



THE GLADESMORE POST

PARENTS & GUARDIANS NEWSLETTER

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REACHing New Heights ~ Celebrating our Success!



Gladesmore Community School is filled with pride following the publication of our Summer 2026 GCSE and vocational results. On Results Day, our Year 11 pupils celebrated their fantastic achievements alongside parents, family members, dedicated staff and special guest Councillor Mark Blake, Leader of Haringey Council. Our pupils have secured an impressive set of outcomes across a wide range of subjects, reflecting their hard work, determination and commitment throughout their time at Gladesmore.



This year, there was a 7% increase in overall attainment compared to last year, with attainment improving in 14 subjects. There were also significant improvements in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.

The percentage of pupils achieving a Grade 5 or above in English and Maths increased by 11% this year to 45%, while 59% secured a Grade 4 or above in both subjects.

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The Power of Attendance

This year's results also provide compelling evidence of the powerful link between attendance and academic achievement.

Students with an attendance of 95% or above (fewer than 10 school days absent across the academic year) achieved, on average, 1.3 grades higher in every subject than students whose attendance was between 90% and 95%. Compared with students whose attendance was below 90%, students with attendance of 95% or above achieved, on average, 2.6 grades higher in every subject.

This reinforces a simple but powerful message: every day in school matters. The achievements of our Class of 2026 demonstrate that excellent attendance remains one of the strongest foundations for academic success.

Our Year 11 students will now progress to a range of sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeships, training and employment opportunities, with destinations including London Academy of Excellence Tottenham, Haringey Sixth Form, The Leys School, Cambridge, Woodhouse College and many others.

These outcomes are the result of a real team effort. I would like to thank our staff for their commitment, our parents and carers for the support they have given their children, and our governors for their support and challenge in helping to secure the very best outcomes for our pupils. Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing Year 11 students for their hard work and the way they have responded to the challenges and opportunities presented to them.

We are proud of what our pupils have achieved, but we are equally excited about what comes next for them. They leave Gladesmore with our very best wishes and with the confidence that they are capable of achieving even more in the future.

DREAM. REACH. ACHIEVE.

Welcome to Gladesmore



As the new academic year begins, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our students and families ~ especially those joining us for the first time in Year 7. Starting secondary school is a big step, and we understand it can bring both excitement and nerves. The Safeguarding Team is here to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and ready to thrive in their new environment.

Safeguarding is about promoting the welfare of all children and protecting them from harm. This includes everything from mental and emotional wellbeing, to online safety, family support, and more. If you're ever concerned about your child's safety or wellbeing, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help. You can reach us directly by emailing the Safeguarding Team at safeguarding@gladesmore.com. No concern is too small, and your child's safety is always our priority.

We'd also like to welcome back our returning students and families. We hope you all had a safe and restful summer break. As ever, we are here to support both students and parents throughout the year. If you would like to speak to someone from the Safeguarding Team in person, please email us in advance to arrange an appointment. While we are always happy to meet with parents, the structure of the school day means we cannot guarantee we'll be available for unplanned visits ~ but we will always do our best to find a suitable time as quickly as possible.

We look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

THE GCS SAFEGUARDING TEAM

The safeguarding of our children is our school's highest priority. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility at Gladesmore Community School.

Please do reach out if you are worried or in need of support. Children, parents, carers, we know that it can be challenging to come forwards when things are difficult, but please get in touch so that we can help.



Ms T. Marshall
*Designated
Safeguarding Lead*



Ms Cope
*Safeguarding
Officer*



Ms Moaka
*Safeguarding
Officer*

: safeguarding@gladesmore.com

or,

: **0208 800 0884**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA HAVE CHANGED

**YOUR CHILD MAY
NOW BE ELIGIBLE**

If your household receives Universal Credit,
your child may qualify for Free School Meals.



**ALREADY RECEIVING
FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

If you have not given us updated
information, please do so now to avoid
losing your child's entitlement.



DEADLINE EXTENDED
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2026

CHECK. UPDATE. DON'T MISS OUT.

More details: www.gladesmore.com

Questions or support: fsm@gladesmore.com



Welcoming Our New Students, Parents & Carers to the Gladesmore Community

At Gladesmore, we are proud of the strong sense of community that runs through our school. Students, families, staff and governors all play an important part in creating the supportive, ambitious environment in which our young people can thrive.

