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As we come to the end of a very successful year at The GLC, I have been reflecting again about how proud I am to be part of our lovely GLC family. We began this academic year celebrating exceptional results across all our academies. For the first time all our schools exceeded the national average in phonics, the Multiplication Times Table Check, Y6 SATs and GCSEs. This is as a result of high aspirations, collective responsibility, resilience and compassion that is shared by our staff, young people, parents, carers and wider community. We continue to see relentless focus and collaboration across all our 5 academies. We have been working very hard to continue to secure high attainment through excellent teaching and learning and a rich curriculum along with an outstanding range of enrichment opportunities. Achieving excellent attendance has been a particular focus this term and I am pleased to say we are now in line or above the national average. We have also been recognised by the DFE for our high performance in this area and have been contacted by other schools and trusts.

This term provides lots of opportunities for our young people to sing, dance and perform. In the annual musical this year there was an excellent performance of Hairspray by our talented secondary students with support from our primaries too who conveyed the important message of equality and inclusion and echoed our motto: All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best. Our youngest children have made us smile and get a tear in our eyes as they perform different interpretations of The Nativity while our older children taught us about Christmas around the world, Christmas carols and singing in Spanish.

We are extremely thankful to our incredible team at the GLC who support us to offer an exceptional range of opportunities to our young people. We are also very grateful to the staff, directors, parents, charities and companies who have donated to our just giving trees this year and provided gifts to our children and young people.

Thank you to all of you for your support this year-it really is appreciated. We are so pleased you choose to send your wonderful young people to The Gateway Learning Community.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas Break with your family and friends and wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.





### Remembrance Service

On Sunday 9th November, our Head Pupils from across The Gateway Learning Community were truly honoured to take part in the Tilbury Remembrance Service at the Tilbury Cenotaph. They laid wreaths on behalf of their academies to honour those who have served and sacrificed.

We were incredibly proud of how respectfully and thoughtfully they represented their academies — they were a real credit to The Gateway Learning Community and our wider community. Well done to our fantastic Head Pupils.



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## Primary Parents' Evening Bonanza

At this year's Parents' Evening, we were delighted to welcome a number of local companies who joined us to showcase what they can offer to our wonderful families. Alongside this, GLC staff led a range of engaging workshops designed to support parents and students in different aspects of learning and wellbeing. These included sessions on *'Staying Safe Online'*, *'Supporting Your Child to Regulate Their Emotions'*, MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Workshops, and Music Workshops. Each workshop provided practical advice, interactive activities, and valuable insights to help families support their children both at home and in school. The combination of community involvement and staff-led sessions made the evening a warm, collaborative, and inspiring event that truly celebrated the partnership between school, families, and the wider community.

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## The Languagenet Competition

Our GLC pupils took part in the Global Languagenet competition for two weeks in November, and we are thrilled to share the results!

Tilbury Pioneer Academy finished 28th globally, which means they are the overall GLC winners! 🎉



Here are the final rankings for our schools:

- 1 Pioneer – 28th
- 2 Lansdowne – 36th
- 3 Gateway Primary – 41st
- 4 Herringham – 61st

A huge well done to all pupils who participated — fantastic effort across all schools!





## Christmas Carols at Lakeside Shopping Centre In aid of St. Luke's Hospice

The GLC Year 3 pupils did an amazing job singing clearly, confidently and with great enthusiasm at Lakeside Shopping Centre, performing Christmas carols in aid of St. Luke's Hospice. Many of the children later shared how proud and brave they felt performing in such a large venue and in front of so many people.

Well done, Year 3!





### Christmas Carols at Tilbury Lights Switch On

Selected pupils from across the GLC proudly took to the stage at the Tilbury Lights Switch-On event on Friday 5th December, delighting the community with a beautiful selection of Christmas carols. Their enthusiastic singing added warmth and festive spirit to the celebration, helping to mark the start of the holiday season in a truly memorable way. The performance showcased their courage and confidence. They were an absolute credit to the Trust.





