

# Glenwood School Monthly Newsletter



April 2026

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a positive start to the new term, and I am delighted to get to know the young people here at Glenwood.

Over the last few weeks, I have seen students working independently, communicating, interacting with peers and staff and enjoying the amazing resources we have in school.

We have many exciting new developments happening and a new Head of Teaching and Learning Clare who is working collaboratively with teachers and staff, on developing our curriculum offer.

We now have our Family Liaison Officers Rinaul and Jacqui with the support of Viv, who are beginning to build relationships with families and offering support.

I'd like to thank all of the school community for making the new team and I feel welcome and a special thanks to the young people at Glenwood for engaging in school life and demonstrating high levels of resilience.

Amanda  
Headteacher

## New Post-16 Build Update

A great amount of progress has been made to the post-16 build and we are very excited to soon be handed the keys.

Vinyl flooring and carpet tiles have been installed with painting, decorating and ceiling works nearly complete. Externally, the car park and landscaping works have vastly come on with tarmac, paving and concrete slabs being installed.

Over the next few weeks we expect to see interior decorating completed, carpet and ceiling tiles completed, kerbs and edging installed, tarmac installed and landscaping finished.



## Glenwood Raffle

### Win Amazing Prizes!

**£1 per ticket**      **£5 a strip**

Tickets can be purchased either in person from the Front Office, or via School Gateway. Physical tickets will be sent to you upon receipt on payment.

X2 Children Admission Tickets to Colchester Zoo Valid until June	X2 West Ham Box Seat Tickets for next season (inc food & drink)	Voucher for a luxury facial with Lyndsay the Laser Lady (In Shafers Arcade)
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**Draw Date: 15 May, 2026**      **Get your ticket now!**

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## Glenwood Parent Staff Association

Recently parents/carers came together alongside our Family Liaison Officer, Rinaul and Headteacher, Amanda to discuss how the GSPSA can help Glenwood and it's learners.

We are pleased to share that the following positions have been appointed:

Joint Chair - Sarah & Sharon

Secretary - Role to be shared by Glenwood staff

Treasurer - Position Open

During the meeting, which was also attended by the Headteacher, the PTA shared a range of ideas they believe would benefit both the school and its learners. While several suggestions were discussed, the PTA has decided to focus first on planning and organising an event centred around Father's Day.

They are eager to get started and build momentum. If you feel you could contribute to making this event a success, you are warmly invited to join the planning meeting on Monday 18th May. To express your interest, please contact our Family Liaison Officers.

Further details about the Father's Day event will be shared soon.

## Moments Captured



## Staff Spotlight

We would like to congratulate our very own Green 5 Class Teacher, Pete on his amazing success at The London Marathon this month. Pete has worked tremendously hard to keep up his training and received much encouragement and support from both Glenwood staff and learners.

Well done Pete!



## April at Glenwood

With April being a shorter school month after the Easter Holidays we were keen to see everyone return. When staff and learners came back together the building was full of stories from trips, funny memories made, visits to see loved ones, photos shared, fun filled days out, lazy days at home and much more.

This month we welcomed our new Headteacher, Amanda, invited parents/carers to attend a Glenwood School Parent Staff Association meeting, began our new Summer dinner menu, welcomed 7 new staff and 8 new learners, held LSA interviews, had two days of professional learner photos, hosted Hepatitis B vaccine and shared invites to our next corridor coffee events. We hope that many of you will be once again be able to join us on your corridors designated date.

## Dates for the diary 2026

1<sup>st</sup> May - Inset Day

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

W/C 4<sup>th</sup> May - Deaf Awareness Week

5<sup>th</sup> May - Purple Corridor Coffee Event

11<sup>th</sup> May - Red Corridor Coffee Event

14<sup>th</sup> May - Blue Corridor Coffee Event

18<sup>th</sup> May - Yellow Corridor Coffee Event

21<sup>st</sup> May - Green Corridor Coffee Event

18<sup>th</sup> May - Circus Workshop for Blue Corridor learners

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

9<sup>th</sup> July - Prom



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## Stars of April



**Red 1** - Sidney for engaging and interacting with adults.

**Red 2** - Regan for fantastic engagement in his sensory integration sessions and great focus when transitioning between activities and locations.

**Red 3** - Jack for successfully and calmly using transport to and from school.

**Yellow 1** - Alice for how she has developed her imaginative play skills this half term.

**Yellow 2** - Max for engagement and motivation in our 'house painting' activity.

**Yellow 3** - Scarlett for settling into Yellow 3 confidently and positively.

**Yellow 4** - Charlie for getting involved in all classroom activities and working hard on his communication.

**Yellow 5** - Abel for his fantastic transition to the hall for lunch and for clearly communicating his lunch choice using his dinner visual to support his decision making.

**Yellow 6** - Kai for brilliant engagement across the day and particularly in swimming.

**Blue 1** - Chloe for improved listening skills.

**Blue 2** - Teddie for offering to do jobs for adults in Blue 2.

**Blue 3** - Tyler R for his excellent progress with his Proloquo2go which is new to him.

**Blue 4** - Hope for her resilience and conscientious approach since returning from Easter.

**Blue 5** - Oliver for working very well transitioning around the school and fantastic engagement in the classroom.

**Blue 6** - Evie for expressing herself more, finding her voice and communicating with a sense of purpose.

**Blue 7** - Maisie for making a really positive start to her first term at Glenwood - she has impressed us all with how well she has adapted to her new learning environment, and how quickly she has picked up daily school routines.

**Purple 1** - Mert for working hard on transitions and showing kindness to others.

**Purple 2** - Fletcher for showing independence and kindness by pouring his drink and supporting a friend and for using both hands to control the jug and avoided spills- brilliant work!

**Purple 3** - Harry for transitioning well and working with new adults.

**Purple 4** - Gracie for increased independence with her work.

**Purple 5** - Jeremiah for showing kindness, understanding and tolerance to his peers.

**Purple 6** - Dominik for doing so well transitioning to The Glen and doing fantastic in his time staying overnight!

**Green 1** - Jemma for asking for help when she needs it.

**Green 2** - Scarlett for participating more actively, responding to adults, and joining in with group discussions and activities. This demonstrates positive progress in both her communication skills and her involvement in learning.

**Green 3** - Marleigh for doing so well with his offsite visits and preparing himself for leaving by making sure he has what he needs.

**Green 4** - Poppy for positively engaging in personal care at The Glen.

**Green 5** - Jimmy, for his efforts and work in swimming lessons.