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The GLC Parent Newsletter



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We have had a really busy and productive half term. There have been so many times where I have felt immense pride in what our young people are achieving under the guidance and support of our staff team in partnership with their families.

More and more our young people are leading the way to bring about change for their peers, across the GLC and in our community. They show incredible determination, bringing our GLC values [responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration] to life on a daily basis. It has been great to welcome so many parents to many different events, thank you for coming along to those to support your children.

As we move into the summer term I want to provide a brief update on the significant changes to the **Ofsted Inspection Framework** that came into effect on **10 November 2025**. These reforms represent a major shift in how schools are evaluated, moving away from one-word labels toward a more detailed report in the form of a report card.

Each of the following areas is now graded on a five-point scale, ranging from **Urgent Improvement** to **Exceptional**:

- **Inclusion** (A new, standalone focus on how well we support all learners, especially those with SEND).
- **Curriculum and Teaching**
- **Achievement**
- **Attendance and Behaviour**
- **Personal Development and Wellbeing**
- **Leadership and Governance**
- Safeguarding is judged as **Met** or **Not Met**.

You will be aware that The Gateway Academy and The Gateway Primary Free School were inspected in December 2024 and February 2025 achieving excellent results across all areas.

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The new framework recognises that "Expected Standard" is a high bar and a positive outcome, while the "Exceptional" grade highlights practice that is truly sector-leading. As ever we will continue to work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our pupils as in our motto-All Different: All Equal Together, Improving Upon Our Best.

I hope that you and your families have a lovely Easter break.





Primary Visit to the National Archives with Tilbury on the Thames Trust



Pupils from the Gateway Learning Community enjoyed an enriching visit to The National Archives, where their enthusiasm for history was brought to life through hands-on discovery. During the trip, students explored original historical documents and participated in interactive workshops designed to develop skills in examining sources, asking historically-rooted questions, and understanding how evidence shapes our knowledge of the past. The experience offered them a unique insight into the work of archivists and the importance of preserving national records, helping to deepen their curiosity about history and connect their classroom learning with real-world historical enquiry

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The GLC School Council Visit to Madame Mayor's Parlour and the Thurrock Council Chamber



Members of the GLC School Council recently visited the Mayor's Parlour and the Council Chamber at Thurrock Council, gaining a valuable insight into local democracy in action. In the Mayor's Parlour, students learned about the history of the borough and the role of the Mayor in serving the community.

In the Council Chamber, pupils took part in a lively debate on the proposal of a four-day school week. Sitting where real decisions are made, they confidently presented arguments for and against the motion, demonstrating thoughtful discussion, respect and maturity throughout.

We are incredibly proud of the engagement and professionalism shown by all involved.

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More Able Meeting - 'Event Planning on a Budget'

The Gateway Learning Community Primary More Able pupils recently came together for a collaborative enrichment session focused on "Event Planning on a Budget." Working in teams, the children explored what it takes to organise a successful event while managing limited resources. They discussed key priorities, made thoughtful decisions about spending, and allocated budgets to different elements of their plans. Throughout the session, pupils demonstrated creativity and critical thinking as they generated ideas, negotiated choices, and justified their decisions. The activity not only strengthened their teamwork and problem-solving skills but also encouraged them to think practically about balancing ambition with financial constraints. Thank you to Tamryn Lambson for leading the session.



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Exploring Cultures Through Playground Games, Compassion Week

Our Language Ambassadors have been busy sharing games from around the world with pupils across the school. Through these activities, they have celebrated different cultures while helping others learn new languages and ways of playing together.

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“**England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales...**” – a playground favourite that had pupils laughing and cheering.

Our Language Ambassadors have worked incredibly hard to lead these activities. By sharing games from different parts of the world, they have helped celebrate culture, encourage curiosity, and show compassion within our school community.

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The Thurrock Performance Poetry Competition

The Thurrock Performance Poetry Competition brings together students from across Thurrock schools to showcase their creativity, confidence, and love of language. After competing in earlier rounds, those selected for the heats earned their place in the final, where they delivered powerful and engaging performances. The event was expertly compered by our Board Director, Lynda Pritchard, and generously sponsored by the Grays Rotary Club.

The standard was incredibly high, making it a truly inspiring occasion – congratulations to all who took part, and especially to our well-deserved winners! This year marked for a special occasion as the Gateway Academy’s internal poetry competition winner Abigail opened the competition with her inspiring poem ‘belonging’ and a group of Year 7 students performed the fantastic Gateway Poem to close the competition.