## Staff Christmas Wellbeing Event

The GLC Staff Christmas Wellbeing Event was a wonderful opportunity to see colleagues from across all our schools coming together to develop their talents, share plenty of laughter, and enjoy time with one another. A huge thank you goes to the fantastic organising team—Claire, Diane, Katie, Anu, Jo A, Kathryn, George, Stacey and Zoe—for making the event such a success, as well as to our brilliant bingo callers, Julie and Jo, with a special guest appearance from Julian. We are also very grateful to the staff who led activities, including Dom (Christmas Quiz), Rachel and Abby (Christmas Baking), Martyn (Christmas Decoration Making), and Jennifer (Christmas Board Games). The wreath making and canvas painting run by the Pyramid Centre provided even more creative opportunities and rounded off a truly enjoyable and uplifting event.





### Gators Basketball Club – Primary Basketball Program

This term, all four GLC Primary Schools have taken part in a new basketball program led by Coach Lee McCarthy from The Gateway Academy, in partnership with the Gators Basketball Club. Weekly coaching sessions take place both after school at The Gateway Academy and during curriculum time at each school. The program is supported by talented Gateway students who are also working towards nationally recognised coaching qualifications.

The Gators Basketball Club runs Saturday morning sessions and competes monthly in the Harlow Central Venue League, offering regular match play and pathways to compete in European tournaments against top professional clubs.

The program will run every term until the end of the school year and includes a mini league where schools compete in boys' and girls' leagues. Two rounds have been played so far, with Herringham currently leading both leagues, closely followed by Lansdowne. With four fixtures remaining, there is still everything to play for ahead of the playoffs and grand finals day.

The program has already increased enthusiasm for basketball across the schools, with several pupils now representing the Gators Basketball Club and winning their first three league games. The club is open to children of all abilities and welcomes new members.

For more information, please contact: [gators.basketball.info@gmail.com](mailto:gators.basketball.info@gmail.com)





### GLC Trust Leaders collaboratively plan for the year ahead

GLC Trust Leaders have been working collaboratively with their peers to plan for the year ahead, sharing ideas, setting priorities, and shaping a clear vision for continued improvement across the Trust. Their joint planning session reflected strong teamwork, forward thinking, and a commitment to delivering the very best for all pupils.





## Public Speaking Workshop

The GLC primaries took part in a public speaking workshop on 6th November, followed by a presentation in assembly, where we selected our top speakers and a reserve. These students then went on to the finals, which were held on Thursday 4th December, from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The event included an additional workshop, dinner (pizza), and the competition itself. Eight schools from Thurrock participated, with 15 pupils speaking on the night. The GLC speakers were a credit to the trust, demonstrating both courage and confidence in their delivery.





## Year 10 Spanish Trip

Y10 students who study Spanish for their GCSE exams were part of a Curriculum linked cultural experience at The Latin Plaza (Grays) which enabled them to apply their speaking skills while discussing the topic of food and healthy lifestyles. Students were also given the chance to try a few dishes from the Hispanic cuisine.



Feedback:

*"Firstly, I would like to thank you and Ms. Tanase for giving us the opportunity to host your Spanish-speaking experience at The Latin Plaza. We hope your students enjoyed the lunch menu and found the visit both enjoyable and enriching.*

*It was truly impressive to see how much Spanish your Year 10 students already know, and we're confident they'll have an excellent start to their GCSE speaking and listening exams.*

*On behalf of everyone here at The Latin Plaza, I would like to congratulate Gateway Academy on having such delightful students. They were courteous, enthusiastic, and a real pleasure to host, it was an absolute credit to both their teachers and themselves.*

*Please pass on our appreciation to your students and head of year. "*

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## Art Club

This week, Art club was embracing textures, the prompt was alien reptiles and the students had to go round the school with charcoal and a piece of paper collecting textures and then had 20 minutes to create the alien reptile. The names were creative and came alive by using white chalk at the end.



## Summer Voluntary Work - Well done Grace

Our student leader Grace, collected her award for volunteering over 30 hours at Tilbury library over the summer, listening to children talk about the books they have read for the Summer Reading Challenge.



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## Anti Bullying - 'Power For Good'

To celebrate anti bullying day, the GA took part in 'odd socks day' again this year.

