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As we draw to the close of what has truly been an exceptional year at the GLC, I've had the pleasure of reflecting on our many achievements and the profound positive contribution we've made to our community. I am immensely proud of how we've collectively brought our motto to life: "**All Different: All Equal Together, Improving Upon Our Best.**" This isn't just a phrase; it's a guides everything we do.

It is an absolute privilege to lead such a talented, compassionate, and aspirational group of young people, dedicated staff, committed governors, and insightful directors. We are also incredibly grateful for our partners, whose diverse perspectives consistently enhance and enrich our offerings.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

I'm thrilled to share some outstanding news regarding our academic results. Across the GLC, our **primary results are the strongest ever**, with all results **above the national average**. Our **phonics outcomes all exceed the national average**, and our **times tables test results are at least double the national average!** These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff.



At Key Stage 2, we are absolutely delighted with all our results. **Reading**, a key area of focus for us, has seen significant improvement, with almost 80% of our pupils transitioning to secondary school as **confident readers** who read for both knowledge and pleasure. While these are fantastic results, we still aspire to inspire *all* our children to become avid readers. So, please do continue to read to them and encourage them to read over the summer – it not only widens their vocabulary but also contributes significantly to their happiness and well-being.

Furthermore, we are especially pleased to announce that our **Greater Depth results in all subjects also exceed the national average**. These pupils are now on a strong trajectory to achieve grades 7, 8, and 9 when they sit their GCSEs – a truly remarkable achievement!



Nurturing Talents and Community Spirit

Beyond the excellent academic results, what truly makes the GLC special is the amazing range of opportunities our children and young people have. These experiences enable them to develop our core values, discover their unique talents and skills, and ultimately become active and thriving citizens. This is as a result of our entire community collaborating on plans, policies, performances, and events throughout the year. We're currently working on our third video to showcase a selection of these highlights, which we look forward to sharing with you in September.



Our Valued Team

As the year draws to a close, we bid farewell to a few valued members of staff. Some are moving on to well-deserved promotions, while others are relocating within the country or abroad. We wish them every success in their future endeavours and know they'll remain part of the GLC family. We've also been delighted to welcome new staff recently,

with a couple more joining us in September, ensuring we are fully staffed across the GLC. I'm incredibly excited to see what next year brings for our school community!

A Heartfelt Thank You

Last but certainly not least, I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude for your **continued support**. It is truly appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful summer holiday! Please do scroll to the end of this newsletter for some fantastic opportunities for you and your children to enjoy during the break.



Have a nice summer!



Beach of Dreams, Wellbeing Walks

The GLC 'All Thriving' Wellbeing Ambassadors—our pupil leadership group—have been actively involved in a meaningful social action project in partnership with local arts organisation Kinetika.

Kinetika is passionate about bringing communities together through creative walking experiences across Thurrock. Working alongside their team, our pupil leaders have co-designed and led walks at each other's schools, all inspired by the theme of the Thames Estuary.

This social action initiative has given pupils the opportunity to express their ideas, celebrate their local environment, and take the lead in engaging their school communities. Thanks to their creativity and leadership, each walk has been unique and memorable.



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The GLC Community Eco Fests

This half term, all four primary schools came together to celebrate the GLC Eco Community Fests. Pupils made eco-friendly items to sell at the events, showcasing their creativity and commitment to sustainability. Community members and local companies joined in, with companies hosting stalls to share eco-friendly products and ideas. The festivities also featured performances by Bloco, poetry readings, and choir singing. Alongside hands-on activities about recycling and wildlife, the fests provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, learn, celebrate, and take action for the environment.



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The GLC's Teatime Concert

GLC's Teatime Concert, our young musicians and staff members wowed parents and carers with performances on a variety of instruments in a relaxed and creative setting. The children demonstrated incredible support for one another throughout the concert, truly embodying The Gateway Learning Community's core values. The talent on display was simply amazing, making it a memorable and inspiring evening for all involved.

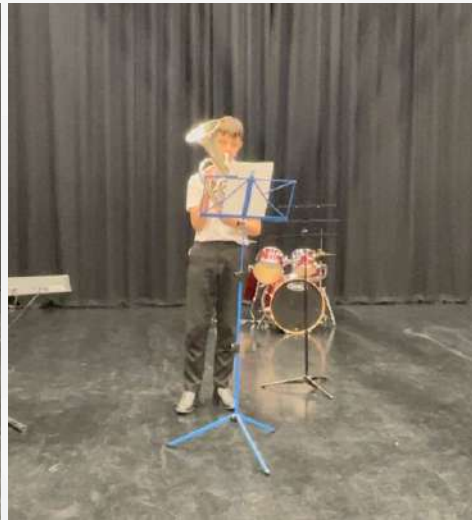


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Windrush Celebration in Collaboration with Tilbury Library

The Gateway Learning Community marked Windrush Day with a special celebration in collaboration with Tilbury Library, St Mary's School, and Woodside Primary Academy. As part of the event, pupils across the GLC contributed beautiful artwork inspired by the Windrush generation, which is now proudly on display at the library. Children also enjoyed a Windrush-themed storytime and had the unique opportunity to explore historical artifacts on loan from Grays Museum and the Riverside Project—including a traditional nutcracker and toys once played with by children of the era. It was a meaningful and engaging way to honour an important part of our shared history.