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WWF Winter Wander



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the WWF Winter Wander today! The sun was shining, the company was fantastic, and our amazing Eco Warriors absolutely did us proud.

Together we raised £100 to support endangered animals and help maintain the protected habitats they rely on — a brilliant result for a winter walk!

It was wonderful to see so many people out enjoying nature while helping to protect it at the same time. Every step really does make a difference.



Culture Meeting

During this week's culture meeting, pupil leaders from across The GLC came together to collaborate on key initiatives. The "Creating Our Futures" group focused on evaluating Careers Week, analysing data and pupil voice to inform improvements, as well as considering changes to afternoon clubs and applying for additional funding for resources. The "Solving Our Problems" group shared feedback on the actions they have taken within their schools, reflecting on impact and discussing concerns in the local community.



Meanwhile, the Eco Warriors concentrated on planning for the upcoming Eco Fest, exploring the "My Money" aspect of the event, coordinating advertising, and engaging with community partners.

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Year 7, Student Leadership



Our Year 7 team are currently developing their leadership skills through environmental projects and focusing on the GLC value of responsibility. Students are working to identify an issue in their local area and propose solutions for a competition run by DP world and then will carry out the actions from their project with the group who make the most impact winning a prize for their efforts.

Our deputy head students Kara and Fatim work with Year 7's to support their work and also talk to the whole year group in assembly about issues that are important to them at the moment. They have spoken about the need to be resilient and next week they will talk to them about revision techniques and the importance of revision.

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Jack Petchey Awards

We were delighted to attend the annual Thurrock Jack Petchey Awards Evening, where eight of our students received awards in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Academy.

It was wonderful to see their parents and carers in attendance, sharing in this special moment and celebrating their achievements. Several families expressed their appreciation for the support, guidance and encouragement provided by The Gateway Academy. One parent shared, “The opportunities the Gateway pupils get are like none other – thank you for everything you all do at the Gateway.”

It was a fantastic evening celebrating our students’ incredible accomplishments. They represented the Academy with pride and should be extremely proud of their achievements.



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Inspirational Dance Workshops for Years 10 & 11



We were delighted to host an incredible workshop today for our Year 10 and 11 students, led by the talented dancers from Barking Abbey School.

We had a brilliant day, Barking Abbey School Students were an inspiration.

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World Book Day

This week, students at The Gateway Academy marked World Book Day with a range of engaging activities. Year 7 and Year 8 enjoyed a special World Book Day assembly celebrating the joy of reading and the power of storytelling.

In their lessons, Year 7 explored the theme of twisted fairy tales, considering how familiar stories can be retold from different perspectives. They also took part in a fun “Villain or Not?” fairy tale quiz, where they decided whether well-known characters were truly villains or simply misunderstood. The activities encouraged lively discussion and helped students think more deeply about characters and how stories can be reimagined.



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Dedicated Year 11's Stay for Revision Classes

We had 54 of our wonderful Year 11 students stay after school yesterday evening until 7pm for additional English and Maths revision. The atmosphere was fantastic, the students showed real commitment, focus and determination throughout the evening. It was lovely to see them working so hard and making the most of the opportunity.

A huge thank you must go to Toni Reynolds and Kim Hardey, who very generously gave up their time to run two excellent revision sessions. This wouldn't be possible without you going the extra mile for our students, and it is very much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Year 11 in so many different ways during this important time.



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ART CLUB ALERT!

The brief was Clay Under the Sea 🌊, and over the past three weeks, our Art Club students have been busy creating some truly remarkable pieces. From imaginative sea creatures to intricate underwater scenes, the level of creativity and skill on display is absolutely incredible. What fantastic masterpieces – well done to everyone!



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Year 9 Shine with Stunning Pointillism Art

Fantastic work from our Year 9 students on their Pointillism projects! They have been experimenting with this meticulous technique, using tiny dots of color to create striking images full of texture, depth, and vibrancy. The attention to detail and creativity shown by each student is truly impressive, resulting in pieces that are not only visually stunning but also a wonderful demonstration of patience and artistic skill. Well done to all!



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GA Careers Fair

Our annual Careers Fair took place on Thursday, providing students in Years 7–11 with the opportunity to engage with a wide range of organisations, including local businesses, global industries, and partner sixth forms, colleges and universities.

The event was a valuable success, with students demonstrating excellent engagement and curiosity throughout. It was particularly encouraging to see them speaking confidently with visitors and exploring a variety of potential pathways.