This is to show the importance of us all being unique, in a fun and positive way.

The day sends an important message to students, that they should be allowed to be themselves - free from bullying.



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## Year 7 - Delicious Cheese Muffins and Colourful Fruit Salads

This half term, our Year 7 students have been busy developing their practical kitchen skills by making delicious cheese muffins and colourful fruit salads. They learned how to measure ingredients accurately, follow a recipe, and use basic equipment safely and confidently. The cheese muffins were a great introduction to baking, while the fruit salad allowed students to explore fresh ingredients and practise safe chopping techniques. Overall, it's been a fun and tasty start to their cooking journey!



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## Year 7 - Apple Crumble Challenge

Learning key skills such as the rub in method, peeling, coring apples and stewing. Very proud of those who have already completed. Keep up the great work year 7!



## Year 8 Drama

Year 8 drama students took full creative ownership of their performance by designing and planning the lighting style for their play. They explored how colour, intensity and movement could enhance mood, highlight key moments and support the overall atmosphere of each scene.



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## Hairspray

The Gateway Academy's musical production of *Hairspray*, performed on the 9th and 10th December, was an outstanding showcase of student talent and dedication. The cast delivered fantastic singing, vibrant dancing and confident acting, bringing the story to life with energy and professionalism. The choruses were supported by selected children from the GLC primaries, who aspire to take part in future Academy productions and embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and pride. A huge well done to everyone involved – from the performers to the teams behind the music, lighting, staging and technical support. Their collective hard work created a truly memorable and uplifting show that the whole Academy can be proud of.

*"We came to watch Hairspray last night, it was brilliant!..." - GA Parent*

*'Loved it, u were brilliant Bobs. So proud of you and the amazing cast all round, felt more like we were at the Cliffs than at a school!'. - GA Parent*

*"I would like to address a huge THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your huge effort regarding the Hairspray. I had the chance to assist last night and like Matilda show it was spectacular. Absolutely fantastic. Thank you very much for choosing my girl Kathy and I'm very grateful for this. I wish you and your colleagues an amazing half term, a relaxed one, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you very much ❤️ You are the best ❤️" - Primary Parent*



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## Christmas at The Gateway Academy

Students enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner at The Gateway Academy, enhanced by Christmas music and a cheerful atmosphere. Many students and staff wore Christmas jumpers, adding to the sense of celebration, and staff joined students to eat together, creating a relaxed and inclusive environment. It was a lovely opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate the season.



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## Year 10 Tea Cake Challenge

Year 10 students took part in a tea cake challenge, where they were tasked with designing and creating their own tea cakes. The activity encouraged creativity, planning, and practical food preparation skills. Some students chose to develop a Christmas theme, using festive flavours, decorations, and designs to enhance their final products. The challenge allowed students to demonstrate both their technical ability and imaginative ideas, resulting in a range of attractive and well-presented tea cakes.



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## Celebrating Literacy Success This Term

This term, students across Key Stage 3 have shown outstanding commitment to developing their reading and language skills through our online literacy programmes, Sparx Reader and Bedrock Learning.

Students in Years 8 and 9 have been using Sparx Reader, a personalised reading platform that matches pupils with age-appropriate texts and checks understanding through carefully designed questions. Their engagement has been exceptional, with an impressive 2,127 books read and 2,753 hours of careful reading completed this term.

We are delighted to recognise our top readers:

**Year 9:** Archie R, Mckenzie T, James S, Adesola A, Eliza M

**Year 8:** Taybah S, Olivia B, Aisha S, Deborah E, Josephine K

Meanwhile, Year 7 students have been building strong foundations in vocabulary, grammar and comprehension using Bedrock Learning. The programme supports academic language development across all subjects and has been met with great enthusiasm.

Congratulations to our top Bedrock students: Travay C, Oyindamola A, Shalom N, Deborah A and Talha K.

Well done to all students for their hard work and dedication this term — we are proud of the progress made and look forward to even more success next term.



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## Christmas Rewards Trip

Year 11 students took part in a Christmas rewards trip to Flip Out, enjoying a fun and well-deserved celebration of their commitment and achievements.



