

Glenwood School Monthly Newsletter



January 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

Happy New Year. This term, we are very focused on addressing our staffing levels. Glenwood School Leaders are working hard to recruit staff (in particular, LSAs) and have events such as Recruitment Fayres over the coming weeks. In the meantime, we are covering absences and vacancies with agency staff. We would like to reassure you that all agency staff are vetted and provided with induction (by school leaders/HR) within their first week of work. The majority will remain in long-term contracts, and many choose to interview and become permanent Glenwood staff, once their agency contracts have been worked through (usually 2 school terms). This ensures that agency workers are spending time in the same class and getting to know pupil needs well, under the direction of the class teacher.

This month we have been lucky to welcome Joel Shaljean, County Lead for Therapeutic Thinking, to Glenwood for 2 days per week supporting pupils and staff in managing pupil behaviour and sensory/communication needs. Joel's work will include a review of the behaviour policy and reporting procedures, and he will also be working towards offering parent workshops to support with managing pupils outside of school.

We've had our draft report through from Ofsted and hope to share this with you all in the coming days. Thank you to those of you who have been able to join 'Meet the Teacher' progress meetings this month; feedback so far has been positive and I hope that they have been useful for parents/carers. Communication between home and school is crucial to pupil development and this is something that leaders and teachers will be continuing to develop over the coming months.

Lara and the team

Learner Absences & Appointments

Please can we remind all Parents/Carers that learner absences **must be reported** directly to the school before **9am** on the day by either:

- A) Calling the school office on 01268 792575
- B) Emailing attendance@glenwood.essex.sch.uk

If your young person requires time out of school for a medical appointment we ask that you make us aware in advance and provide us with a copy of the appointment letter, email, text confirmation etc... This can be emailed to attendance@glenwood.essex.sch.uk or a paper copy can be sent in to the school office.

If your young person is unable to attend from 9-3, it is important that any flexible start or finish time is discussed and agreed by a member of the leadership team and in most cases, must demonstrate that it is part of a planned transition period towards a full-time day.

Stars of January



Red 1 - Frankie

Red 2 - Isaac

Red 3 - Harry

Yellow 1 - Rosie

Yellow 2 - Michael

Yellow 3 - Oscar

Yellow 4 - Jayden

Yellow 5 - Abel

Yellow 6 - Freddie

Blue 1 - Bilal

Blue 2 - Louie

Blue 3 - Franek

Blue 4 - Reggie

Blue 5 - Bobby

Blue 6 - Tilly

Blue 7 - Bertie

Purple 1 - Max

Purple 2 - McKenzie

Purple 3 - Ralphie

Purple 4 - Brooke

Purple 5 - Tracy

Purple 6 - Ruben

Green 1 - Freddie

Green 2 - Charlotte

Green 3 - Charlie

Green 4 - Shelby

Green 5 - Tom



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Class emails

Parents/Carers can share non-urgent information with the class teacher and class team via the class email address. Please ask the school office for the email if this has not already been shared with you.

Post-16 Build

On Monday 26th January a group of Post-16 learners were invited to see the progress of the new Post-16 build. They had a lovely tour of the building with Morgan Sindall, members of the IEB and met Councillor Ball.

Quotes from our learners:

'It was good, I'm excited about this being my new school.'

'It looked really nice and big.'



'I liked it there, I can't wait to go with my friends.'

January at Glenwood

January saw all Glenwood staff receive training from Joel Shaljean (County Lead for Therapeutic Thinking), nine new learners join, multiple 'meet the teacher' events held during the day and invites were sent out for our corridor coffee mornings. We've had a wonderful, busy start to the year and are excited for the weeks ahead.

Moments Captured



Dates for the diary 2026



Monday 2nd February - Providers Fayer, Year 11 - 14 parents/carers invited to attend

Wednesday 4th February - Recruitment Fayre after school

16th - 20th February - Half Term

23rd February - Inset Day - No learners in school

3rd March - Red Corridor Coffee Morning

10th March - Purple Corridor Coffee Morning

17th March - Blue Corridor Coffee Morning

20th March - Red Nose Day - Optional dress up day

24th March - Green Corridor Coffee Morning

26th March - Yellow Corridor Coffee Morning

30th March to 10th April - Easter Holidays

23rd April - Hepatitis B vaccine - The Immunisation

team will contact all families directly to gain consent

29th & 30th April - Professional School Photos

1st May - Inset Day - No learners in school