

Glenwood School Monthly Newsletter



May 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure to join the Glenwood community this term and to begin getting to know our students, families and staff. I have been warmly welcomed and am excited about the positive developments ahead as we continue striving for the very best outcomes for our young people.

This term, students have settled well into school life and we have begun introducing our new Equals curriculum, with a strong focus on learner pathways, individual strengths and effective teaching strategies. We look forward to sharing more with families through parent evenings and coffee mornings during the summer term.

Working closely with parents and carers remains a key priority. Your feedback through recent surveys and meetings has been invaluable in helping us improve communication between home and school. We are currently exploring a new digital platform to support learning updates, progress tracking and easier communication for families.

We are also preparing class groups for September and are excited that our new Post-16 building remains on schedule, providing a fantastic new learning environment for students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Amanda
Headteacher

Parents Evening - June

This June 2026, we are delighted to invite parents and carers into school once again for a 15-minute appointment with your young person's class teacher. Appointments will be available either face-to-face or virtually between 3:45pm and 5.30pm.

To provide greater flexibility, meetings will take place across two consecutive Wednesdays. It will also offer the opportunity to meet your young person's teacher within the classroom environment.

We understand that attending in person may not be possible for everyone, so we encourage you to book a virtual appointment if this is more convenient.

Parents Evening Dates:

- Wednesday 17th June
- Wednesday 24th June

Further details on how to book your appointment via our online system, SchoolCloud, will be shared in early June.

FATHER'S DAY SALE
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

GET YOUR SPECIAL PERSON A GIFT
£2.50 per gift
Prepay online on School Gateway or cash in an envelope with child's name, how much and who they would like to buy for.
All payments must be in by 4th June

OUR FIRST EVENT!
Help us make our first event a hit!
This is to raise funds to support exciting projects and resources for the children at Glenwood

GIFTS
The children can choose from a lovely variety of gifts

Child's First Name
Corridor & Class
Amount

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Personal Assistants Update

Glenwood will no longer advertise for Personal Assistants (PAs) within the school setting. However, should members of staff choose to undertake additional work independently through a care agency alongside their employment at Glenwood, this would be considered a private arrangement and therefore outside of the school's remit.

If a family requires support in securing a PA, please contact our Family Liaison Officers, who will be happy to offer guidance and liaise with the Children's Disability Team regarding available support and options.

The IEB and Senior Leadership Team share the view that the school is unable to promote or recommend school employees to work directly for families. While we understand the value of trusted relationships, such arrangements could give rise to potential conflicts of interest and questions around accountability should any concerns arise. As this work falls outside employees' school contracts and beyond the school's ability to regulate or oversee, we are unfortunately unable to endorse or facilitate these arrangements.

May Glenwood Raffle

The draw results:

1st Prize - 218

2nd Prize - 129

3rd Prize - 153

We raised a wonderful £503 from our May Glenwood Raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and congratulations to anyone who won a prize.

Dates for the diary 2026

25th - 29th May - Half Term

17th June - Parents Evening - 3.45pm - 5pm

24th June - Parent Evening - 3.45pm - 5pm

9th July - Prom



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Moments Captured



Facebook: Glenwood School

Instagram: GlenwoodSchoolBenfleet

May at Glenwood

This May at Glenwood many classes completed activities around Deaf Awareness Week. We also held five corridor coffee mornings, held a staff quiz night with funds raised going back to the school, completed the draw for our May raffle, our Family Liaison Officer Rinaul completed her level 3 Safeguarding course, we saw the new sign go up on 'Glenwood Rise', we held another FrOG meeting where parents/carers finalised plans for their first fundraising event, hosted the Immunisation Team for missed vaccines and interviewed for teachers.

Blue Corridor also had a treat in the form of a circus workshop on Monday 18th May. The classes were divided into three sessions where they saw a demonstration of various circus themed activities before having a go themselves. They were able to try out many of the classic circus activities such as juggling, ribbon twirling and spinning plates. The hall was full of laughter and enthusiasm as staff and learners took on each activity and took on the role of circus performers.

Glenwood continue to plan ahead for more enriching activities after the May half term including another visit from two Shetland Ponies, our first visit from Essex Therapy Dogs, a whole school dance workshop with Don and much much more.

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Stars of May



Red 1 - Betty for her increasing engagement and interaction with her peers.

Red 2 - Violet for approaching her transition to Glenwood school with so much positivity, resilience and courage.

Red 3 - Leo for settling well into Glenwood and working hard at school.

Yellow 1 - Jude for being a superstar with his physio and new medical routine.

Yellow 2 - Louie for a huge increase in concentration and motivation in new activities.

Yellow 3 - Kye for confidently communicating his very first words.

Yellow 4 - Kye for always being kind and making good choices. He has also made huge progress in his participation in classroom activities.

Yellow 5 - Alfie for settling nicely back into the school routine and brightening the class every day with his lovely smile.

Yellow 6 - Freddie for widening his world by transitioning to new places around the school.

Blue 1 - Bilal for using his visual schedule to transition to 5 different places within the school.

Blue 2 - Daniel for overcoming his fears and challenges.

Blue 3 - Franek for his increase in independent communication through various means.

Blue 4 - Max for coming such a long way with his swimming lessons.

Blue 5 - Bobby for using his ProLoQuo2Go at home to comment and tell stories to his family.

Blue 6 - Amy for making her choices known more often and communicating her wants and needs with gestures.

Blue 7 - Jackson for engaging in positive interactions with staff and spending longer periods of time sharing a space and playing and working alongside other learners.

Purple 1 - Harry for showing responsibility and treating others with kindness.

Purple 2 - Shunoy for his fantastic progress in physical activities this month. He has shown great engagement and enthusiasm during sessions and has participated really well in group activities.

Purple 3 - Finley for trying really hard on his reading.

Purple 4 - Harley for working so hard on his writing.

Purple 5 - Harley for increasing his participation in activities and spending more time in class alongside his peers.

Purple 6 - Jake for his improved independent speaking with adults around the school.

Green 1 - Kelly for speaking louder and persisting to gain an adult's attention.

Green 2 - Danny for trying new things out at Danbury Outdoor Centre.

Green 3 - Izzy for transitioning really well around school and interacting effectively with her peers.

Green 4 - Frederico for using his communication device confidently and effectively to make his choices known to adults.

Green 5 - Henry for his perseverance at Danbury in taking on new challenges and pushing himself.