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## Cadet Promotions

We have promoted the first of our cadets to lance corporal. Each of these students will be responsible for leading a section within the cadets. They have demonstrated exceptional commitment, attitude, and leadership throughout the first term of the Gateway CCF.



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## Campfire Stories

We had a brilliant time at our first-ever 'Campfire Stories' event on Thursday 16th October. Over 170 children took part in the event, which took place in the Forest School area on the school field. Mrs. Alexander, our specialist Forest School teacher, Mr. McQuade and Miss Banfield started us off with some great songs around the campfire. Then, the teachers read some much-loved stories to the children. We all read together and the children were encouraged to join in the fun! It was great to see everyone loving books and loving reading. It was a fantastic way to enjoy the outdoors and see how much our children are developing a love for reading!



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## Pupil Leadership Dedication

The Head Pupils have been showing outstanding dedication, giving up their lunchtime to rehearse their presentation for the upcoming Leadership Launch. Their commitment and teamwork are clear to see as they prepare to represent the student body with confidence and pride.

## PE Ambassadors Health Strategy

This term, two of our PE Ambassadors introduced a new Health Strategy during assembly. They presented on the importance of making healthy snack choices and suggested eating two 100-calorie snacks per day as a simple way to manage portion sizes. The ambassadors also encouraged everyone to reduce their intake of sugar, salt, and fats to help maintain a balanced and healthy diet.

Their presentation helped raise awareness across the school about how small, healthy choices can make a big difference to our overall well being.



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## 100% Club - Silent Disco Fun!

The Gateway Primary Free School children who earned a place in the 100% Club for their fantastic attendance in Autumn 2 were rewarded with a brilliant silent disco celebration. Smiles and dancing filled the room as the pupils enjoyed a well-deserved treat for their outstanding commitment. Their enthusiasm and dedication made the event a joyful reminder of how important and exciting great attendance can be.



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## Year 3 Visit to Colchester Castle

Year 3 had a very exciting visit to Colchester Castle! The pupils enjoyed visiting the castle museum and exploring the different artefacts they had. They were also able to practice building an Iron Age Round House and a Roman Villa (which proved a little tricky, even for the adults!). We then explored underneath the castle (which used to be underneath a Roman temple, how exciting!) and learned all about the battle between the Romans and the Celts. It was a fantastic trip with lots of great learning taking place and memories being made!



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## Christmas at GPFS

The Christmas celebrations included a festive Christmas dinner, enjoyable performances, and a Christmas jumper day, all of which helped to create a joyful and inclusive atmosphere. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the season together and share in the festive spirit.

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## HPA Family Learning Projects

During the October half-term, the children were assigned family projects to complete over the break. Here are some of the fantastic outcomes from each year group. Well done to everyone who took part!



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## Boys' Football

A superb all-round performance today — great energy, slick passing, and some brilliant team goals. Dominant from start to finish, and another big win keeps us top of the table!



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## Reception Trip to the Library

Reception enjoyed a sunny walk to the library. They enjoyed learning all about the library and exploring the books. They enjoyed the story Supertato that was read to them with great enthusiasm. The parents and grandparents were a fantastic help, thank you.



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## Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Curiosity, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Communication were at the heart of our immersive full-day experience exploring the life of Florence Nightingale. Pupils asked thoughtful questions, took on roles and scenarios with imagination, analysed the challenges Florence faced, and shared their ideas clearly throughout the day. This rich, hands-on experience helped bring history to life and deepened their understanding in a truly engaging way.



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## Girls' Football

Well done to the girls' for their performance this week against Orsett, a brilliant win and positive performance from you all, keeping us undefeated and fighting for that top spot!



Connie 🏀

Jessica 🏀🏀

## Panathlon Event!

A huge well done to our incredible teams who achieved 1st and 2nd place this week!



Congratulations to our boys' team, who will now be representing Thurrock at the County Finals!



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## Santa Run in Aid of St. Luke's Hospice

This week, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the sponsored run with Santa. They ran enthusiastically around the playground, full of excitement and festive cheer. After completing the run, the children were delighted to join Santa for a fun-filled dance, making the experience even more memorable and enjoyable for everyone.