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GLC Summer Arts Festival 2025 A Celebration of Creativity Across Our Five Academies!

This year's **GLC Summer Arts Festival** was an unforgettable celebration of the arts, bringing together students from all five GLC schools in a spectacular showcase of creativity, talent, and expression.

Throughout the year, our pupils have been immersed in the arts—from **dance and drama** to **poetry, music, and modern foreign languages**. The festival was the perfect stage to highlight their dedication and passion.

The creativity and confidence on display reflect the spirit of the GLC community—**inclusive, expressive, and full of heart**. A huge congratulations to all our young artists and the dedicated staff who helped bring this vision to life!



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Brilliant Club Scholars Programme Success!

We're thrilled to announce that our Year 5 pupils from across all four primaries have successfully completed The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme this week!

The programme culminated in a fantastic graduation ceremony at King's College, back at school family members joined our young scholars for a well-deserved celebration and certificate awards event.

We're incredibly proud to share that all participants passed the programme, achieving degree-level gradings.

A huge congratulations to all our talented Year 5 pupils on this outstanding achievement!



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Year 6 - Oliver with a Twist

The GLC primary Year 6 pupils have had a fantastic time rehearsing their production of *Oliver with a Twist*. They demonstrated brilliant core values, threw themselves into character, and delivered wonderful musical performances full of energy and enthusiasm. Parents and carers watched proudly as the children lit up the stage with their talent and teamwork.

Those who came to the Summer Arts Festival were treated to a sneak preview of all the GLC primaries singing and dancing together.



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Students have been working incredibly hard this term, and it has been a pleasure to see them striving for more and demonstrating such a strong work ethic. Students have followed a varied and full curriculum across all their subjects. They have been reading aloud in English, performing excellent pieces in Drama, and preparing selfies for their All About Me art project.



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Celebrating the Arts!

Congratulations to our nominated students for this month. They have been nominated for the Photographer, Musician, Actor, dancer and Artist of the month in the Arts. Take a look at some of the fantastic work...



Extra-curricular : more records broken!

We have surpassed the “90% of all students attending at least one club or trip at least once” target for the year, with attendance now pushing 91%. Total engagements are 28,821, a record by over 5,000 on last year. We will smash the 30k target for sure.

As always, a huge thank you to everyone running, organising, supporting or pushing a club or trip – our students have such a range of opportunities - it is brilliant.

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CHAMPIONS! 🏆 Your Gators U16 boys are the 2024/25 Harlow U18 CVL League Champions!

What an unbelievable debut competitive season for this team! While they were runners-up in the playoff final after a tough fight with Essex Swish, securing the league title and reaching the final is a **huge success**. We couldn't be prouder of their progress!

Massive thanks to Coach Stephane @performance__skills for all the effort and guidance this season. 🙏



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🎓 ✨ Year 11 Graduation – Class of 2025! ✨ 🎓

On Friday 20th June, we proudly celebrated the incredible journey of our Year 11 students at their graduation ceremony. It was a day filled with pride, joy, and reflection as we honoured the achievements, resilience, and growth of the Class of 2025.

From heartfelt speeches and well-deserved awards to laughter, cheers, and a few tears – the ceremony was a true celebration of everything these students have accomplished.

We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. You've made your mark on Gateway Academy, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you all.



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Rounders Champions!

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls, who became district champions in rounders — and remained undefeated! 🙌🎉

Basketball

Y8 Girls take silver at the London JNBA Finals 🥈🥈🥈 a repeat of last years result with Katie once again taking the girls shooting crown 👑

With two strong performances in both of our games v Crystal Palace and then Northampton Girls School, it was Northampton that took the JNBA title in a very close game by 2pts.



Y7 Boys JNBA London Champions

In two very close games that could have swung either way we take the two wins against Riverside Barking and then Queens School in the final.

