

NEWSLETTER 27/02/2026

Dear Families,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Chinese New Year break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome our students back to school this week, refreshed and ready for an exciting term of learning ahead.

Our Year 2 students stepped out of the classroom and into nature this week for an unforgettable day camp with the Backyard Gang. Aligned with their Sharing the Planet unit, the day began with an immersive “Fire Session,” where students explored the form and function of the Earth’s natural resources. From observing local ecosystems during a nature walk to the excitement of building a fire, students experienced firsthand how human actions impact our environment. A highlight for many was the collaborative preparation of damper bread cooked over an open flame — a wonderful opportunity to practise teamwork while learning about sustainable resource use. The afternoon shifted towards student-led exploration, allowing our young learners to take ownership of their environment. Whether constructing shelters for small animals, collecting litter to help protect our community, or creating nature-inspired artwork, students demonstrated responsibility, creativity, and curiosity throughout the day. It was truly a day filled with muddy hands, bright smiles, and a deepening appreciation of how we share our world.

Book Week 2026

We are delighted to be celebrating Book Week 2026 at Glenealy next week, with a range of activities planned to inspire a love of reading across our school community. Families are reminded that the *Catch Me Reading Padlet* will close this Sunday evening, and we encourage everyone to submit their final entries. Our *Mother Tongue Padlet* also remains open, and families are warmly invited to record themselves reading a story in their home language or donate books in additional languages to enrich our library collection.

Students will also have the exciting opportunity to meet visiting authors during the week, before we conclude our celebrations with the much-loved Book Character Parade on Friday at 8:30am in the playground. All students and staff are invited to dress as their favourite book characters, and families are warmly invited to attend. Younger siblings are also welcome to dress up and join a special Sibling Parade at the end of the event. We hope your child thoroughly enjoys Book Week, and we look forward to seeing many of you at the parade next Friday. Thank you to the PTA for their generous support of our Book Week author visits and parade prizes.

2026 ESF Stakeholder Survey Now Live

Our 2026 ESF Stakeholder Survey is now live, and we greatly value your feedback. Your perspectives help guide our ongoing school improvement and future planning. We would please ask all families to take a few moments to share their thoughts, and we thank you in advance for your continued partnership and support.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead.

Warm regards,

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

- **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](#)

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



Glenealy School is delighted to present Disney's Frozen KIDS on **Thursday, 12 March 2026 at 6:00pm** in the Glenealy School Centre for Sports and Performing Arts.

This 40-minute production features our talented student cast bringing the magic of Arendelle to life. Doors open at 5:50pm, and seating is general admission.

With space limited to 250 seats per performance, please reserve your seats using this [LINK](#)

Important notes:

- Seat reservations are required to ensure we can manage audience numbers safely, and there is **no associated cost** for reserving a seat.

- All Glenealy students will watch the performance during the school day, so they do not need evening tickets unless they are performing.
- Students in the cast do not require reserved seating.
- Glenealy School has purchased the rights to video the performance for archival purposes, and this recording will be made available to cast members.
- Audience members are kindly reminded that personal video or audio recording is not permitted.

We look forward to welcoming you for a magical evening.



PIANO EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to Kaira Wei (4R) who received a Distinction on her Grade 5 ABRSM Piano exam.

ASSEMBLY SOLOISTS

If your child has been learning a musical instrument and feels ready to perform as a soloist at an upcoming weekly school assembly, please complete the form linked [here](#). We look forward to celebrating our young musicians and their growing confidence.

THE ESF PRIMARY CHORAL CONCERT: ALL YEAR 5 GLENEALY STUDENTS PERFORMING

When: 28th and 29th April (Evening Performances which finish at approximately 8:15pm)

Where: Queen Elizabeth Stadium

Tickets: On sale in March through Urbtix - will provide more details soon (students performing do not need tickets)

The ESF Primary Choral Concert will take place over two nights this year on the 28th and 29th of April at Queen Elizabeth Stadium, bringing together one of the largest groups of ESF performers ever.

At Glenealy, all Year 5 students will perform as part of their How We Express Ourselves Unit of Inquiry, building on our strong tradition of excellence at previous concerts. This gives every student the chance to sing in two-part harmony with a live band/orchestra with a variety of conductors in a professional venue as part of a large ensemble. More details for Year 5 families, including ticketing, rehearsal times, and dinner arrangements, will be shared via the ESF app next week.

GLENEALY STUDENTS ROCKING THE WANCH



Our Drum and Guitar students, led by Mr Bryant, kicked off the Lunar New Year in true Glenealy style with a special performance at The Wanch, one of Hong Kong's most iconic live-music venues. Playing on a professional stage, our young musicians had the chance to rock out, build confidence, and share their passion with a wonderfully supportive audience.

It was a joyful reminder of how music brings our community together, and we are incredibly proud of the courage, teamwork, and creativity our students showed on stage.

WELLBEING UPDATE: Nurturing Friendships

Please take a moment to watch this short URSTRONG video with your child about how friendships are like gardens

linked [HERE](#). It's a simple way to help them understand that healthy friendships grow when we nurture them with care and kindness. *(If you don't yet have a URSTRONG family account, it's free for all Glenealy families*



and gives you access to helpful resources that support your child's relationship development).

The video reinforces key concepts we've been discussing at school:

- Friendships grow when we nurture them with kindness and respect
- Sometimes friendships need weeding: removing unhelpful behaviours
- Strong relationships take time, patience, and ongoing care
- Everyone's friendship garden looks a little different, and that's okay



NEWS FROM THE HUB

READATHON

Read-A-Thon week is finally here, and you should be well into the reading portion. It has been wonderful to see our students buzzing with enthusiasm for books. Just a quick reminder to return the [Read-A-Thon forms](#) and money from your sponsors to your class teacher by **Wednesday, March 4, 2026** at the latest. The winning class and house will be announced at the Book Character Parade next Friday.

Happy Reading!

PTA PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Basic First Aid for Parents & Carers

Join children's nurse Saffron Brown for a practical, one-hour first aid session for parents and carers. With over 15 years' paediatric nursing experience in the UK and more than nine years working in Hong Kong schools and clinics, Saffron will teach essential emergency skills tailored to infants and children.

Course Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, 18 March
- **Time:** 8:45 am – 9:45 am
- **Location:** The Centre

60-Minute First Aid

This is a fast-paced introductory overview for parent confidence, not a formal first aid certification course.

- **Emergency Basics:** DRS ABC, home safety, contacting emergency services
- **Life-Saving Skills:** Child CPR, drowning protocols and the recovery position.
- **Choking rescue:** Prevention, identifying and clearing a blockage.
- **Common Injuries:** Initial recognition and treatment of head injuries, burns, allergies, and fractures.
- **Emergency Planning:** Scenarios and Q&A

[Sign up to reserve your place](#) and please prepare any questions you might have for the Q&A session.

Deadline for registration: Friday 13 March 2026



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BASIC
FIRST AID
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Date: Wednesday 18 March 2026

Time: 08:45 AM (approx 1 hour)

Venue: 2/F The Centre

Scan to register your attendance.



Registration deadline: 13 March 2026.

Refreshments will be available.

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](#)