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## A Heartfelt Thank You to Tesco

Tesco chose Herringham to be the recipient of their Tree Giving initiative this year, where members of the public would collect a star from their tree and then purchase a gift for a child.

Heartfelt thank you to those who donated a gift and to Tesco for choosing us!



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## Christmas at HPA Year 4 Performance and Parent-Child Session

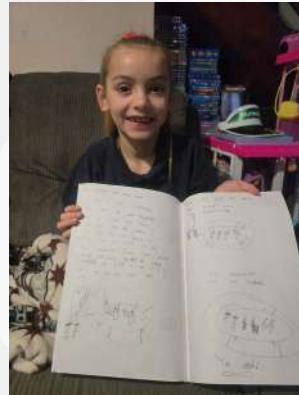
The children have worked incredibly hard learning their songs, and it was wonderful to see everything come together so beautifully. We hope everyone enjoyed the parent-child session, especially making the festive hats together — please do let us know if you create any more at home!



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## LPA Family Learning Projects

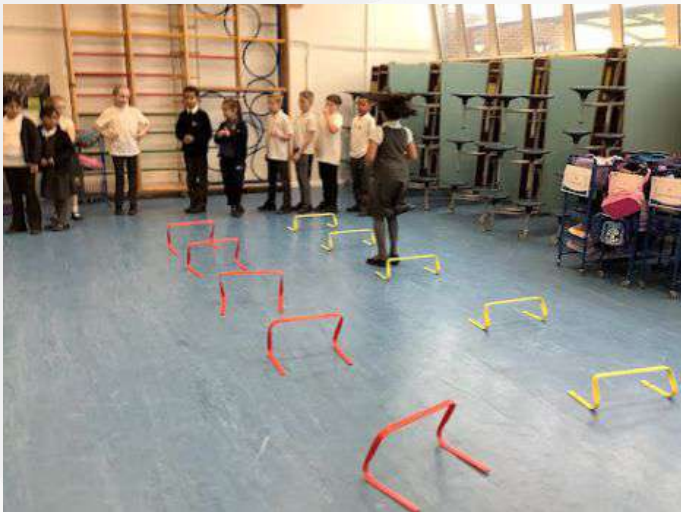
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## History - Space Wow Afternoon

Year 5 had an absolutely brilliant Space Wow afternoon! They embarked on an exciting journey, going through astronaut training that's sure to inspire the next generation of space explorers. The kids had a fantastic time learning what life is like in space and aboard a spaceship. To top it all off, they finished their adventure with a diary entry, capturing a day in the life of an astronaut. What a fun experience!



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## Year 3 Roman Immersion

The children were fully immersed in Roman life, starting with a hands-on Roman Immersion Afternoon. They explored numerals and designed mosaics, complemented by an engaging Now Press Play activity.

The learning culminated in a fantastic trip to Colchester Castle, bringing the history to life. In DT, pupils applied their knowledge by creating their own Roman shield designs.



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## The People Who Help Us

This half term has seen Reception learning about 'The people who help us'. The children have discussed the people within our wider community and those that help us at home. They have learned about different roles, and what these look like in action, bringing these to life through role play experiences in the enhanced provision.



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## Boccia and Kurling Success

We recently participated in Boccia and Kurling and returned to school with great success. Finishing 4th in Kurling but then finishing unbeaten in Boccia coming 1st overall!

They will be competing in the Boccia county finals in January. This is the first time in at least 10 years our school have made it to a county finals. A huge achievement for these 4 students to represent our school.

## Panathlon Success

LPA competed in the Panathlon. Where once again we saw medals shining around our pupils necks coming 3rd overall. Some of these students were competing in an event for the very first time and conducted themselves in the LPA way representing our school superbly.



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## Reception Christmas Nativity

This half term, reception delighted their families with a wonderful Christmas production. The children have worked exceptionally hard, focusing on orally rehearsing their lines, participating with enthusiasm, and learning how to be respectful and attentive audience members. It takes real courage and skill to perform in front of a wider audience, and the children should be commended for their dedication and confidence throughout the process. Well done, Reception!