Very proud of these boys who have come a long way and worked really hard to make this possible

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Year 10 Mock Results Event

“Thank you all for the incredible work that went into last week’s event with our Year 10 students. It was a fantastic success, and it’s clear that this is going to be our highest-attaining year group yet.” - Grainne McLaughlin



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Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom at Orsett Hall was an unforgettable evening filled with elegance, laughter, and celebration. Dressed to impress, the students enjoyed a night of music, dancing, and delicious food in the stunning surroundings of this beautiful venue. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, reflect on their journey, and create lasting memories as they prepare to take their next steps beyond school. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and joy, making the prom a truly special highlight of the year! Here are a few of the photos taken:



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GA Culture Day 2025

The Gateway Academy proudly celebrated its annual Culture Day, a vibrant occasion where students, staff, and faculty came together dressed in their traditional attire, showcasing the rich diversity that defines the school community. The event was filled with joyous moments of sharing homemade dishes representing various cultural backgrounds, lively dance performances, and creative activities such as hair braiding and face painting. This celebration embraced the theme "All Different: All Equal," highlighting the beauty of diversity and the strength found in unity.



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District Athletics

The district athletics competition took place last week to finish of the year in sport. This is a competition that Gateway has excelled in over the last 3 years, and once again proved to be a huge success. We came back with an outstanding 17 gold medals across the age groups alongside a number of other podium positions, which is a testament to the hard work of our pupils. It was also a pleasure to welcome back so many year 11's who were keen to compete and represent the school one last time, which shows the culture and ethos amongst our pupils. It's difficult to pick out too many individual performances, however, Macie Baker stormed to an 800m gold, Sean M jumped over 13m for triple jump gold, Kimani B complemented her third place in the county with a district gold in discus, Mikal M won both shot putt and discus, and Emmanuel OA won the inter boys shot putt. All pupils were a credit to the school, and we look forward to defending the title again next year.



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Duke of Edinburgh

Eleven determined students have successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award expedition, covering an impressive 25km over two challenging days. Carrying everything they needed — including tents, stoves, sleeping bags, and food — the team demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and a positive spirit throughout the journey.

The group cooked their own meals, preparing dinner and breakfast to fuel their adventure, and faced the physical demands of hiking with heavy packs across varied terrain. Despite the challenges, every student completed the expedition with determination and a well-earned sense of achievement.

Well done to all involved — a fantastic effort and a memorable experience!



Dance Trip to Clueless

The GA dance group had a great time watching *Clueless: The Musical* in London — they loved the fun choreography, catchy songs, and all the '90s vibes!

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Mock Interview Day

Building on their successful work experience placements, the Year 10 students took part in a mock interview day on 11th July 2025. Dressed smartly and well-prepared, they impressed interviewers with their confidence, communication skills, and professionalism.



Gateway Academy Cooking Whips Up Swirl Cakes to Celebrate the End of the Year!

As the school year comes to a close, our talented young chefs at Gateway Academy rolled up their sleeves and baked something extra sweet—**beautiful swirl cakes** to mark the end of an amazing year!

From mixing batter to mastering the marbling technique, our pupils showed off their creativity, teamwork, and impressive kitchen skills. The results? Delicious, colorful cakes that were as fun to make as they were to eat!



Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

This half term, our Year 2 GPFS children had an unforgettable adventure at **Colchester Zoo!** 🌿🦁

They explored the amazing animal exhibits, learned fascinating facts about wildlife, and enjoyed a day full of fun and discovery. From spotting majestic lions to watching playful monkeys, the children's curiosity and excitement were truly inspiring. 🐒🦒

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make this trip safe and memorable.



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Year 5/6 Girls Dynamo Cricket

- Girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Dynamo Cricket event, competing against 12 other schools from across Thurrock.
- The team showed fantastic improvement in their batting, scoring more runs with each game.
- They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- A fantastic team effort!



Year 1&2 3 Tees Cricket

- 8 Year 1 and 2 pupils from the GPFS took part in a 3 Tees Cricket event, delivering an impressive performance throughout.
- The team won their first two matches, tied one, and lost one, finishing joint 4th out of 10 teams.
- They narrowly missed out on the semi-finals by just two runs, highlighting how close and competitive the tournament was.
- Exceptionally proud of these young cricket stars!

Year 3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket

- Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Rapid Fire Cricket event, playing four exciting matches, winning two and losing two.
- The team showcased some outstanding batting, with several players scoring over 20 runs.
- They finished 6th out of 10 teams and should be proud of their strong effort and enthusiasm throughout the tournament!



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Year Trip to Go Ape

Year 5 had an absolutely **thrilling time** at Go Ape! They embraced the challenge of the **treetop ropes courses**, navigating wobbly bridges, balancing beams, and soaring through the air on exciting **zip lines**. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to push their limits, build confidence, and have a truly memorable outdoor adventure together.



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KS2 Thurrock Borough Olympics

- Over 40 children participated in the KS2 Borough Olympics event.
- The team secured several individual medals and achieved a notable 2nd place finish in the boys' relay.
- All pupils showed tremendous effort and determination making the GPFS very proud.
- Overall, the team placed 4th in track events and 7th in field events, resulting in a strong combined finish of 6th place.



