

NEWSLETTER 28/11/25

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our deepest condolences following the tragic fire in Tai Po. Our thoughts are very much with those who have been impacted, and it has been truly heartening to see the community rally together in support. In light of the Government's decision to cancel all celebratory events, we will be cancelling our Christmas carols next Friday as a mark of respect to those affected by the fire.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Glenealy Winter Fair last Friday. Your support and spirit filled the evening with joy and warmth, making it a wonderful celebration of our community. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many families, staff, and alumni in attendance. The amazing winter wonderland, the performances in the Centre and the unexpected snowstorm added to the magic of the night, bringing smiles to everyone. It was great to see so many families come together to enjoy the festivities.

We extend our thanks to the many volunteers, especially the parents, staff, and Island School students, whose support was invaluable. A special mention goes to our staff team for providing the games and the PTA for their tireless efforts in making it a night to remember. With delicious food stalls, fun games, and wonderful live performances by our students, the fair truly had something for everyone.

Have a lovely 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 & 2 - 2025/2026

- **05 December** - Christmas Carols - Cancelled
 - T2 ECA sign-up opens
- **08 December** - HK Election Holiday (School Closed)
- **10 December** - Senior Choir Carol at HKGC
- **11 December** - Y6 Panto AM
 - T1 reports go live
- **12 December** - Term 1 ends: Half-day
- **15 December 2025-02 Jan 2026** - Winter Break
- **05 January** - Term 2 begins
- **06 January** - T2 ECA signs up closes
- **09 January** - Y1 to Y6 Coffee Morning
- **12 January** - PYPX Parent Workshop: Exhibition Launch
- **16 January** - Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **19 January** - Early Years Collaboration Day (Visit to Peak)
- **21 January** - Early Years Collaboration (Visit by Peak)
- **26-30 January** - Belonging/Wellbeing Week
- **06 February** - PTA CNY Market Place & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser

- **13 February** - CNY Rotations & Celebrations
- **16-20 February** - ESF Mid-term Break
- **24-26 February**- Year 2 Camp
- **02-06 March**-Book Week
- **04 March**- Author visit AJ Low
- **09-11 March**-Year 1 Camp
- **12 March**-School Musical
- **20 March**-T3 ECA signs up open
 - PTA Y3 Bake Sale
 - PTA Eid Arts & Crafts on the LPG (lunch play)
- **25 March**-Y6 Exhibition
- **26 March**-MMR/HepB/HPV Vaccination Day
- **27 March** - End of T2: half day
- **30 March-10 April**-ESF Mid-term Break (Easter 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>

AMBER FOUNDATION: Community Support Needed - Tai Po Fire

Glenealy School has been supporting the Amber Foundation for the past 2 years by being a collection point for their “toiletries project”. The Amber Foundation is currently working with its collection and distribution partners to help support those affected by the devastating Tai Po Fires. In particular, they are currently asking for donations of:

- Airline kits
- Soap
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body lotion and face cream
- Dental kits, mouthwash, shaving kits
- Sanitary items.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the collection tub located at the front of the school near the PTA Hub.

ISLAND SCHOOL FAIR - CANCELLED

In light of the Government’s decision to cancel all celebratory events, along with the cancellation of numerous large-scale gatherings scheduled for this weekend, Island School has made the decision to cancel their annual Winter Fair to honour those affected by the tragedy in Tai Po. Thank you for your understanding.

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](#)



GLENEALY SCHOOL | PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

NEWS FROM THE HUB

HANUKKAH - The Festival of Lights

To learn about Jewish traditions around Hanukkah, the PTA is hosting special games and arts & crafts sessions on the playground on Tuesday, December 2nd, during lunch play from 12:15 to 1:15 PM.

We are still looking for parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping [click here to join the volunteer WhatsApp group!](#)

SILENT AUCTION

Last Chance for Silent Auction Bids!

Today is the final day! [Click here to place your bids!](#) We have an array of amazing prizes, including priceless experiences, dining vouchers, and gift hampers. Be sure to submit your bids before midnight to avoid disappointment. Winners will be notified early next week.

Good luck!

NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS: A Month of Joy and Community Spirit

As we wrap up an eventful month filled with Christmas celebrations and the enchanting Winter Fair, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in our community. Your support and participation made these events truly magical!

Join us in reliving the memories! Click below to explore galleries showcasing the wonderful moments we shared.

[Christmas Celebrations - Arts & Crafts](#)

[Glenealy Annual Winter Fair](#)

Y5 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - NEW DATE - 16 JANUARY 2026

The Y5 Bake Sale is moving to January 16th! We had to reschedule from December 5th, but we're still excited to bake up some treats for you in the new year. Save the date, and keep an eye out for more information about what delicious items will be for sale!