Why this matters

For many students aged 11–16, future careers can feel distant or abstract. Events like this play a key role in making those pathways more tangible by helping students to:

- Make links between their learning and real-world careers
- Discover new and unfamiliar opportunities
- Develop confidence through early professional interactions

The fair also supports our wider aim of preparing students for life beyond school, giving them insight into the skills, qualifications and attitudes valued by employers and educators.

Thank you to all staff who supported the organisation and smooth running of the day.





Dance Show

The recent Gateway Academy Dance Show was a spectacular success, showcasing the incredible talent and commitment of students from Years 7–11. The performers demonstrated true dedication, giving up their evenings and weekends to rehearse and perfect each routine.

The show featured a wide variety of dance styles, including contemporary, commercial, acro, and street, offering something for everyone in the audience. Each performance highlighted not only technical ability but also creativity and individuality.

What made the evening particularly impressive was the level of student involvement. Dancers choreographed and auditioned their own pieces of choreography, showing initiative, confidence, and artistic vision. This added a personal and authentic touch to the performances, making them even more engaging.

Throughout the show, the dancers displayed remarkable passion and talent, alongside the utmost professionalism. Their hard work was evident in every routine, resulting in a polished and entertaining performance that captivated the audience.





Overall, the Gateway Academy Dance Show was a memorable event that celebrated the creativity, resilience, and dedication of its students. It was a true testament to the thriving performing arts culture within the school.

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Year 6 River Thames & TATE Modern



During Spring 1, Year 6 enjoyed an educational visit to London, including a River Thames cruise and a trip to Tate Modern. The day began with a boat journey along the Thames, where pupils viewed famous landmarks and made links to their geography learning about rivers and London's development. The children then visited Tate Modern, exploring a range of modern artworks and sharing their thoughts and interpretations. The visit encouraged discussion, creativity and reflection. Overall, the trip was an engaging and memorable experience that helped bring classroom learning to life.



World Book Day



"I liked pretending to be the troll because I had to think about why he didn't want the goats to cross his bridge."

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Year 1 Scooter Training

Year 1 pupils participated in a scooter training session on Wednesday 11th March. They learned how to ride their scooters safely, including how to start, stop, and turn properly. The pupils also learned important road safety rules, such as looking both ways before crossing and wearing helmets.

Everyone practiced their skills carefully on the training course, and the teachers were very impressed with how focused and responsible the children were. The pupils had lots of fun while learning to keep themselves safe on the road, and many said they can't wait to ride their scooters at home.

It was a great day of learning and exercise, and everyone showed how safe and confident scooter riders they can be!



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Year 2 Welcome Chicks to the Classroom

Year 2 pupils at Gateway Primary Free School have been delighted to watch new life unfold in their classroom as their eggs began to hatch. The children eagerly observed the eggs each day, learning about how the chicks developed and grew.

There was great excitement as the chicks finally emerged, giving pupils the chance to witness these special first moments up close. This hands-on experience has been both educational and inspiring, helping the children to connect with nature while deepening their understanding of life cycles.

It has been a memorable experience for everyone involved, sparking curiosity, care, and a real sense of wonder in the classroom.