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Year 6 Residential Trip – Stubbers Adventure Centre

What an unforgettable few days our Year 6 pupils had at Stubbers! From paddleboarding and high ropes to campfires and team games, the adventure was packed with energy, laughter, and new experiences.

The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, showing fantastic teamwork, resilience, and plenty of smiles.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff and the brilliant Stubbers team for making it such a fun and memorable trip.

Well done, Year 6—you've made memories that will stay with you forever!



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Year 1 Visit to Chalkwell Beach

Year 1 had an amazing day at Chalkwell Beach! The children loved exploring the shoreline, discovering shells and pebbles, and paddling in the refreshing sea. They got creative building sandcastles and playing in the sand, all while enjoying the fresh sea air and sunshine. So much fun, laughter, and adventure packed into one perfect day!



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Reception Trip to Call of the Wild

Reception had a fantastic day out at *Call of the Wild Zoo*! The children were thrilled to see a variety of animals up close and were full of curiosity and questions. They particularly enjoyed watching the monkeys and getting a close look at some of the smaller creatures during a special animal handling session. It was a fun and engaging experience that sparked their interest in the natural world and helped bring their classroom learning to life.



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Growing Little Champions

Following a successful Ofsted registration, *Growing Little Champions* is now fully open! Spaces filled quickly, and a waiting list is already growing with the names of future GLC babies.

The caring staff have created a warm and welcoming environment where children enjoy focused play, creative activities, and discovery time – all based around the theme of the day.

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Year 6

The GPFS Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon celebrating the best SATS results yet at GPFS! The festivities included a bouncy castle and ice cream treats. The children were also quick to show off their fancy leavers' jumpers with pride.



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Mummification

Last half term, Year 5 learnt about the Egyptians. As part of our Excellent End, we explored the process of mummification through a live demonstration enabling pupils to be able to confidently retell the process.



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🇬🇧 Quad Kids 🇬🇧

Children from across Thurrock came together for an action-packed day of Quad Kids athletics, showcasing their skills in running, jumping, and throwing.

The sun shining and spirits high, every child gave their all—digging deep, pushing boundaries, and cheering each other on.

It was a fantastic display of determination, teamwork, and energy, as competitors embraced the challenge and celebrated each other's efforts.

A great day for all involved, filled with fun, focus, and plenty of personal bests.



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Year 3 Visit to Hyde Hall

This week, Year 3 students enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Hyde Hall. The trip offered them a fantastic opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens, learn about a wide variety of plants, and deepen their understanding of nature and the environment. The children participated in engaging activities led by the staff, asked thoughtful questions, and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day. It was a memorable experience that brought their classroom learning to life in a hands-on setting.



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Year 1 Library Visit

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our visit to Chadwell Library a success! Your presence and assistance were invaluable. The children absolutely loved exploring all the books and were captivated by the story Meg read to them.



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Year 6 Residential Trip – Stubbers Adventure Centre

What an amazing weekend our Year 6 pupils had at **Stubbers**! From paddleboarding and high ropes to campfires and team challenges, the trip was packed with fun, laughter, and adventure.

The children showed incredible courage, teamwork, and resilience—plus plenty of muddy boots and big smiles!

Huge thanks to our brilliant staff and the Stubbers team for making it such a memorable experience.

Well done, Year 6—you've made memories to last a lifetime!





Year 1 Trip to Chalkwell Beach

The children had an amazing time at the beach. The wind and the clouds didn't stop us from having fun and the children enjoyed making sandcastles, paddling in the sea and collecting shells.





Year 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo!

Year 2 had an exciting and educational day out at Colchester Zoo! The children enjoyed seeing a wide range of animals, including elephants, giraffes, and penguins. A particular highlight was visiting the meerkats and realising just how much knowledge the children already had about them – they impressed everyone with their facts and observations! It was a fantastic experience that brought their learning about animals and their habitats to life.



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RBO Alice and Wonderland Performance

This term HPA have been continuing to work towards their Arts Mark Award with a literacy / dance project. Continuing to maintain the GLC long standing relationship with The Royal Ballet and Opera HPA undertook an action research project. The study explored the relationship between active learning and empathy in primary school children's creative writing. Specifically, it examined how empathy is demonstrated in children's writing and their attitudes towards creative writing after participating in a 5-week Royal Ballet and Opera House Create & Dance active learning pilot. The project has been very successful and the outcomes will be shared at a later date...



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Dear Taylor and Sam,

I just wanted to echo Kari's message and extend my heartfelt thanks as well.

It's been such a pleasure working with you on this research. Taylor, we're incredibly grateful for the way you stepped in so seamlessly and for the openness, care, and enthusiasm you brought to the project. Your reflections—and the children's feedback—are so heartening to hear. It's clear they gained so much from the experience, and it's wonderful that they were able to recognise that for themselves.

