

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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	Blue 6 - Tilly
Red 2 - Isaac	Blue 7 - Bertie
Red 3 - Harry	Purple 1 - Max
Yellow 1 - Rosie	Purple 2 - McKenzie
Yellow 2 - Michael	Purple 3 - Ralphie
Yellow 3 - Oscar	Purple 4 - Brooke
Yellow 4 - Jayden	Purple 5 - Tracy
Yellow 5 - Abel	Purple 6 - Ruben
Yellow 6 - Freddie	Green 1 - Freddie
Blue 1 - Bilal	Green 2 - Charlotte
Blue 2 - Louie	Green 3 - Charlie
Blue 3 - Franek	Green 4 - Shelby
Blue 4 - Reggie	Green 5 - Tom
Blue 5 - Bobby	



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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - Providers Fayer, Year 11 - 14 parents/carers invited to attend

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Rerruitment Fayre after school

**16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Half Term

**23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Inset Day - No learners in school

**3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Red Corridor Coffee Morning

**10<sup>th</sup> March** - Purple Corridor Coffee Morning

**17<sup>th</sup> March** - Blue Corridor Coffee Morning

**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day - Optional dress up day

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - Green Corridor Coffee Morning

**26<sup>th</sup> March** - Yellow Corridor Coffee Morning

**30<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Holidays

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** - Hepatitis B vaccine - The Immunisation team will contact all families directly to gain consent

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Professional School Photos

**1<sup>st</sup> May** - Inset Day - No learners in school