

NEWSLETTER 16/01/26

Dear Families,

We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful festive season and are looking forward to the opportunities of the year ahead. Children have enjoyed being back in school since the beginning of the term and have been incredibly engaged in their learning and play. This has included an exciting visit to the Botanical Gardens for Year 1, visits from the Discovery Dome in Years 4 & 5, and an introduction to the charity WISE (Women in Sport Empowerment) as a provocation for Year 6's exhibition.

It has been wonderful to have Ms. Robinson back with us at Glenealy following her maternity leave. However, we have some sad news to share, as she will be leaving us permanently at the end of this month. Ms Robinson and her family have decided to return to their home in Ireland, and while we are sad to see her leave, we wish them the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Parent Coffee Morning! It was a great opportunity to connect with our school leadership and parents. We enjoyed discussing our school developments and are grateful for your feedback regarding our plans to enhance home learning routines. More news on this soon!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of our parents who supported our uniform and bake sales this week.

Wishing you and your family a happy, successful and prosperous 2026!

Best wishes

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 2 - 2026/2027

- **23 January** - Y2 Games Morning
- **28 January** - Wellbeing Wednesday
- **29 January** - Parent Workshop: Growing Up Gaming with ESF Ed Tech Coach Anna Kuiti
- **06 February** - Y1 Games Morning
 - Year 6 Pantomime performances
 - PTA CNY Market Place & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **09-11 February** - Vision Screening
- **11 February** - Interschool Hockey Tournament
- **13 February** - CNY Rotations & Celebrations
- **16-20 February** - ESF Mid-term Break
- **24 February** - Year 2 Camp 2M (All day)
- **25 February** - Year 2 Camp 2L (All day)
- **27 February** - PTA Parent Workshop
- **02-06 March** - Book week
- **04 March** - Author Visit AJ Low

- Y3 & Y4 Performing Arts Show

- **05 March** - Author Visit Ben Clanton
- **06 March** - Book Character Parade
- **09 March** - Year 1T Camp
- **10 March** - Year 1R Camp
- **12 March** - Frozen The Musical
- **20 March** - T3 ECA sign up opens
 - PTA Eid Arts & Crafts on the LPG
 - PTA Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- **25 March** - Y6 Exhibition
- **26 March** - MMR/HepB/HPV Vaccination Day
 - T2 reports go live
- **27 March** - End of T2: Half day
- **30 March-10 April** - 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>

STAY CONNECTED

Staying connected with our school community has never been simpler! We're excited to share five easy ways to keep in touch, whether through our new parent website, regular newsletters, or engaging social media channels. Explore our latest updates, access Learning Links, and discover all the ways you can join in and connect with us.

5 EASY WAYS TO
STAY CONNECTED

PARENT WEBSITE
www.glenealy.esf.edu.hk/parent

Bookmark this website to stay updated with the latest information for parents.

NEWSLETTER
SENT VIA THE ESF APP EVERY FORTNIGHT ON FRIDAY

Essential updates on events and happenings around Glenealy, including PTA news and community activities.

ARCHIVE
Catch up by accessing our newsletter archive through the ESF app or parent website.

***NEW* LEARNING LINKS**
FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE FROM YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER

Teachers share Learning Links for each year group through the ESF app every fortnight.

Learning Links will include updates on students' learning journeys, highlighting class insights, recent activities, upcoming inquiries, and tips for home support.

You can view it under the relevant year group tab on the VLE which can be accessed via the ESF app or Parent Website.

DROP IN OR SEND US A MESSAGE

We are here to support you with any inquiries you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher or a member of the Leadership Team at any time. We value your partnership and encourage you to connect with us whenever needed.

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LEARNING LINKS

Based on your helpful feedback, we have changed how we share our **Home Learning Links**. Starting last week, parents have been receiving these updates directly via app message to make them easier to access.

What is a Home Learning Link? Sent every two weeks, this update provides a closer look at your child's school experience by sharing:

- **A Look Back:** Highlights and photos of classroom activities from this week.
- **A Look Ahead:** A preview of the learning planned for next week.
- **Home Support:** Practical ideas on how to support your child's progress.

We share these on Fridays to help spark conversations with your child over the weekend about their "learning journey." Please see the App message sent directly from your child's class teacher/ teaching team last Friday 9th January.

