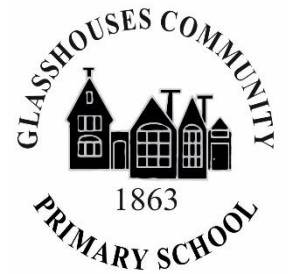


Glasshouses Community Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 - 2026



Believe ~ Achieve ~ Inspire

Message from the Headteacher

Dear families, friends, volunteers and governors,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of our first half term! September always brings a fresh start: time to reconnect, settle into routines and look ahead to the possibilities of a new school year. There has certainly been plenty happening at Glasshouses.

We have been delighted to welcome our new Reception children and the other children and families who have joined us. Joining a school is a big step, and we want everyone to feel they belong to our Glasshouses community.

Our vision, **Believe • Achieve • Inspire**, sits at the heart of school life. This half term, our focus has been **Community**—thinking about how we care for one another, contribute and help make our school a happy, welcoming place. Those everyday moments of kindness, encouragement and working together make such a difference.

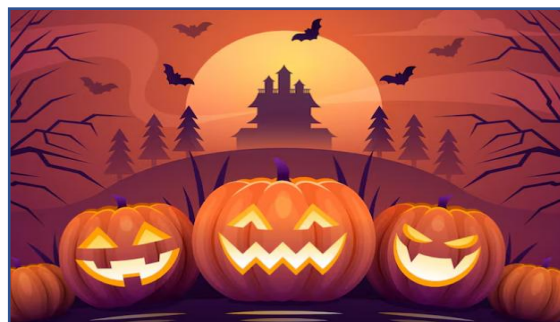
Alongside all the hard work in classrooms, our Upper Key Stage 2 residential has offered opportunities for adventure, growing independence and making memories together. There is plenty more to look forward to, including our Lower Key Stage 2 residential and a trip to the pantomime—oh yes there is!

Thank you to our staff for their care and hard work, and to our families for your continued support. Most of all, thank you to our children for the curiosity, energy and smiles you bring each day. Together, we are **making school unmissable**.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term break when it arrives.

Warm wishes,

Nicola Thornber
Executive Headteacher



Jade Class News

This half term Jade Class have been busy welcoming our new reception children.

They have been exploring numbers and patterns alongside developing their learning in our outdoor classroom.

We have all been developing our ball control skills with Mr Henry in our weekly PE sessions.

Our KS1 children have explored how schools have changed over the last 150 years and thinking about what school was like for the children at Glasshouses Primary School in 1863.

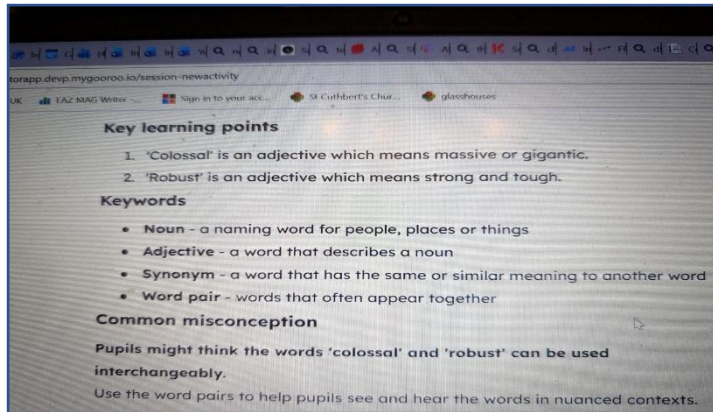
In Year 1 we have been enjoying the stories Little Red and A Chair for Baby Bear and using these as inspiration for our own story writing.

We have started our science project investigating how and why different materials are used in design and we will become designers ourselves when we design and build our own chairs for Baby Bear.

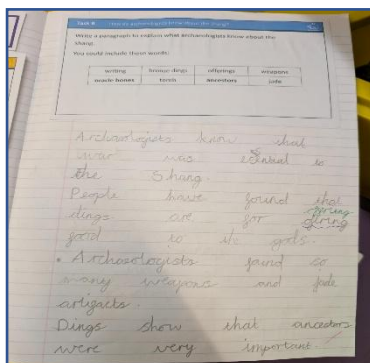


Amethyst Class News

We have been really busy in Amethyst Class this half term. In English we have been writing stories based on books that we have read. We have also been trying to use our growing grammar knowledge in our stories to improve our writing.



In Maths we have been learning about place value. In Year 2 we have been learning about numbers up to 100 and in Year 3 and 4 we have been working with numbers in the thousands. We have just started our unit on addition and subtraction.



In History, Year 3 and 4 have been learning about the Shang Dynasty and all the amazing artefacts that archaeologists have discovered.

We have just started our Science unit - What happens to our food? We have learnt about different teeth and which ones we use for which food.



Obsidian Class News

Obsidian Class has had a brilliant start to the new school year! Everyone has settled into their routines, and it is hard to believe how quickly our first half term is passing. We have been busy working hard, embracing new challenges and taking part in a range of exciting learning experiences.

In English, we have been building our writing skills by creating a piece inspired by *The Blitz Sister*.

In Maths, we have focused on developing our understanding of place value and improving our confidence and accuracy with arithmetic.

Our History lessons have been particularly interesting as we have explored Britain during the Second World War, learning more about what life was like for people living through this significant time in history.

In RE, we have been reflecting on how the teachings of Jesus can influence the way we live today, considering how these important values can help us make positive choices in our everyday lives.

We have also enjoyed an exciting adventure at Robinwood, where some of us spent a few days taking on new challenges, having fun and making wonderful memories!



It has been lovely to see everyone approaching their learning with such enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude. We are incredibly proud of all that Obsidian Class has achieved during the first half term. Keep up the great work, everyone – we are looking forward to all the exciting learning still to come!

Our Uniform Policy

– some important reminders

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support in helping children come to school ready to learn each day. We are very proud of how smart our pupils look, and we would like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders from our Uniform Policy.

Jewellery

- Children may wear **one pair of stud earrings** and a **simple wristwatch (not a smartwatch)**.
- No other piercings or jewellery are permitted.
- For health and safety reasons, **earrings must be removed for PE lessons and other physical activities**. Staff are unable to remove earrings on behalf of children, so we kindly ask that earrings are removed before school on PE days if your child cannot do this independently.
- Jewellery remains the responsibility of the pupil and school cannot accept responsibility for lost or damaged items.

School Bags

- Children should bring their **school book bag** to carry books and equipment safely.
- Rucksacks should only be used where prior arrangements have been made with school.

Hair

- Long hair should be tied back for PE and practical activities.
- Hairstyles should be suitable for the school environment and should not include shaved patterns, tramlines, brightly coloured dye, or excessive hair accessories.

Make-up and Nails

- Make-up is not permitted in school.
- False nails and nail extensions are not allowed.
- Only clear nail varnish may be worn.
- Temporary tattoos should not be worn to school.

We greatly appreciate your support in helping us maintain high standards while ensuring all children can participate safely and fully in school life. If you have any questions about our uniform expectations, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. 😊

Diary Dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term

2 nd HALF TERM – 7 weeks	2 November – 18 December 2026
2 Nov	School starts – all children
16 – 17 Nov	Year 3&4 residential visit to Nell Bank
26 Nov	Federation Pantomime Visit 10am (Sleeping Beauty, Harrogate Theatre)
14 Dec	Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity dress rehearsal
15 Dec	Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity Performance 2:30pm
18 Dec	Carols & Mince Pies 2-2:30pm (School closes at 2:30pm for Christmas)
21 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas / New Year holidays
4 Jan	INSET DAY – school closed to children
5 Jan	School reopens – all children