

Glenwood School Monthly Newsletter



December 2025



Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

It has been a very busy first term at Glenwood and I'd like to thank you all for your support - it has been lovely getting to know your young people and also start getting to know so many of you also.

The term has been filled with an opportunity to get to experience, first hand, what wonderful work teaching and support staff do here for learners. So many staff go over and above and relationships between learners and staff is a joy to see. Last week brought an unannounced Ofsted inspection to Glenwood, probably triggered by the number of changes to Leadership and Governance which we are all aware of. Inspectors reviewed many school policies and procedures, particularly with regards to Safeguarding/Keeping Children Safe and were pleased with what they saw, alongside the new School Development Plans. We hope that a written report will be available to all, with more detail, during January.

We have been working closely with the Therapeutic Thinking Lead from Essex, Joel Shaljean to review our Behaviour Policy and approaches to supporting pupils. We are conscious that we do have quite a number of new staff at the school who are still working through a professional development/training schedule and Joel will be attending our INSET Day in January to support with this.

By way of an update, I will be remaining on at Glenwood School as Headteacher Monday-Thursdays during the Spring Term and Sharyn Ailara will remain on as Deputy Headteacher Monday-Friday. Gill Marrion, Interim Headteacher, will be finishing with us this Friday and we'd like to thank her sincerely for all of her hard work in supporting the school over this past year. We wish you all a lovely holiday and hope you have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to hearing all about it in January.

Lara and the team



A message from the IEB

The Interim Executive Board members would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers for your support to the students and staff at Glenwood, and for attending school events and Christmas activities in 2025.

The Interim Executive Board would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026.

Linda Robinson for and on behalf of Interim Executive Board (IEB) Glenwood School

Stars of December

Red 1 - Sidney

Red 2 - Olly

Red 3 - Oakley

Yellow 1 - Lucy

Yellow 2 - Hudson

Yellow 3 - Mason

Yellow 4 - Albert

Yellow 5 - Reggie

Yellow 6 - Arthur

Blue 1 - Evie

Blue 2 - George

Blue 3 - Gabbie

Blue 4 - Tommy-Lee

Blue 5 - Jackson

Blue 6 - Layla

Blue 7 - Regan

Purple 1 - Max

Purple 2 - Sam

Purple 3 - George

Purple 4 - George

Purple 5 - Joshua

Purple 6 - Jake

Green 1 - Max

Green 2 - Vincent

Green 3 - Vaughn

Green 4 - Poppy

Green 5 - Noah

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Learner's Christmas Jokes

Did Rudolph go to school?

No, because he was elf-taught.

What did the sea say to Santa?

Nothing it just waved.

Why didn't anyone bid on Rudolph and Blitzen at the auction?

Because they were two deer.

Why didn't the Turkey join the band?

Because it already had drumsticks.



December at Glenwood

Glenwood has had a busy magical month, full of festive activities from decorating classrooms, a dance workshop, Christmas Jumper Day, a visit from Santa, Christmas dinner day, a Christmas bizarre run by learners and eleven Christmas events with parents/carers. We hope our learners all had a great month and we look forward to seeing them all in the new year.

Dates for the diary 2026

Monday 5th January - Inset Day

Monday 26th January - Meet The Teacher Event, Purple Corridor

Tuesday 27th January - Meet The Teacher Event, Yellow Corridor

Wednesday 28th January - Meet The Teacher Event, Blue Corridor

Thursday 29th January - Meet The Teacher Event, Red Corridor

Thursday 29th January - PTA Meeting

Friday 30th January - Meet The Teacher Event, Green Corridor

Monday 2nd February - Providers Faye, Year 11 - 14 parents/carers invited to attend. Details to follow

16th - 20th February - Half Term

Moments Captured