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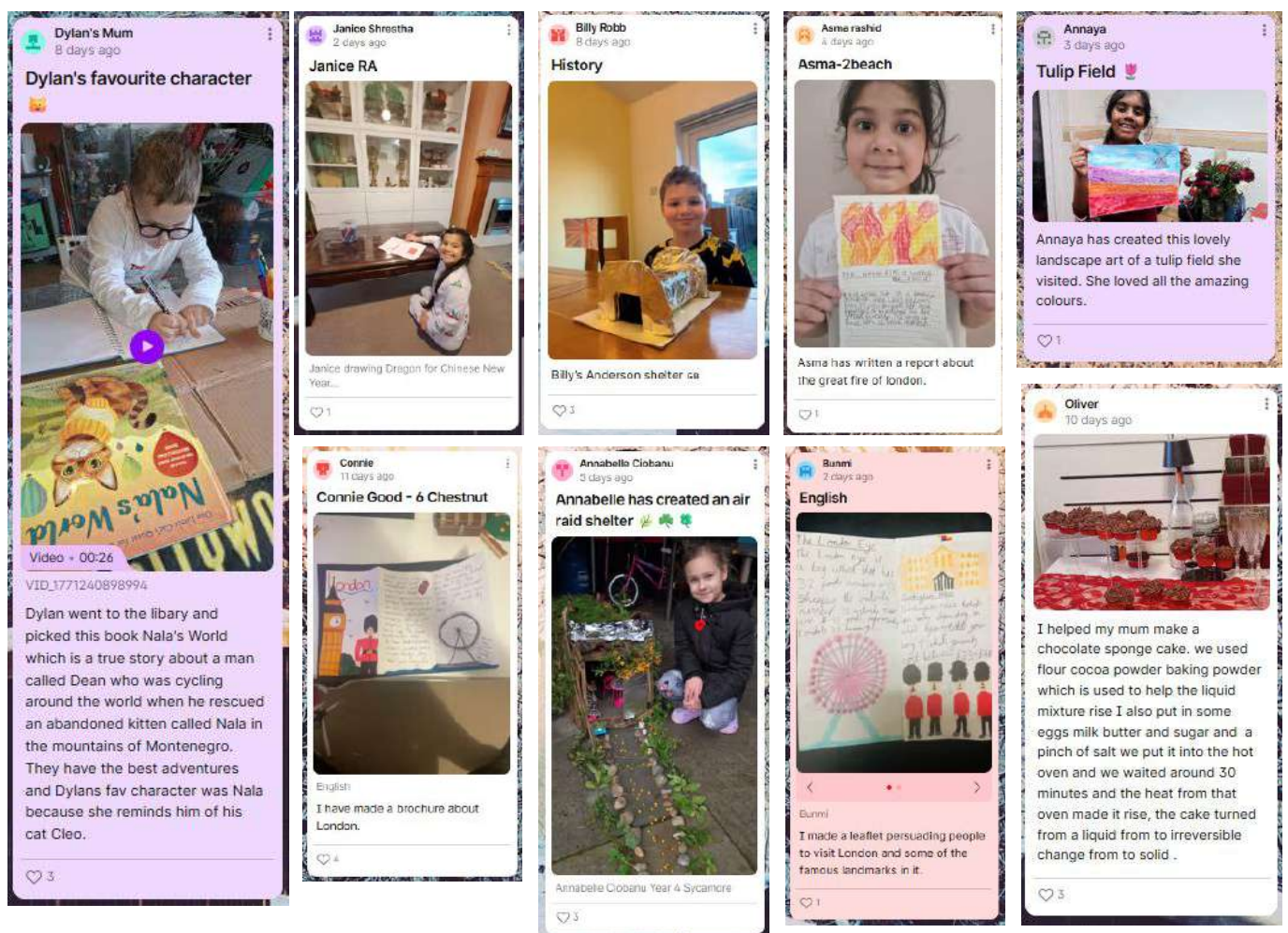


Family Learning Project

We've loved seeing the fantastic work the children brought back; the variety and imagination on display have been a real highlight of our first week back.

More here:

<https://padlet.com/adminherringham/spr-1-26-family-learning-project-31cy6s5gd/dlba67r>





World Book Day



"Decorating our classroom door was really fun because we got to turn it into a fairy tale setting."

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Year 4 Stone Age Workshop

Year 4 began their new history topic with an exciting workshop that took them back thousands of years to the Stone Age. The children were welcomed by a Stone Age man who guided them through a range of hands-on activities.

First, they created cave paintings using chalk and charcoal on pieces of slate, inspired by real Stone Age artwork. They then transferred their designs onto paper to record in their Curriculum books.

Later, the children learned archery, where they were taught how to hold a bow, aim, and shoot arrows at animal targets. Everyone supported and encouraged each other, and some impressive shots were made. It seems their Stone Age guide will have deer or boar for dinner tonight!





Royal Ballet and Opera, Back Stage Tours

Our Arts Council members, as well as aspiring artists and designers from KS1 and KS2, went on an exciting trip to the ROH Production Park in Thurrock! They went behind the scenes to see how scenery and costumes are designed and made, for their shows. It was amazing to see where all the magic happens in the welding and architecture rooms, from the huge scenery to the tiny details on stage.

The best part was the chance to create and design costumes. Our pupils rolled up their sleeves to experiment with different materials and styles, learning how clothes help tell a character's story. This was further inspired by our visit to the costume store room, where pupils had the opportunity to get into character.

Pupils demonstrated a high level of curiosity and creativity throughout our afternoon, and left feeling inspired by their potential future jobs.





Year 2 Welcomes Ducklings to the Classroom

Year 2 have been thrilled to watch new life unfold in their classroom as they hatched duck eggs! The students have been eagerly observing the eggs, learning about the development process, and experiencing the excitement of the ducklings' first moments. This hands-on project has been both educational and inspiring, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and witness the miracle of life up close.