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## Christmas in Nursery

Nursery have been having lots of fun over the last couple of weeks. We had our friend Elfie come join us in the classroom and we helped him with his maths learning, sorting ribbons into long and short, creating paper chains for the classroom, making reindeer food and sorting presents into big and small. We also had our Christmas performance where the children did a fantastic job singing their songs and then having some Christmas craft fun, making calendars and having fun in the photo booth.



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## Christmas at LPA

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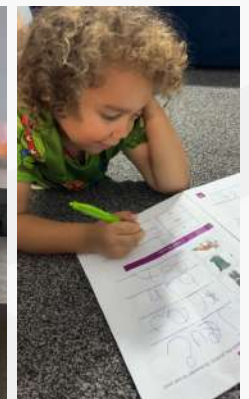
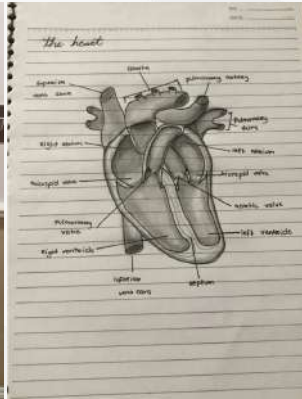
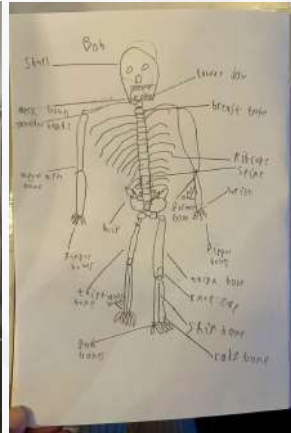


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## TPA Family Learning Projects

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## Anti-bullying Week

During Anti-Bullying Week 2025, the Pioneers embraced the spirit of kindness and inclusion by making great use of the friendship bench. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors helped promote the week by proudly handing out stickers to their fellow Pioneers, spreading awareness and encouragement. Pupils also celebrated their individuality by wearing bright and colourful odd socks on Anti-Bullying Day, showing that everyone's uniqueness should be valued.



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## Trip to Colchester Castle

Year 3 and the Wings provision had an amazing trip to Colchester Castle.

We were able to explore real artefacts, explore the history that Colchester has to offer and even go underneath the castle to sit in the foundations built by the Romans.



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## Christmas at TPA

TPA thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Christmas, the celebrations featured a festive Christmas dinner, lively performances, and a Christmas jumper day, which all contributed to a cheerful and welcoming atmosphere. It was a special opportunity for students and staff to enjoy the season together and take part in shared celebrations.





## The GLC Primary Competencies

Click on the icons to view the GLC video relating to each competency.



## Careers Week

Following the success of last year's Careers Week and our ongoing "Creating Our Futures" initiative, led by Natalie Carroll, Head Pupils and students across the GLC are once again inviting volunteers to inspire our learners.

We're looking for individuals who would be willing to visit or join us via Zoom during **Careers Week [2nd–6th February 2026]** to share insights about their job role and career journey.



If you, or someone you know would be interested in getting involved, please complete the short form and we'll be in touch soon: <https://forms.gle/SgxGq4RxJqnXLqMx9>

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students create their futures.



### Pearson National Teaching Awards – are now open.



- Deadline is **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 5.00 pm.**
- Please nominate a worthy colleague for a Pearson National Teaching Award and let's celebrate **ALL** of our teaching and non-teaching heroes.
- There are 16 award categories to choose from, ranging from Excellence in Special Needs Education to Unsung Hero. (This award is open to both teaching and non-teaching staff and aims to recognise positive impact on the school and the wider community. For this category, parents and students can also make entries and is, therefore, a fantastic way of driving parental engagement.)
- You can save your submission as you go along or sign up to be reminded nearer the deadline. Please click on the link to see all of the categories and click on the category to **nominate, nominate, nominate!!** [2026 Categories - The Pearson National Teaching Awards.](#)

### Year 10 Work Experience

Every year, our Year 10 students benefit immensely from our work experience programme. It's a crucial chance for them to step into the workplace, gain real-world skills and prepare for their future careers.