I also want to thank Sam for the thoughtful message. Like you say, the positive outcomes and the spirit of collaboration have made it all worthwhile. It's been a privilege to work alongside such a supportive and reflective school team—one that not only champions pupil outcomes but also values the growth of its teachers and leaders.

Wishing you all a fantastic final week of term and a restful, well-deserved summer break.

Warmest wishes,
Hayley



Hayley Ryan *she/her*
Curriculum Manager and Create & Dance PM
Learning and Participation

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Summer 1 in Acorns

Acorns have been studying boats and lighthouses linked to our computing and history topics, forces for Science and learning to brush our teeth for PSHE. We have had a visit from a Dental Nurse with Dexter the dragon and parents joined us for a STEM family learning session making a ping pong ball maze and a bubble machine.



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Chocolate Rice Crispy Cakes

The Reception children worked hard preparing chocolate rice crispy cakes in time for LPA's Eco Community Fest.

The children worked well as a team and were very careful placing the ingredients in the cake cases.

They were delicious, well done!



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Year 3 Trip to Hyde Hall

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Hyde Hall, where they explored the beautiful gardens as part of their science topic on plants. The children took part in engaging activities that helped them learn about germination, seed dispersal, and pollination. They observed how plants grow from seeds, how seeds travel in different ways, and the important role pollinators play in the life cycle of plants. Back in the classroom, the children also dissected flowers to investigate their different parts and understand how plants reproduce. It was a fun and educational experience that brought their science learning to life!



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Year 6 Residential – Stubbers Adventure Centre

What a fantastic time our Year 6 pupils had during their residential at Stubbers! With activities ranging from paddleboarding and high ropes to evening campfires and group challenges, the weekend was bursting with excitement and adventure.

Our children demonstrated amazing bravery, collaboration, and perseverance—not to mention a few muddy shoes and plenty of cheerful faces!

A big thank you to our dedicated staff and the wonderful team at Stubbers for making the trip such a special experience.

Well done, Year 6—you've created unforgettable memories together!



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Thurrocks SEND and AP Awards

'Thurrock held their inaugural SEND and AP awards on Friday 27th June at Stifford Clays primary school to celebrate the incredible achievements of children and young people with disabilities across the borough. There was a total of seven awards including Student of the Year Award, Little Achievers Award (EYFS – Overcoming Challenges to Access Education) and Alternative Provision Rising Star Award. LPA nominated 7 pupils in 3 different categories and 3 of our pupils, out of 94 nominations, made it the finals!

In each category there were two runners up and the winner. Two out of the three pupils from LPA nominated were winners.

The hall was a busy event and the pupils sat for an hour and a half listening to all the awards. Each pupil managed wonderfully and all had the confidence to go up on to the stage to receive their certificate and award. They all congratulated each other and were fantastic ambassadors for LPA at the event. We are incredibly proud of all of them.'

Danny, Yr 4 – Student of the Year [2nd]
Joseph, Reception – Little Achievers [1st]
Zachary, Yr 2 – Student of the Year [1st]



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KS1 Book Burrow Launch

Pupil Librarians launched the KS1 Book Burrow this half term. The Book Burrow will be officially opened to KS1 pupils this afternoon. This will be available during break and lunch times. Storytime sessions will also be arranged.

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Year 4 Family Learning Session

In our final half term as Year 4 pupils, we welcomed parents into our last family learning session to celebrate the children's studies in Art. The children focused their talents on creating a collage inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau, filled with bright garden themed colours, tropical highlights and the odd animal or two, the children took inspiration from their Geography and English units - dedicating their work to the rainforest. The outcomes were simply beautiful!

We'd like to thank you all for your continued support, in this and every parent event throughout the year. It's been an incredible year for all of us! We wish the children the very best as they continue their journey into Year 5.



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Year 6

This half term, Year 6 have been extremely busy putting on an 'Oliver With a Twist' production for their parents. From learning lines to dance routines, we are really proud of all their efforts and the incredible performance put on!

Year 6 also celebrated their SATs results in style, spending an afternoon on inflatables and enjoying fruit and ice lollies in the sunshine. Achieving the LPA's best SATs results yet, they definitely deserved it!



The Year 6 team would like to wish all the students their best as they make their transition into Secondary school.



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Year 4 Chocolate Making Workshop

Year 4 pupils were joined by their parents for a deliciously educational chocolate - making session. As part of their science topic on states of matter and reversible changes, the children applied their knowledge to melt chocolate and create their own custom bars.

Each child began by selecting the type of chocolate they wanted to use—milk, dark, or white—and carefully observed the melting process, identifying it as a reversible change. Once melted, they poured the chocolate into moulds and personalised their creations with a selection of sweets, toppings, and other ingredients.

Parents worked alongside the children, making the experience even more enjoyable and collaborative. Once complete, the chocolate bars were placed in the fridge to set.