Inter Schools Basketball Competition Winners

On Wednesday 25th March, the GLC primary schools came together for the much-anticipated GLC Basketball Finals. The event brought an exciting atmosphere, with pupils demonstrating impressive skill, determination, and enthusiasm throughout the competition.

All players represented their schools with pride, showing outstanding resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship in every match. Each game was closely contested, reflecting the hard work and commitment the teams had put into preparing for the tournament.

At the end of the competition, the scores from all matches were carefully totalled to determine the overall winners. Herringham Primary School emerged victorious in both the girls' and boys' categories, an incredible achievement that highlights the strength and depth of their teams.

In recognition of their success, both teams were proudly awarded the championship shield.



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Movie Night

The children had a wonderful time at the PTA-organised Movie Night, settling in with excitement as the film began. Laughter and chatter filled the room while they enjoyed popcorn, cookies and a drink creating a cosy, joyful atmosphere. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to relax, spend time with friends, and enjoy a special evening together.



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Time Tables Rockstars Winners!

We are delighted to share the results of the MTC NSPCC National Competition held on Friday 6th February. LPA achieved 1st place in Greater London out of 521 schools and 11th place nationally out of 4,011 schools. This is a fantastic

team achievement, and we thank all Year 4 pupils for their enthusiasm, determination and hard work.

We are especially proud of two pupils who placed in the top 14 nationally out of more than 300,000 participants — an exceptional accomplishment.



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Year 5 Trip, Riverboat to London and Tate Modern



Year 5 had a fantastic time on their trip to London, trading their desks for the bustling banks of the Thames! As a central part of our Geography unit on Rivers, the children took to the water on a river boat, gaining a first-hand look at the scale and significance of the River Thames. It was wonderful to hear them identifying landmarks they have learnt about in their Geography unit. The day was further enriched by a visit to the Tate, where the children explored incredible artwork and sharpened their observational skills. The children enjoyed looking at artwork and sketching throughout the trip.

World Book Day



"I liked making my crown because it made me feel like I was a character in a fairy tale."

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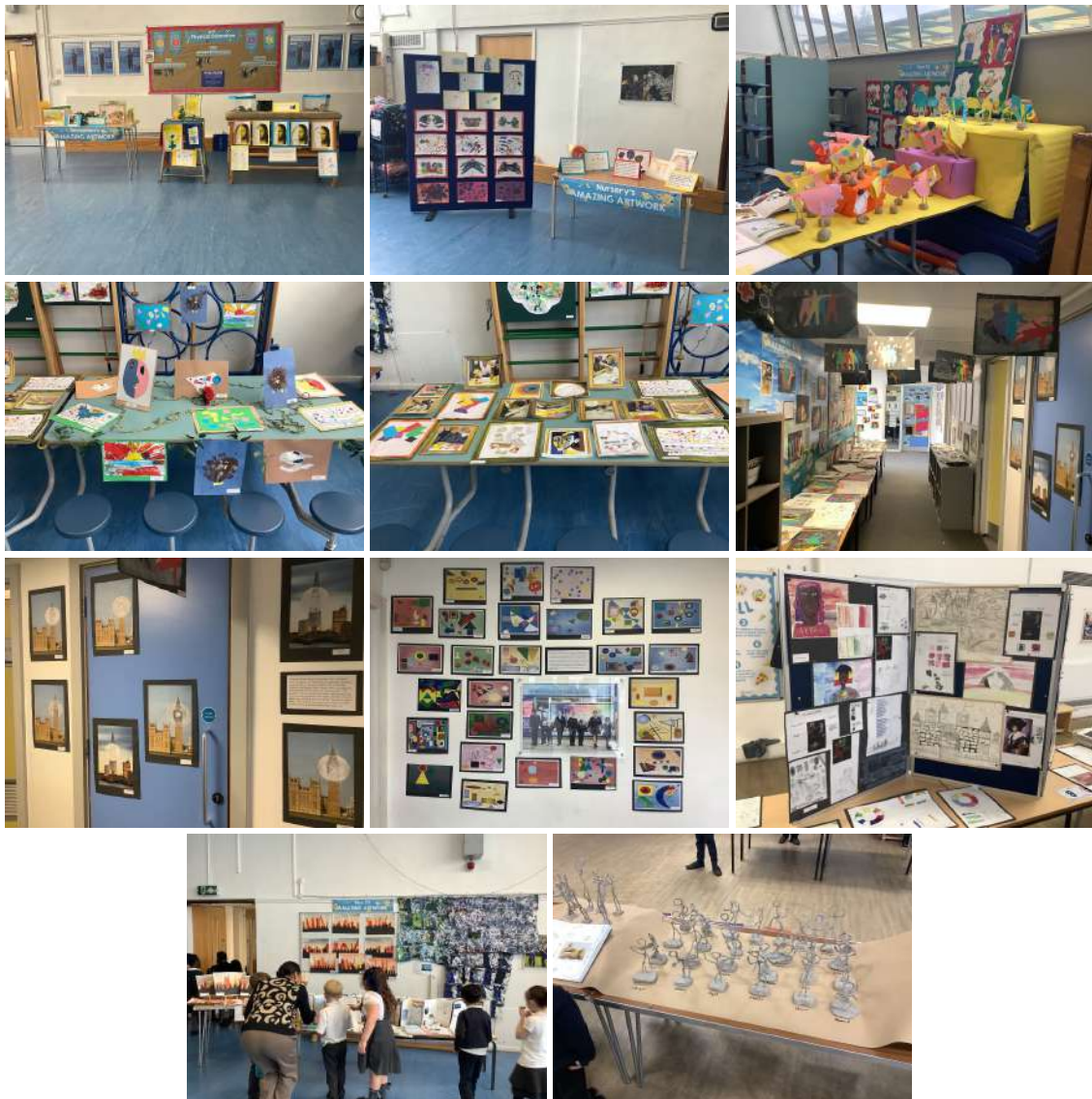
Exploring the Power of the Sun – Science Week Family Learning



