



**Growing Together
at Glynwood**

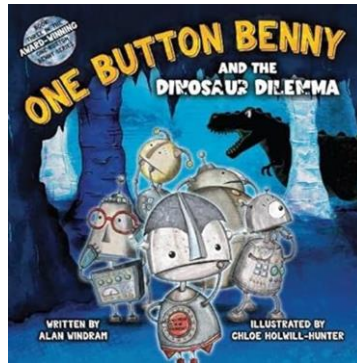
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<u>17/11/23</u>
<u>November 2023</u>
Early Years & KS1 - visit from Author Alan Windram - Monday 20th November
Faith Week - WB Monday 20th November
<u>December 2023</u>
Happy Birthday Glynwood Day - Friday 1st December
Flu immunization team in school - Thursday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 7th December
Christmas Lunch for children - Thursday
Year 1 Nativity - Friday 15th December 2.15pm
Nursery Christmas Carols 9.15am - Monday 18th December
Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm - Monday 18th December
Christmas Parties YR-Y6 - Tuesday 19th December
Nursery Christmas Party 9am - Tuesday 19th December
Y3 & Y4 (Y3 lead the service) Carols at St. John's Church 2pm - Wednesday 20th December
Y2 Carols by Candlelight 9.15am - Thursday 21st December
Y5 & Y6 Carols (Year 5 lead the service) at St. John's Church 2pm - Thursday 21st December
Last day in school before the Christmas holiday - Friday 22nd December
<u>January 2024</u>
Children return to school after the Christmas holiday - Tuesday 9th January (8th January is a teacher training day).
Tuesday 9th January - Pantomime in School - Robinhood
<u>February 2024</u>
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 16th February
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 25th February
<u>March 2024</u>
Last day in school before the Easter holiday - Thursday 28th March
<u>April 2024</u>
Children return to school after the Easter holiday - Monday 15th April
<u>May 2024</u>
Bank holiday Monday - school closed to pupils - Monday 6th May.
Year Six SATs week - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May. Please do not book holidays for your Year Six child during this week.
Last day in school before the half term holiday - Friday 24th May.
<u>June 2024</u>
Children return to school after the half term holiday - Monday 3rd June.
Year Four Multiplication check - Monday 3rd June - Thursday 13th June (Children take one test at some point during this time.)
Year One Phonics Screening Check - Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June.
Occasional Day - School Closed for children - Friday 14th June
<u>July 2024</u>
Reports out to parents - Friday 12th July.
Last Day of term - Friday 19th July

Message from Mrs. Nellis:

Robinwood - The Year 6 children had a wonderful residential trip to Robinwood at the beginning of the week. Robinwood staff and Glynwood staff have all said that they were a fantastic group of children who were very polite and well-behaved. Many thanks to the staff who accompanied the children on this trip; without their willingness to do this, these residential trips would not be possible.

On Monday, we are delighted that **Alan Windram (children's author)** will be visiting Glynwood for children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two. As part of this visit, Alan will be signing his new book 'One Button Benny and the Dinosaur Dilemma'. If your child would like to buy a copy of the book and get it signed, then please put £7.99 into an envelope marked with your child's name and class.



Free School Meals

Get funding for your child's school - even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, if you qualify for means tested free school meals, not only will your child receive a healthy nutritious meal, but the school will get funding of at least £900 to help provide valuable support for your child. This money is available from central government every year for 6 years, even if your child stops receiving a free school meal.

Help with your family budget - once you qualify, your child will remain entitled to a free school meal until at least 2025, even if your circumstances change

At Glynwood we use the funding (pupil premium) we receive for children entitled to free school meals in a number of ways; you can see the full statement on the school website. The majority of the money we use to provide additional support within classrooms i.e. teaching assistants but it is also used to fund our forest school activities, and support school visits. We also provide some basic uniform items each September to give families who are entitled to free school meals a head start .

We would encourage applications to be made in the first instance via telephone (0191 4333729) or the Council's website on the following link:

[Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#)

Reminders:

Christmas Card orders - Thank you to everyone who has already bought their Christmas cards and other goodies. There will be another opportunity for you to buy between 17th and 24th November if you follow the instructions on your card sample.

Thursday 14th December is Christmas lunch day - lunch options will be restricted to Christmas dinner only i.e. Turkey Christmas dinner or vegetarian Christmas Dinner. IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE A CHRISTMAS DINNER PLEASE BOOK IN ON THE PARENTMAIL APP.

Flu immunisation for children in years Reception to Year 6 will take place on Thursday 7th December. You have until 4pm on Tuesday 5th December to give your consent. You can do this by using this link:

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

using school code **NB108372**

For those parents who have had their children immunised through their GP – if you have already completed a consent form on line they should get in touch with the immunisation team to change it to a non-consent, and if you haven't yet completed a form we would ask that they submit a form selecting non-consent and stating that they have already had it elsewhere.

They can get in touch with the nurses on 01912828977, 01912828978 or 01912828979.

Happy Birthday Glynwood! - Glynwood is 70 years old on 28th November this year. We will be marking the occasion in school by having a celebration day for the children on Friday 1st December. This will include some sessions about the history of the school, but also some fun activities too.

I am also very keen to collect some memories from the wider school community about the school. If you or any of your family members/ friends attended Glynwood, then please do e mail your memories to the school e mail address (glynwoodcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk) or write them down and drop them in to the school office.

Faith Week - Next week is Faith Week, where children will be learning about different faiths and religions. We will also have visitors coming into school to give further information about different faiths across the world.

As part of our ongoing **safeguarding** work, please see the attached poster regarding supporting children with their mental health.

With my very best wishes for a great weekend.

Mrs. Vicky Nellis

Head Teacher

Who to talk to if you have any concerns, questions, queries or comments:



Vicky Nellis (Head Teacher)



Simon Otterson (Deputy Head Teacher Y5/6 Lead)



Carolyn Dobbing (Home School Liaison Officer)



Esther Commons (SENDco/ KS1 Leader)



Jude Etherington (Curriculum Lead)

The above staff are also all designated safeguarding leaders or deputy leaders, so you can talk to any of them if you have a concern about a child.

Please remember that if you do have concerns about a child, you can speak to any of the adults above. If the concerns require an immediate response, then you should call the police or children's social care, where you can make referrals anonymously, if you wish. You can also call the NSPCC 0800 1111 for advice.

If you notice suspicious activity in the vicinity of the school, then please do report it via the police, or inform one of our designated safeguarding leads.

We request that whilst you are on the school site, or in the vicinity of the school, that you do not use bad language/ swear and also dress appropriately (no swimwear please).