We're facing a challenge: **finding suitable placements is getting tougher.** That's why we're asking for your help! Do you have any connections - as a parent, relative, or friend - to an employer who would be willing to host a student?

The programme runs for one week, from **29th June - 3rd July 2026.** We're hoping to expand our network and build a reliable pool of supportive organisations.

Please use the link below to share any contact information or forward it directly to an employer you know. We'll take care of the rest!

We truly appreciate your involvement. It's the generosity of our community that makes this vital programme possible.

<https://forms.gle/EJp6iBmTjo3UYii77>



### World Solidarity Day

World Solidarity Day, officially International Human Solidarity Day, is celebrated annually on December 20th to promote unity, poverty reduction, and shared responsibility for global challenges, emphasising cooperation and supporting those in need as fundamental values for humankind, as declared by the United Nations. It serves as a reminder for nations to uphold global agreements and encourages collective action for sustainable development and poverty eradication.





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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.

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## 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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Please share with your friends and family and on your social media platforms to encourage the right candidate to join our team. #jointheglctrust

## Job Title

# Primary Teacher Apprenticeship [Salaried – No Tuition Fees]

### Overview

The Gateway Learning Community (GLC) is seeking to recruit committed and enthusiastic individuals who wish to complete a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship as a route into primary teaching.

This programme provides the opportunity to earn a salary (£24,078 – Unqualified Teacher Salary) while gaining practical classroom experience, completing your bachelor's degree, and achieving Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

### Who Can Apply

The programme is open to a wide range of applicants, including:

- Individuals currently working in schools who wish to advance their careers
- Recent school leavers
- Professionals seeking a career change into teaching

### Programme Structure

- **Employment:** You will be employed by the Gateway Learning Community and receive a salary (conditions apply).
- **Practical Experience:** From the outset, you will be fully immersed in the classroom environment, working alongside experienced colleagues and becoming an integral member of the school team.
- **Training Model:**
  - 60% (three days per week) on-the-job training
  - 40% (equivalent to two days per week) off-the-job study, with the majority of sessions delivered online to support flexibility

### Further Information

Further details about the Teacher Degree Apprenticeship programme can be found here:  
[Primary Teacher Degree Apprenticeship Programme](#)

### Contact Information

For further details or to express your interest, please contact:

The Gateway Learning Community (GLC)  
Email: [HR@theglc.org.uk](mailto:HR@theglc.org.uk)  
Website: <https://www.theglc.org.uk>



### Interviews

- Initial interviews for the programme will be conducted online.
- Applicants invited to interview will be able to select their preferred date and time.
- In addition, candidates will attend an interview at one of the primary schools within The Gateway Learning Community.

### Entry Requirements

- **A-levels:** CCC
- **BTEC:** MMM
- **International Baccalaureate:** 26 points with three subjects at Higher Level
- **Access to HE Diploma:** Pass with 60 credits overall, including at least 45 credits at Level 3 (24 at Distinction and the remainder at Merit)
- **T-level:** Merit in the Education and Early Years or the Education and Childcare T-level
- (Other T-level subjects are not accepted)

Plus:

- **GCSEs (minimum grade C or grade 4) in:**
  - English Language
  - Mathematics
  - Science

If you do not hold the required GCSEs, please refer to information on acceptable equivalent qualifications.





# Follow us on Social Media

Let's get connected...

Website



The GLC

LinkedIn



@The Gateway Learning Community

Instagram



@thegateway learningcommunity

Facebook



@The Gateway Learning Community

[www.theglc.org.uk](http://www.theglc.org.uk)



# GLC Primary March Holiday Provision

THROUGHOUT THE DAYS THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, PERFORMING ARTS, FOREST SCHOOL AND MULTI-SPORTS.