During Science Week, families took part in a fun family learning activity where they made UV bracelets to explore how strong the sun's rays can be. Using special UV-sensitive beads, participants created colourful bracelets that change colour when exposed to sunlight. This hands-on activity helped children and their families understand ultraviolet (UV) radiation and how sunlight intensity can vary throughout the day.

Exploring the Power of the Sun – Science Week Family Learning

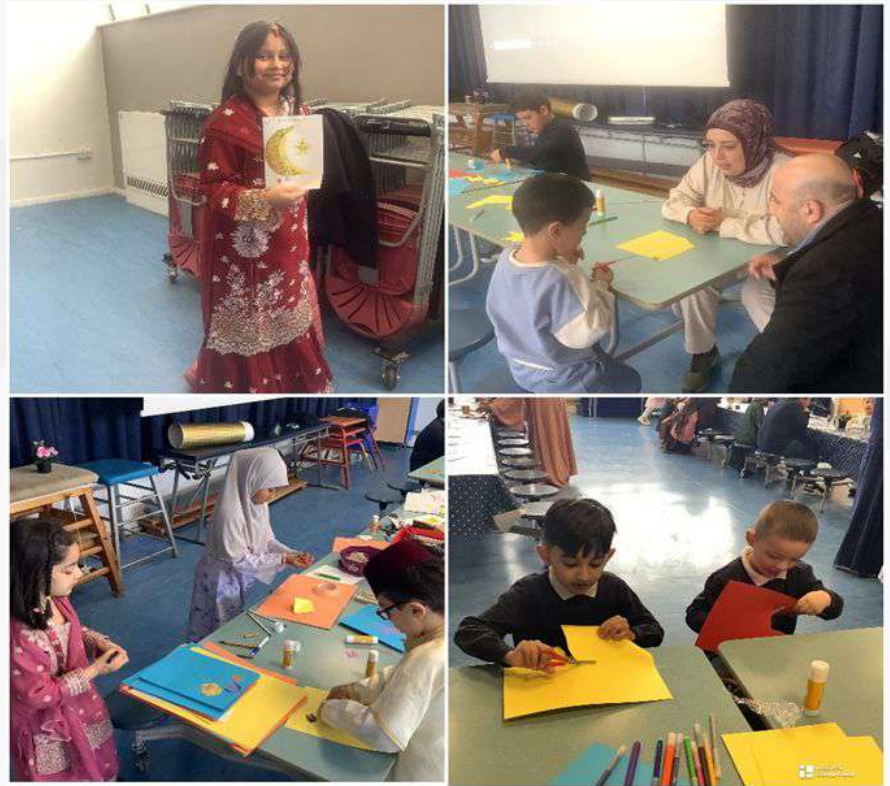
On Monday, 16th March, LPA transformed into an artistic kaleidoscope, showcasing the remarkable artwork by children from Nursery through to Year 6; including all of our Provisions. This exhibition highlighted the creative efforts of our students, who diligently worked on their projects from the Autumn term through to the Spring term. The innovative display of their art was both engaging and visually captivating, providing a rich experience for all attendees, including parents, who had the opportunity to explore the Art Gallery after school. The pride exhibited by the children in their hard work and dedication to the arts was evident, making this event a true celebration of creativity and talent within our school community.