As a final touch, each student designed their own chocolate bar packaging using Canva, showcasing their creativity and digital design skills. The finished bars will be placed into these custom boxes, ready to be taken home and enjoyed.

It was a fun-filled afternoon that combined science, creativity, and a whole lot of chocolate!

Thank you to all parents that joined us.



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Outdoor Reading Area

The pupils at TPA have been thoroughly enjoying their outdoor reading area. Taking advantage of the lovely weather, they've been selecting their favourite books to read outside. They've also written about these books to share what they're about, encouraging others to discover and enjoy them too.



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Go Ape - Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Go Ape yesterday! The children engaged with tree climbing activities across 4 levels of difficulty to build their confidence and resilience, as well as some team building games/quizzes to develop their communication and critical thinking skills.

Both classes thoroughly enjoyed themselves, some saying it has been their best trip at TPA so far (even though the weather wasn't quite on our side!).



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Author Visit - Ian Brown

On Tuesday 3rd June, Years 1 and 2 were visited by the author, Ian Brown. Ian is a London based author who has written a selection of books, including the 'Hugg n Bugg' adventures and the 'Albert the Tortoise' series. Ian delivered an assembly to the children and also read a couple of his stories. We had a lovely afternoon.

Dentist Visit

Our Year 3 and 4 students recently had a fantastic and informative trip to Elite Dental Studio in Tilbury for their annual dental check-ups! The wonderful team there not only provided thorough examinations but also led an engaging session on the importance of healthy teeth. We're so grateful to Elite Dental Studio for making the experience positive and educational for our pupils. Individual information regarding each child's check-up will be sent home to parents soon.



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Year 2 Zoo Adventure!

Our Year 2 pupils had a wild and wonderful time on their trip to Colchester Zoo! As part of our science topic on habitats, the children took part in an engaging educational session where they explored different environments such as rainforests, deserts, and woodlands. Through hands-on activities with real animal



biofacts, they discovered how animals adapt to survive in their natural homes.

After the session, we enjoyed exploring the zoo itself—meeting elephants, giraffes, lions, and even cheeky meerkats! The children were fascinated by the wide variety of animals and showed fantastic curiosity and behaviour throughout the day.

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A Gift of Music: Family Heirloom Inspires Young Learners

A wave of excitement and musical promise has swept through our reception classes, thanks to an incredibly generous donation from local resident, Mrs. Margaret Nathan. Mrs. Nathan, a long-time supporter of education, and loyal member of the Thames Opera Company, has gifted a beautiful family heirloom piano to our reception area, hoping to inspire a lifelong love of music in our youngest pupils.

The elegant instrument, which has been cherished by generations of Mrs. Nathan's family, now sits proudly in the reception space, already captivating the attention of curious little minds. "Music has always been a central part of my family's life, and this piano holds many treasured memories," shared Mrs. Nathan. "I believe every child deserves the chance to experience the joy of making music, and I truly hope this piano will be the first step on a wonderful musical journey for many of them."

Her thoughtful donation provides an invaluable opportunity for our reception children to engage with a real instrument from an early age. It's a chance for them to explore sounds, develop an ear for melody, and perhaps even discover a hidden talent.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Nathan for her remarkable generosity and for bringing such a special piece of her family's history into our school. We'd also like to express our gratitude to Move U Removals for kindly transporting the piano to our



school, ensuring it arrived safely and ready to inspire. This wonderful gift is sure to spark creativity and a passion for music in our children for years to come.



Y6 Residential

Our residential at Stubbers Adventure Park was a fantastic experience! We were lucky with the weather – the sun was shining, which made the water activities even more enjoyable (and refreshing!). We had an amazing time taking part in kayaking, bell boats, and banana boat rides.

But that wasn't all! As well as the fun on the water, we also got to take part in some thrilling land-based adventures. From the excitement of rock climbing to the fast-paced action of laser tag and the teamwork involved in the group challenges, there was never a dull moment. Each activity pushed us to try new things, support one another and most importantly – have loads of fun! The atmosphere was full of excitement and teamwork, and the beautiful weather made it all the more memorable.



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Hyde Hall

Year 3 had an amazing day at Hyde Hall!

We split the day into two parts. In the morning, we went on a nature walk and collected various fallen petals and leaves, which we later used to create beautiful bookmarks. We also gathered items from the forest floor to design our own bird nests. Each group used a clothes peg as a 'beak', just like a bird would to collect materials — it turned into a fun competition to see who could create the biggest and best nest!

In the afternoon, we moved indoors and took part in a carousel of five exciting activities in our groups:

1. Using magnifying glasses to examine dead animals and insects found at Hyde Hall.
2. Using a variety of seeds to create colourful designs on bookmarks with crayons and paper.
3. Making helicopter seed spinners.
4. Creating plant pots out of soil.
5. Exploring the process of pollination using chalk and cotton wool to demonstrate 'pollen transfer' between flowers.