We received some very useful feedback at last Friday's Parent Coffee Morning. There will be additional opportunities during this term to share further feedback about home learning.

MUSIC NEWS

There are a limited number of lesson times still available with our wonderful instrumental teachers. If your child is interested in learning piano, drums, ukulele, guitar, or violin, please refer to the Instrumental Music Lesson enrolment information: [!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\) Instrumental Lesson Information for Parents 2025-26.docx](#)

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. The bus providers and the school will be in contact with parents if there are any issues related to students' non-compliance with the new regulations.

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.
- The school and the bus company will be in contact with parents when students fail to comply with the new regulations.
- Adults with responsibility for supervising and assisting students on buses are exempt when fulfilling their duties

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

WATER/DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Over the holidays our water/drinking fountains were updated. Please note an independent water quality test was carried out to ensure the water is safe to drink after the new Fountains and filters were installed.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OPENING AFTER SCHOOL

In response to family feedback, we are pleased to introduce a new schedule for after-school playground use.

Starting **Tuesday, January 20th**, students are invited to use the equipment for 20 minutes immediately following dismissal.

The Details:

- **When:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only.
- **Time:** 3:00 PM – 3:20 PM.
- **Supervision:** A member of school staff will be on duty during these times.

End of Play & ECAs: A whistle will blow at **3:20 PM** to signal that the playground is closing. At this time, all families should depart the playground, except for students registered for an external Extra-Curricular Activity (ECA) such as music lessons. ECA students should sit with their supervising adult from 3:20 PM until their activity begins.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our playground is used and managed safely. We respectfully ask that all students and adults follow any instructions given by all members of school staff when using the playground and departing school on time.

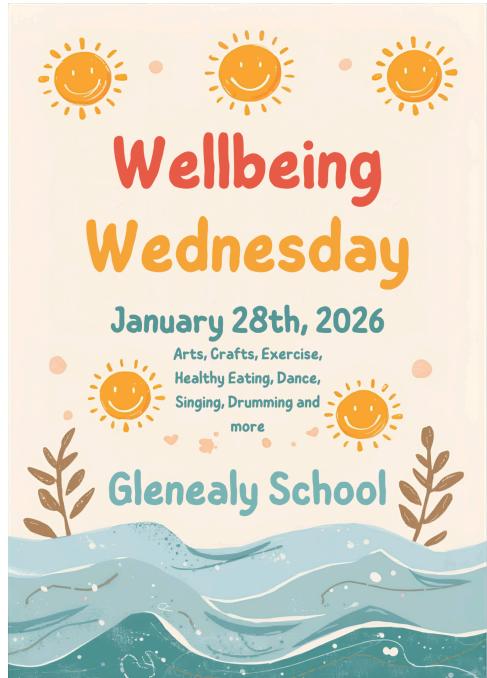
Please note that the playground remains **closed** on Mondays and Fridays; students should leave school directly at 3:00 PM on these days. The only exception to this is students waiting for an external run ECA. These students should sit quietly with their adult.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 28TH

On 28 January, Glenealy will be celebrating Wellbeing Wednesday. Throughout the day, students will take part in a variety of activities designed to help them care for their own wellbeing and support the wellbeing of others. These experiences will include healthy-eating activities, lunchtime dancing, movement and exercise sessions, arts, crafts and opportunities to share personal passions and interests.

We'll share more details as the day approaches. In the meantime, if you'd like to explore wellbeing and friendship strategies with your child at home, you may wish to create a UR Strong family account. It provides access to resources that align with our school's approach to building healthy friendships at school and beyond:

<https://urstrong.com/parents/>



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NEWS FROM THE HUB

Y5 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser today. It was a fantastic success! Special shout out to our Y5 families and volunteers for your delicious contributions and enthusiastic support. Here's a snapshot of the fun afternoon.





[Click here for more photos.](#)

SAVE THE DATE - CHINESE NEW YEAR MARKETPLACE AND Y4 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER - 6 FEBRUARY 2026

PTA EVENTS GALLERY

[Parent Social](#)

[Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Diwali Celebrations](#)

[Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Hanukkah Celebrations](#)

[Winter Fair](#)