staff to ensure that every bus used to carry our students is equipped with seatbelts for all passengers and that they are worn.

Please note:

- The new law applies to school buses, non-franchised coaches, and cross-boundary services.
- Passengers who fail to wear seat belts may face a HK\$5,000 fine and up to three months' imprisonment.
- Responsibility for compliance lies with passengers, not with drivers.

Please remind your children to buckle up; it's a simple habit that keeps everyone safer.

EDB SCHOOL VISIT

Last week, we welcomed a team from the Education Department for a biannual compliance review. We are proud to share that our visit resulted in a glowing review. The team commended our strong alignment with government policies and regulations, and were especially impressed by the engaging, multipurpose environments that support student learning and wellbeing.

The team praised the warm and welcoming atmosphere of our school and expressed their great impression of the vibrant learning spaces and thoughtfully designed playgrounds. They also took time to express their admiration for the vibrant photos from our recent Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. They were delighted to recognise student work still proudly displayed throughout the school.

A heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for helping create such a welcoming, inspiring space for learning and growth!



Chris with our Glenealy School EDB education officer, Mr Wong.

GLENEALY SCHOOL WELLBEING

Talking with Your Child About Friendship Fires® and Mean-on-Purpose Moments



At Glenealy, we use the URSTRONG program to help children build healthy, respectful friendships. One key concept is teaching children to recognise the difference between:

- **Friendship Fires®** – regular ups and downs between friends, often caused by misunderstandings
- **Mean-on-Purpose** – when someone is intentionally hurtful

This simple language helps children feel confident navigating conflict and prevents the misuse of terms like “bullying.”

How can parents support their child in this at home?

- **Ask the right question:** Instead of “Was someone being mean?”, try “Do you think it was a Friendship Fire or Mean-on-Purpose?”
- **Focus on intent:** Help your child reflect, “Did they mean to hurt your feelings, or was it a misunderstanding?”
- **Coach, don’t fix:** Encourage your child to use URSTRONG strategies like Talk-it-Out for Friendship Fires or a Quick Comeback for Mean-on-Purpose moments.
- **Validate their feelings:** Let them know it’s okay to feel hurt, confused, or unsure, and that friendships can change over time.
- **Use the Friend-o-Meter:** Talk about what makes a friendship feel good (green zone) or unsafe (red zone), and remind them they deserve respectful, feel-good friendships.



By using this shared language, we can help children develop into kind, confident, and emotionally intelligent friends, both at school and beyond.

LEARNING LINKS

ESF GLENEALY SCHOOL

Learning Links

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 also 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](#)

NEWS FROM THE HUB

GLENEALY WINTER FAR- 21 NOVEMBER 2025

The Winter Fair is just two weeks away on November 21, and we are so excited! Save the date for a day filled with fun, festive activities, and many new special attractions to look forward to.



We need your help to make this event a success! [Click here](#) to volunteer your time. Whether you're setting up stalls, donating items, or giving just 30 minutes, every contribution makes a significant impact. Thank you for being a crucial part of the magic!

HOW YOU CAN HELP WINTER FAIR 2025

DONATION DROP OFF DATES - 10 TO 18 NOVEMBER
ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE COMMUNITY HUB

1 GENTLY USED TOYS & BOOKS

New or pre-loved toys, games, puzzles and books for our popular 2nd Hand Books and Toys stall.

- Gently used
- No religious or political content
- No plush toys

2 PRIZE JARS

A jar of any size filled with something fun. Here are some ideas of what can go in the jar. Please make sure all items are new and in good condition. Get creative and make this game a success!! You can buy a jar or recycle one from home. We encourage each family to make a donation of one jar.

3 NEW PLUSH - NAME THE CRITTER GAME

We are looking for three brand new push toys for our popular "Name The Critter" Game.

4 NEW SMALL TOYS AND STATIONARY

New card games, stationery, puzzles and any other new gift items that can be used as prizes at various game stalls.

5 SILENT AUCTION DONATION

We need YOUR help to elevate the Silent Auction even further! If you have access to dining vouchers, luxury items, unique experiences, or creative gift ideas, we want to hear from you! Your contributions not only enrich our auction but also shine a spotlight on your generosity within the Glenealy community. Email pta@glenealy.net.

6 VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Calling all Volunteers! We need you! The fair is a huge event for the whole family and the highlight of our calendar. Mom, dads and guardians, we kindly request you to donate an hour of your time. Together we can make it a huge success. [Click here to volunteer!](#)

ESF GLENEALY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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