It was a truly fantastic day, and the children were an absolute delight throughout!

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Steel Pans

Year 4 had a fantastic time performing on the steel pans! The children have been practicing diligently over the past two terms, and their hard work truly paid off.

They performed "In the Jungle" from The Lion King, showcasing not only their musical talent but also their teamwork and resilience. Each pupil made a real effort to try their best, and it was clear they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Well done, Year 4 – what a brilliant performance!



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Reception Trip to Call of the Wild

On Friday 4th July, Reception enjoyed their very first school trip to Call of the Wild Zoo – and the excitement was high! The children were thrilled to see a variety of animals, with favourites including the penguins, flamingos, and the playful colobus monkey. They listened attentively to a talk about lifecycles and proudly shared what they had learned about how caterpillars transform into butterflies. After a tasty lunch, they enjoyed some time in the zoo's playground – another highlight of the day! The trip ended with a final walk to see a few more animals before returning to school, tired but full of joy after a fun-filled day of adventure and learning.



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The GLC Spelling Bee
Published on 14/04/2023

Our second Primary Spelling Bee took place on Tuesday 14th April. Huge congratulations to the winners. [View a Tilbury Primary Academy](#)

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World Book Day story
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The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. They all chose the joy of reading and listening to our three all different, all equal Primary pupils each had a school to read and each put in an activity throughout the day to reward star groups. The Gateway Academy students achieved...

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RBO Trailblazer Ceramics Workshop
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The GLC is involved in the Royal Ballet and Opera's of Trailblazer cultural programme, providing a ceramics workshop for nearby schools. Students from Tilbury Academy attended and completed their final piece for their GCSE art project. The ceramics were created in...

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The GLC Parent Newsletter #3 - Spring 2023
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Take a look at the wonderful things that have happened across the area this big spring.

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Rock Straps Workshop - Bringing the Best to School
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The children had a wonderful time taking part in a Rock Straps workshop where they got to experience the excitement of being in a real band! From playing drums, guitar and drums to making one on the keyboard and synthesizer...

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Parent Letter Regarding Parking
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Please take a look at the parent letter attached regarding the parking on site.

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Nursery LAM Family Learning Session at Forest School
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Our nursery families had an amazing time at Forest School, enjoying the great outdoors with lots of learning activities! From building trees, making lovely mannequins to use real knives, and building something like a...

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Year 4 Backstage Tour at the Royal Ballet Opera, High House Production
Published on 14/04/2023

Last week, the Year 4 children had an exciting opportunity to take a backstage tour at the Royal Ballet and Opera's High House Production. They viewed the rehearsal hall, taken from the audience, discovering the intricacies of an opera...

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Year 6 Rotary Rides in Action!
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Our Year 6 students showed their creativity and technical skills by building rotary rides using circular cones! From measuring and cutting wood to carefully gluing pulleys, they worked with precision and teamwork to bring their designs to life. The result? A series of innovative, fully functioning...

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Pupils Champions
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We are creating a team of Pupil Champions who will be able to provide support in each other to a judgement free environment, develop friendships and provide encouragement as well as learning together.

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Food Fest
Published on 14/04/2023

The Year 1 class were faced the full range of eating and drinking food for the day complete with drinking water, the girls and boys had fun and broke! The children took part in food tasting, using the ingredients featured in their recipes, as well as a Year 1 fun handbook. They are proud to...

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Year 4 Trip to the Frances Fox Gallery
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The year 4 children took a trip to the Frances Fox gallery to see an exhibition of the artist's work. The children were given a tour of the gallery and saw the work of the artist. They were given a chance to see the work of the artist and to see the work of the artist. They were given a chance to see the work of the artist and to see the work of the artist.

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Our People Strategy

Our aim is to attract great people who want to help us to achieve our motto, mission and values. We are committed to creating working practices which enable all members of our team to thrive in a supportive environment.

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Staff Wellbeing

Are you looking to join our team? View all of the Staff Wellbeing information in one easy to navigate section on The GLC website - [Staff Wellbeing](#)



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Staff Wellbeing

The GLC values people and is committed to creating working practices which prioritise their wellbeing and workload, enabling them to thrive in a supportive environment. We understand that our staff are our most valuable asset and therefore, creating an environment that makes people want to join and makes them want to stay in our organisation, is our priority and underpins our People Strategy.

Click the icons below for more information:

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We're proud to share that **The GLC** has been awarded a certificate in recognition of our Youth Social Action work with **Ormiston** and the wider community. As one of the first organisations to **trial Ormiston's new Youth Action Framework**, we've worked closely with local partners to amplify youth voices and create

meaningful opportunities for young people to thrive. A huge thank you to everyone involved – this is a shared achievement we're incredibly proud of!