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Eid Breakfast

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Eid breakfast on Friday 20th March. Events like these are incredibly important to us, as they reflect one of our school's greatest strengths – our diverse and vibrant community. By taking the time to learn about and celebrate each other's traditions, we continue to build a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child and family feels a true sense of belonging.



Staff thoroughly enjoyed the warm conversations throughout the morning, as well as the creativity, fun, and resilience shown during the star-making activity. It was a truly memorable occasion, and we are already looking forward to our next celebration together.

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Arts Council Backstage Tour of the Royal Ballet and Opera

Our Arts Council students had an exciting day taking part in backstage tours at the Royal Ballet and Opera. The 30 pupils were split into two groups: one began with a tour of the Production Workshop while the other explored the Design Workshop in the Coachman's Café. After a short break for refreshments, the groups swapped activities, giving everyone the chance to experience both areas. The visit offered a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at stage production, set and costume design, and the creative processes that bring world-class performances to life. It was an inspiring and memorable experience for all the students.





Meandering Monday Wellbeing Walk

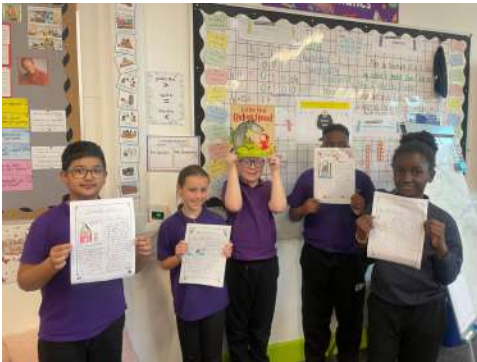
Our Wellbeing Ambassadors and Eco-Warriors took over Davy Down for a day of leadership and community action! Highlights included:

- Student-Led Fun: Nature potion making and safety briefings.
- Community Voice: A Q&A with Balfour Betty and local residents about the new crossing project.
- Celebration: Well-deserved certificates for all our leaders!
- A fantastic day of wellbeing and local impact.





World Book Day



"I loved making Rapunzel's plaits because it made me think about the story."



Q&A Session with Balfour Beatty

Our Wellbeing Ambassador took an active role in engaging with the community by asking key questions during a Q&A session with Balfour Beatty about the new level crossing being constructed in our local area. The session provided an important opportunity to raise concerns, gain clarity on the project's timeline, safety measures, and impact on the community, and ensure that residents' voices were heard.

It was inspiring to see our students confidently represent their peers and contribute to a meaningful discussion about local developments





Football Champions

With the Thurrock Schools Football League coming to a close, the Pioneer Y5/6 boys football team were crowned CHAMPIONS of the Central League Group 2! This is an outstanding achievement for our group of boys and we are so very proud of their effort throughout the campaign. The team managed to score 19 goals in the season and only concede 7 which shows how the team have been set up to play throughout the course of the season. The group showed tonnes of resilience and never backed down from challenging fixtures that really put them to the test. A trophy will be sent to the school to showcase their achievement this year.

The following boys have played in fixtures across the season resulting to our success:

Isaac S
Kian M
Jason S
Zane M
Charlie P
Lenny B
Logan M
Jack J
Jason O
Oliver S



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Art Gallery

It was wonderful to see the school buzzing with excitement as students proudly showed off their creative masterpieces, the talent on display was incredible.

We loved seeing our young artists share their hard work with you and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces. Thank you for making it such a special and memorable event!



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The Ormiston Trust

The Ormiston Trust believes in a future where all young people can lead fulfilling lives. With the right tools and support, young people and their families can become

empowered to make a positive difference on the issues affecting their lives, communities, and broader society.

Ormiston Trust was established in 1968 after a family tragedy when Fiona Ormiston Murray and her husband tragically died on their honeymoon in 1968. Over 40 years, Ormiston Trust has provided added-value support, resources, and funding for projects and institutions to achieve these goals. One of our key programmes over the last six years has been uniting young people with a shared belief in the power of youth social action. This programme takes the lead from young people, who can develop their skills, resilience, and well-being and create change to tackle issues they care about.

We know we can make a difference by partnering with and investing in schools, charities, and organisations.