**Lansdowne  
Primary Academy**

**8:30AM - 3:30PM**

**Spaces available  
for Year 1 - Year 6**

**£10 per child**



**Monday 30th March 2026**

**Tuesday 31st March 2026**

**Wednesday 1st April 2026**



**SCAN TO FILL IN  
THE HOLIDAY  
PROVISION FORM**

<https://forms.gle/1MID2uhwEXsHDwS9>



**Must bring a packed  
lunch and water bottle**



**Please bring a spare  
change of clothing**



**GATORS**  
BASKETBALL



# TRAINING EVERY SATURDAY

**U10+U12**      **11:30-12:30PM**  
YEAR 5/6/7

**U14**      **12:30-2:00PM**  
YEAR 8/9

**U16+U18**      **2:00-3:30PM**  
YEAR 10/11/12/13

AT THE GATEWAY ACADEMY  
RM16 4LU

**2025/26**

[GATORS.BASKETBALL.INFO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GATORS.BASKETBALL.INFO@GMAIL.COM)





**SOCCER & MULTI SPORTS**

# **CHRISTMAS CAMP**

 **Abbots Hall Primary School, Abbots Drive, SS177BW**

 **9am-3pm (early drop off option available)** **£20 per day**

 **4-13 years of age**

 **Tuesday 23rd December**

 **Contact me to book**   
**07484604329 / charlie-gleisinger-7@hotmail.co.uk**



# **CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT TILBURY LIBRARY & HUB**

Civic Square, Tilbury RM18 8AD

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**Tuesday 23 December 10.30 - 11.30**  
**Christmas Storytime and Craft**

**Tuesday 30 December 10.30 - 11.30**  
**Winter Craft session**

**Free Event - no booking required.**

**Children must be supervised at all times.**

# T100

EXPLORE TALK CREATE

T100 is a free cultural programme that invites you to connect with Thurrock and its surroundings in new and unexpected ways. By exploring local places, sharing stories, and getting creative, we bring people together and celebrate the voices that make our communities unique.

## Year-round events

In addition to hosting a month-long outdoor community festival each summer, our year-round offerings include guided walks and creative experiences (see reverse). We're also committed to supporting the next generation of leaders in Thurrock through our T100 Young Ambassadors programme.



## How we began

What started as a 10-day walking celebration of Thurrock – 10 miles, 10 walks, 10 days – has evolved into a vibrant year-round programme of exploration, conversation and creativity. Over the past decade, we've embarked on this journey alongside a growing team of local volunteers, with each year organically shaping the theme for the next.

## Volunteer with us

Interested in getting more involved in what we do? We offer a range of volunteer opportunities across our activities:

- Walk Team Member
- Garden Volunteer
- Young Ambassador Buddy
- Events & Project Team

Reach out to the T100 team at [hello@t100festival.co.uk](mailto:hello@t100festival.co.uk).

Visit [T100festival.co.uk](https://www.t100festival.co.uk) to learn more. Follow us at @T100festival



**Together**  
productions

# Together Create

Making art together. Making change together.

**Get creative, boost your wellbeing,  
meet new friends and make a difference**

**Free weekly sessions for all ages:**

**Singing / song-writing sessions in Grays, Wednesday 10am-12pm**

**Art / making sessions in Tilbury, Wednesdays 3:30-5pm**

**Learn**



**Create**



**Sing**



**Make  
change**



**Meet new  
people**



**Cook**



Sign up at [www.togetherproductions.co.uk/events](http://www.togetherproductions.co.uk/events)

Find out more: [rachel@togetherproductions.co.uk](mailto:rachel@togetherproductions.co.uk)

or message/call us on 07378 968443





# *Want to help your local Museum and meet new people?*

**We need help to repack our artefacts and add important information to our Museum database.**

**Go behind the scenes at the Museum and:**

**Learn new skills**

**Meet new people**

**Gain work experience**

**Enhance your language skills**

Contact **[thurrock.museum@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:thurrock.museum@thurrock.gov.uk)** or  
google Thurrock Museum Routes to Roots to find  
out more.



 **[thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)**

# Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our  
parent  
group

## Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families: Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get  
in touch  
to sign up  
now!

*"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"*



### Programme details

If your child is above the national recommended growth percentile. Henry can support with:

- Family lifestyle habits
- Diet & nutrition
- Being active
- Emotional wellbeing

### Contact Us

School Health Service  
0300 300 1999 Opt 2

Essex

# ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food  
across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

## WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

[www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)



@EssexActivAte

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