The GLC LPA Thrive Hive
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The GLC Lansdownne Primary Academy Thrive Hive

Our Vision

To foster a welcoming space where all parents and carers are empowered to lead fulfilling lives (to nurture their joy, thrive personally, and collaborate with The GLC to nurture their children as active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

Our Vision will be achieved by:

1. Actively listening to our parents and carers, understanding their experiences, their strengths, and the obstacles they face. We're designing it with them, ensuring it truly meets their needs and empowers them to overcome any hurdles in their path.
2. Providing a welcoming, sensory, warm and versatile space that extends its embrace beyond the school day.
3. Providing a community living room - a place where parents and carers can connect with others, share experiences, and simply enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.
4. Continuing to work with a diverse range of organisations, making vital support readily available - from health and housing advice to opportunities for adult education, debt management guidance, and the expertise of Citizens Advice.
5. Making the Thrive Hive a central point for connection, guidance,
6. Providing targeted support programmes, to equip families with the understanding to foster good school attendance, establish positive routines and habits, and promote healthy lifestyles through engaging workshops on topics like cooking and well-being.
7. Running evidence-informed parenting programmes, like the Triple P parenting programme, making a real difference to family life.
8. Offering targeted support to equip parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and understanding to actively support their children's learning and development.
9. Providing specific training focused on building early language skills, expanding vocabulary, understanding phonics, and fostering a love of reading - crucial building blocks for future success.
10. Providing access to desktop computers and a printer, empowering parents to navigate online forms and applications for vital services.

The GLC Thrive Hive

Lansdowne Primary Academy



Our Vision

To foster a welcoming space where all parents and carers are empowered to lead fulfilling lives [no matter their path], thrive personally, and collaborate with The GLC to nurture their children as active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

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BILLS

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BREWDOG

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CHIQUITO

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DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

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3:30PM - 4:30PM CHILDRENS STORY TIME

3:30PM - 7:00PM - STUDY SPACE

4:00PM - 5:00PM BOARD GAMES

WEDNESDAY

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AND RENTS SURGERY

10AM-1PM LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATOR

10:30AM - 11:30AM - RHYME TIME

11:30 AM - 1:00PM - CRAFTY CHATTERS

2:00PM - 4:00PM - ADULT BOARD GAMES

COUNCILLOR SURGERY
2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 10AM-12PM

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10:30AM - 11:00AM PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

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3:30PM - 7:00PM - STUDY SPACE

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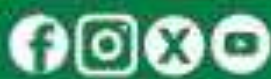
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WED
6 Aug

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THUR
7 Aug

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Pyramid Resource Centre,
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WED
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Thames, RM19 1QA

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This Summer, we've teamed up with **Applause & Start Thurrock** to bring free playful performances of **ARCADE** to Thurrock and the surrounding areas - and leading up to this we're offering free workshops throughout May, June & July for playful people aged 18-98!

ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

Our workshops are 30-60 minutes long & include new games, old games, and some playful chat. You can play solo or bring your friends; these workshops are for everyone -

you just need to bring your playful side and enthusiasm to play with others!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you're an existing community group:

We can come to you! We can be flexible with times and the length of sessions to fit in with your availability. Just tell us a bit about your group, when & where you usually meet, and we'll be in touch!

If you're not part of a group:

We'll be running a few open workshops for playful people from all over Thurrock to get together and play. Just sign up and we'll let you know when they're happening!



For updates about Let's Play Thurrock & to register your interest

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Raise Your Voice: Discover the Joy and Benefits of Joining the Thames Opera Company!

We're lucky here in Thurrock to have a cultural gem on our doorstep: the **Thames Opera Company**. Formed in 2020 by members of the former Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus, this local charity champions community singing and music education across the Thames Gateway.

What makes it special? **It's open to everyone**—no auditions, no need to read music, and no experience required. Whether you're from Thurrock, Havering, Redbridge, Essex, or Kent, if you've ever fancied singing in a choir, this is your chance.

The group meets **Monday evenings at 7:15pm** at **The Coopers Company & Coborn School in Upminster**, performing a wide range of opera (often in the original language), with lots of support including rehearsal tracks and vocal tips.

Why join?

- **Boost your wellbeing** – Singing lifts your mood and relieves stress
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- **Build confidence** – Grow musically and personally in a supportive space
- **Make friends** – Be part of a warm, welcoming community
- **Express yourself** – Enjoy the creative thrill of live performance

🎵 **Try it for free!** Join a **taster session** on **Monday 15th or 22nd September**—no pressure, just come along and see what it's all about. Scan the QR code for details.

Now's the time to raise your voice—opera is for everyone!

Thames Opera Company are looking for new singers to join our chorus.

So, whether you're a karaoke king or queen, if you sing in the shower or whilst doing the housework – even if you belt it out on the terraces or when driving in your car, we'd love to meet you.

There's no scary audition and you don't have to be able to read music.

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