We are proud supporters of three Multi-Academy Trusts:

- Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT)
- The Gateway Learning Community
- Birmingham Ormiston Academy comprises BOA Stage and Screen Production Academy and BOA Digital Technologies Academy

We also support Ormiston Families, which runs a diverse range of services for children, young people, and families to improve the mental health, well-being, and life chances of the people we work with and ensure brighter futures for the next generation.

The GLC Primary Competencies

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





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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The GA Dance Show 2026

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GLC PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROVISION 2025-2026

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

Monday 20th October 2025
Tuesday 21st October 2025
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

October Half Term
Herringham Primary Academy

Easter
Lansdowne Primary Academy

Monday 30th March 2026
Tuesday 31st March 2026
Wednesday 1st April 2026

Monday 27th July 2026
Tuesday 28th July 2026
Wednesday 29th July 2026

Summer
Gateway Primary Free School

£10 per child

8:30AM - 3:30PM

Spaces available for Year 1 - Year 6



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.

Click on the images below for more information



Update to The GLC Website...



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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Wellbeing Events

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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.

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GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
Invigilators	RWI Fast Track Tutor Collaborative Classroom Teacher Inclusion Advocate Assistant Head Classroom Teacher		Class Teacher [TLR Negotiable] SEND Specialist Teacher Learning Support Assistant	Deputy Head for Inclusion	Finance Apprentice

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Join The Drama Geezers for The Great Thurrock Storybook; a fun, interactive storytelling adventure for the whole family.

Children and grown-ups will invent characters, explore magical places, and decide what happens next using drama, drawing, and imagination.

Each library creates a new chapter, building one big story together with families from across Thurrock. At the end, the finished adventure will be turned into a printed storybook for everyone to enjoy.

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Belhus Library 11am

Aveley Library 2pm



Thursday 2nd April 2026

East Tilbury Library 11am

Corringham Library 2pm

To reserve your free space, please contact the library



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THE GLC RECRUITMENT FAIR

Date: Thursday 30th April 2026

Time: 4:30pm - 6pm

Location: Tilbury Pioneer Academy,
Dickens Avenue, Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8HJ

We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic staff who are ready to make a positive difference to our young people and to support our mission of developing active and thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

#jointheglctrust

BENEFITS FOR TEACHERS WORKING WITHIN THE GLC

- **Golden hello:** Staff receive a golden hello payment of £1000 after a qualifying period of 12 months [Payable to Teachers and LSAs on MPS/UPS]
- **Flexible working:** All applications for flexible working will be considered in-line with the GLC flexible working policy
- **Employee assist programme & insurance:** All staff can take advantage of our health and wellbeing plan via our partnership with Westfield Health. This includes: 24/7 access to a doctor, a 24 hour advice & information line, dental treatment, various therapies, gym and retail discounts and a variety of rewards
- **Cycle to work scheme:** All staff can take part in our cycle to work scheme, enabling them to hire a bike and cycling equipment, with the cost taken from your monthly salary before national insurance and income tax are deducted



Drop in to The Gateway Learning Community Recruitment Fair

Register your attendance via our Google form:
<https://forms.gle/gJCb5w7yznkARmcc9>

Walk-ins
are welcome



Scan here to complete
the attendance form

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/1MMD2uhwEXshDwS9>



Must bring a packed lunch and water bottle



Please bring a spare change of clothing



Check it out!

The Thurrock Physical Activity Booklet [March 2026] highlights a wide range of free or low-cost activities across Thurrock to support health and wellbeing. It includes sessions for all ages, such as children’s holiday clubs, inclusive fitness classes, outdoor walks, team sports, and dance. The booklet also promotes support services like the Thurrock Healthy Lifestyle Service and encourages community involvement through volunteering and local events.

[Free & Low Cost Physical Activities: March 2026 - Thurrock CVS](#)





FREE School Uniform



free for everyone,
no referral needed!

Events

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

Saturdays
10 - 11.30am

- 16th January
- 20th February
- 20th March
- 17th April
- 15th May
- 19th June



- 17th January
- 21st February
- 21st March
- 18th April
- 16th May
- 20th June



Community Church Chadwell St Mary
Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)
RM16 4QR

Save the planet  and your pennies 
Hundreds of items in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Shirts & blouses
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Pinafore dresses
- Fancy dress costumes
- Jumpers & cardigans
- Blazers & ties
- PE kit
- Plimsolls
- Black shoes
- Coats
- Bags

Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project" or email nicola.lambert@mycommunitychurch.org.uk

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church.
Registered charity no. 1062301.





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.

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





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



SCAN ME

