



Glasshouses Primary School NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 1 2026



Believe Achieve Inspire

Message from the Headteacher

As we move through this half term, I would like to take a moment to share our current focus in our school.

Our core value this half term is **Perseverance**. We are encouraging all pupils to develop resilience in their learning — to keep trying when things feel difficult, to learn from mistakes, and to take pride in the effort they put into every task. We share with our children that perseverance is not just about academic success; it is a life skill that helps children grow in confidence, independence, and self-belief.

This focus sits firmly alongside our shared vision: **Believe, Achieve, Inspire**. We want every child to believe in themselves and their potential, to achieve their very best through effort and determination, and to inspire others through their actions and attitudes.

We are already seeing pupils embracing these values in many ways—approaching challenges with a positive mindset, supporting one another, and showing determination in their work, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative activities.

In particular, as part of our School Improvement priorities, we have been focussing on presentation and handwriting and multiplication knowledge. We have seen a huge improvement in books across all the subjects and areas of school. The perseverance has paid off.

We look forward to continuing to build on this focus in the coming weeks and thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing these important values at home.

Miss N Thornber

Dates for Your Diary

Parent Safeguarding Workshop (online) ~ 4pm Thursday 30th April

May Day ~ 2pm on Glasshouses Green Monday 4th May

Working Bee Day ~ 10am-4pm Saturday 9th May

Dementia UK Teaparty ~ 3pm Friday 22nd May

Parent/Grandparent lunches ~ every Wednesday (booking required)

Jade Class



Jade Class have enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Nidderdale Museum where we were able to explore how toys have changed through the decades.

We have also had a wonderful trip to Harlow Carr where we took part in a workshop called 'Discovering Plants' and became botanists for the day as we observed, measured and compared different plants.

We have just completed our fabulous puppet projects in DT. We used computer software to create a design and then learnt how to join fabric using running stitch and applique details and features to bring our puppets to life.



Amethyst Class

Amethyst Class have been very busy lately.

We enjoyed our Science topic about light and shadows, especially our investigation about the length of shadows at different times of the day.

In Geography, we really enjoyed learning about the human and physical geography of Northern Italy. We found Venice fascinating — a school trip would have been nice!

In History, we have been learning about Ancient Egypt. Lots of people found learning about mummification fascinating, though others weren't so sure!

In Maths, we have been really challenging ourselves with multiplication and division.

In English, we have been learning about writing to entertain — we have been building up our knowledge about using adjectives, adverbs, and similes for effect. We are looking forward to sharing our finished stories with Jade Class.



Obsidian Class

This half term so far, we have been focused on the CHAMPS value: Perseverance. We have been exploring what it means to keep trying, even when learning feels challenging, and how showing determination can help us improve and succeed. Obsidian have worked hard to demonstrate perseverance in their lessons, tackling tricky tasks with a positive attitude, supporting one another and not giving up when things become difficult. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of resilience and effort across the classroom!

In Maths we have been working on our fractions knowledge and have been working hard to develop our understanding and confidence in this area.

In English, we have been writing persuasive letters to parents and carers about car pollution, using strong arguments and persuasive language to share our ideas. Across all subjects, we have been working really hard to apply our handwriting and spelling skills in all of our learning—well done, Year 5/6!

We were very lucky to have been visited by Julian Smith MP who came to speak to the children about their recent campaign for lowering the speed limit to 20mph around the school. The children shared the recent projects that each Pupil Leadership Group has been working on. Obsidian class asked some great questions to Julian, which got him thinking!

