

Glenwood School Monthly Newsletter



February 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break this February. There have been some changes to Therapy Provision made at Glenwood this year. Although we continue to employ Jump Start OT and Allen SALT, this is funded by school budgets to support a universal offer which focuses on staff training and advice/support to classes. Individual therapy which is written into your child's EHCP is a health provision and therefore, delivered by your local allocated health commissioned therapy teams;

- E-PUT(Castlepoint/Rochford/Southend postcodes)
- NELFT (Basildon/Brentwood/Thurrock postcodes)
- PROVIDE (Chelmsford/Braintree/Maldon postcodes)

It is these health providers and therapists who are responsible for attendance at Annual Reviews and advice/recommendations on EHCPs. We understand that some providers are currently seeing high vacancy rates and that not all children are receiving the input that they should. Although this is a parental responsibility, we try to support where we can and I have personally raised concerns with the ICBs and Head of Commissioning at ECC about this. We hope to work with them on improving this but in the meantime, should you have any queries about whether your child is receiving the therapy detailed within their EHCP, please do direct these queries to your child's class teacher as they are best positioned to keep you informed of this.

This half-term is only a short one and we break up for Spring Holidays at the end of March, however, we do have a number of Coffee Mornings currently planned and so if you are available, it would be great to see you there. We have arranged for the Hearing and Visual Impairments teachers to attend some of them. We also have our new full-time Family Liaison Office - Rinaul - (the first of two) starting next Monday who will be present at all events and is keen to start getting to know you all and gathering feedback from families on the further support that you need. Joel Shaljean, Behaviour Lead Essex CC, will be sending out invites to Parent Workshops on managing your child's behaviour at home so do watch out for these dates.

Lara and the team

Post-16 Providers Fayre

On Monday 2nd February Glenwood hosted a Post-16 Providers Fayre for parents/carers with learners in Year 11 and above. This was an opportunity to talk with the staff who work at various day provisions/organisations offering supported employment and services offering advice and support. This event was organised to help families plan for their young person's journey beyond Glenwood School.

We had a great turn out and received positive feedback from both parents/carers and providers. "Today's Fayre was a brilliant insight into some of the providers around us that we previously knew little about."

Stars of February



Red 1 - Arlo	
Red 2 - Maddie	Blue 6 - Louis
Red 3 - Oliver	Blue 7 - Zachary
Yellow 1 - Carter	Purple 1 - Eden
Yellow 2 - Teddy	Purple 2- Ryley
Yellow 3 - Nevaeh	Purple 3 - Rocco
Yellow 4 - Albert	Purple 4 - Zoe
Yellow 5 - Oliver	Purple 5 - Harley
Yellow 6 - Lovelle	Purple 6 - Oliver
Blue 1 - Ruby	Green 1 - Charlie
Blue 2 - Teddie	Green 2 - Danny
Blue 3 - Henry	Green 3 - Louie
Blue 4 - Max	Green 4 - Sean
Blue 5 - Vinnie	Green 5 - Leon-George

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WellChild Awards

"The WellChild Awards honour the incredible bravery of children and young people across the UK who have faced serious illness or disability. They also celebrate the amazing siblings, carers and professionals who go above and beyond to make a difference to their lives." Children and young people aged 4–18 can be nominated, along with several professional categories. You can nominate at [wellchild.org.uk/awards](https://www.wellchild.org.uk/awards). Nominations close 16th March.

Recruitment Fayre

We're pleased to share that Glenwood recently hosted a successful Recruitment Open Evening for those interested in joining our wonderful school community as Teachers, LSAs and MDAs. It was lovely to meet so many people who were inspired by what they saw and excited about the possibility of working with our learners.

Our HR team has also been busy interviewing candidates who bring great passion, experience and enthusiasm. As always, making sure we have the very best staff to support our learners remains one of our top priorities.

We're really looking forward to welcoming new members to the Glenwood team soon and continuing to build a strong, caring and skilled staff team for our pupils.

Moments Captured



Dates for the diary 2026



- 3rd March - Red Corridor Coffee Morning
- 5th March - World Book Day - Optional Dress up Day
- 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
- 9th July - Prom

February at Glenwood

This February we held a Post-16 Providers Fayre, Recruitment Fayre, Deputy Headteacher interviews, Headteacher interviews, LSA interviews, MDA interviews, celebrated National Storytelling Week and hosted a PTA meeting with parents and staff. Glenwood has been full of activity with the learners at the centre of every thought.

Our prom committee also began plans to celebrate this year's leavers and were excited to send out 'Save The Dates' for Thursday 9th July 2026.