

NEWSLETTER 13/02/2026

Dear Families,

Chinese New Year stands as the most significant event of the year in Hong Kong—a joyous occasion for family, reflection, and fresh beginnings. The past week has been a delightful journey as we prepared and celebrated together. We were particularly impressed by the stunning banners created by our Year 5 and Year 6 students, which now proudly adorn the school building and are visible from Hornsey Road. What a wonderful way to welcome the Year of the Horse!

A huge thank you goes out to our exceptional PTA and the dedicated Year 4 parents for their outstanding efforts in organising our lively Chinese New Year marketplace last Friday! From delicious culinary delights to imaginative arts and crafts, your contributions helped create a truly festive atmosphere and allowed us to fully embrace the spirit of the celebrations.

This morning, we hosted our annual Chinese New Year celebration, an event bursting with colour and excitement. Our students captivated us with their wonderful performances, filling the playground with joy through song, dance, calligraphy and storytelling. Thank you to the Man On Lion Dance team for their energetic performance and to everyone who attended and celebrated with us.

We are grateful for your continuous support. Wishing all our students, families, and friends a restful holiday filled with happiness, prosperity, and good fortune in this Year of the Horse!

Kung Hei Fat Choi!

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 2:

KEY DATES Term 2 - 2025/2026

- **16-20 February** - ESF Mid-term Break
- **24 February** - Year 2 Camp 2M (All day)
- **25 February** - Year 2 Camp 2L (All day)
- **02-06 March** - Book week
- **03 March** - Y3 Plastic Free Seas Trip
- **04 March** - Y3 & Y4 Performing Arts Show - Alien Adventures 2pm
- **06 March** - Book Character Parade
- **09 March** - Year 1T Camp
- **10 March** - Year 1R Camp
- **12 March** - Frozen The Musical
- **18 March** - PTA Parent Workshop Series: First Aid and CPR Basics
- **20 March** - T3 ECA sign up opens
 - PTA Eid Arts & Crafts on the LPG
 - PTA Y3 Bake Sale Fundraiser

- **24 March** - Parent workshop: The Regulated Mind-Balancing the Sensory System to Improve Behavioural Regulation and Learning Readiness.
- **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 TERMS & KEY DATES 2025/2026

Please find a copy of the School Calendar at the following links:

- **2025/2026:**  GS Calendar 25_26.pdf
- **2026/2027:**  GS Calendar 26_27.pdf

BOOK WEEK

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2026 and our Book Week at Glenealy will run from Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March. We have a great number of activities in which the children may participate if they wish, including the very popular *“Dress as Your Favourite Book Character”* parade on the morning of Friday 6th March and visits from a range of authors who will talk with the children about their books and their writing process. We have listed some of the activities below which families may wish to start to think about and add to during the Chinese New Year holidays:

Catch Me Reading:

Take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place and upload your picture by uploading it to the [Padlet here](#).

There will be prizes for originality! Please note this competition will close on Sunday 1st March and prizes (book vouchers) will be distributed on Monday 2nd April for use during book week at the *Fun To Read* book stall on the school playground. Don't forget to add your child's name and class when uploading your picture.

Mother Tongue Padlet:

Listen to our collection of [Mother Tongue Stories](#) - if you wish, you can record yourself reading a story in your mother tongue and add it to our Padlet. You may also wish to purchase a book in another language and donate it to our library.

We are looking forward to a fun filled and action packed week - in the meantime, we wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

Kind regards

Glenealy Library Team

MUSIC

Congratulations to Liana Wei (2L) for earning a Distinction in her Grade 2 Piano exam, wonderful work!



ESF Choir - Year 5

Our Year 5 choir gave us a great preview at today's CNY celebrations of what's ahead at the combined ESF Primary SchoolsChoir Concert in April. With nearly 1,000 students involved, the concert will run over two nights, and all out Year 5 students will perform on both nights. Please save April 28th and 29th. Tickets go on sale in early March, and we'll share details soon for this exciting ESF event.

H&S NEWS

In recent weeks, we've had reports of students being unsafe on their way home from school, especially on public transport and when crossing busy roads. Please help reinforce safety habits at home with students and carers and remind students to stay alert and make sensible choices.

A quick reminder: seat belts are still required on minibuses. The recent changes to seat belt laws do not apply to mini buses, so students must continue to buckle up on public mini buses as it remains a legal requirement.



NEWS FROM THE HUB

READ-A-THON

Book Week is just around the corner, and so is our exciting Read-a-thon! Last year's event was a tremendous success, and the funds raised helped us bring an incredible lineup of authors to visit us this year. We're thrilled to do it again, so let's spark that fundraising spirit!

This week, your child received [sponsorship forms](#)—please encourage them to gather sponsors and get ready to read! The reading challenge will run from **February 23 to 27**. We kindly ask that all sponsorship forms and collected funds be returned to class teachers by **March 4** at the latest.

Thank you for your support in making this Read-a-thon a memorable experience for our students. Happy reading!

CHINESE NEW YEAR MARKET & Y4 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Year 4 Bake Sale and Chinese New Year Marketplace such a delightful success. From mouthwatering treats to beautifully themed stalls, your creativity and hard work filled the day with warmth, laughter, and community spirit. Whether you baked, decorated, staffed tables, or worked behind the scenes, your efforts created memorable moments for students, families, and staff alike.



[Click here](#) to view more photos of the event and celebrate the joy you helped bring to our school—thank you for your generosity and support.

UNIFORM DONATION REMINDER

Friendly reminder — please do not leave used uniforms in the PTA hub without prior approval. We only accept used uniforms during designated drop-off periods, which are normally one week before a sale. If you need to drop off items outside those times, please contact us ahead of time for approval. We have limited storage space, so items left outside the scheduled drop-off windows cause issues. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

PTA EVENTS GALLERY

[Parent Social](#)

[Y6 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[Diwali Celebrations](#)

[Christmas Celebrations](#)

[Hanukkah Celebrations](#)

[Winter Fair](#)

[Y5 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)

[CNY Market & Y4 Bake Sale Fundraiser](#)