From the moment a student joins Gladesmore, our aim is clear: to provide an outstanding education, high expectations and the encouragement they need to achieve their very best. Our students are supported by dedicated teachers and support staff, enriched by a wide range of opportunities, and encouraged to develop the confidence, character and ambition that will prepare them for life beyond school.

Parents and carers are central to that journey. The strongest outcomes are achieved when school and home work in partnership, with open communication, shared expectations and a common belief in what each young person can achieve.

One of the things that makes Gladesmore particularly special is the lasting connection people have with the school. Many members of our teaching and support staff were themselves Gladesmore students, while others have chosen Gladesmore for their own children. That continuity speaks powerfully about the trust, pride and sense of belonging within our community.

As we begin a new academic year, we warmly welcome every new student, parent and carer. We look forward to working together, celebrating success and supporting every young person to:

Dream. REACH. Achieve.



TOP TIPS



- Please ensure all your child's clothing and where possible other belongings eg school bag, pencil case, calculator etc, is clearly labelled so that if it gets misplaced, it can be returned to its rightful owner.
- Please ensure you regularly check the [edulinkone](#) app so you are kept up to date with all school matters.
- With the weather now getting colder students must be dressed in **full Gladesmore uniform** to keep themselves warm. No hooded tops will be allowed.
- If your child will not be in school, do not forget to contact the school on the first morning of their first day of absence to explain why they are not in. You can do this via email ~ attendance@gladesmore.com or telephone ~ 0208 800 0884 and select 'option 1' when prompted.
- Please continue to notify us of any concerns you or your child may have on admin@gladesmore.com.
- For any safeguarding issues please contact the safeguarding team at safeguarding@gladesmore.com.

Expectations of Your Child at School: A Partnership for Success

At Gladesmore, we are dedicated to fostering a positive and safe environment that encourages every student to achieve their best academically, socially and personally. Our core REACH values ~ Respect, Enthusiasm, Aspiration, Cooperation, and Hard Work ~ are the foundation of everything we do. By working together, we can help your child develop into a respectful and responsible individual, both within the school and in the wider community.

Respect: The Foundation of Our School Community

Respect is the cornerstone of our REACH values, and is crucial to maintaining a positive and effective learning environment. We expect all students to demonstrate respect at all times ~ for themselves, their peers, teachers, and the community. Respect means valuing differences and treating others as they wish to be treated, so that their behaviour reflects well on themselves and our school.

In the classroom, respect is shown through active listening, following instructions, and contributing positively to discussions. Outside of school, our students are ambassadors of Gladesmore, and their behaviour reflects on all of us. We expect students to show respect in the local community, whether they are on public transport, visiting local shops, or interacting with members of the public. Simple acts like using polite language, being mindful of others, and respecting property make a significant impact.

We want our students to understand that respect is not just a school rule; it is a life skill that builds strong relationships and earns trust. By teaching respect, we are not only preparing them to become responsible citizens, but are creating a harmonious environment for all. We also hope that parents will model and reinforce these behaviours at home, helping to create a consistent message about the importance of respect.

Enthusiasm: Embracing Learning with Positivity

As part of our REACH values, we expect students to approach their learning with enthusiasm and a positive mindset. Whether it is tackling a new topic, participating in extracurricular activities, or supporting a classmate, enthusiasm fosters resilience and a love of learning. We ask parents to encourage their child to embrace new challenges and to celebrate their efforts, as well as their achievements.

Aspiration: Striving for your Personal Best

Aspiration is about setting high expectations and working towards personal goals. We guide every student to set their own targets and work diligently to achieve them. By encouraging your child to aim high, you reinforce that perseverance and commitment lead to success. Together, we can nurture their aspirations and help them realise their full potential.

Cooperation: Working Together for Success

Cooperation is essential to our REACH values and helps build a supportive and inclusive school community. We expect students to work collaboratively, show kindness, and value others' contributions. These cooperative behaviours are vital life skills that extend beyond the classroom. We ask parents to encourage these values at home, promoting teamwork and respect for others.

Hard Work: Commitment to Learning and Growth

Hard work is key to achieving both academic and personal success. We encourage students to take pride in their efforts, stay committed to their studies, and persevere through challenges. By fostering a strong work ethic at home, you help your child develop resilience and independence, qualities that will serve them well in all areas of life.

Ensuring Safe and Responsible Travel

Your child's safety is our top priority, and it is essential that students go straight home after school. We request that students avoid lingering in local parks, estates, or other areas while still in their school uniform. This helps ensure their safety and prevents any potential misunderstandings or safety concerns in the community. To be safe, we strongly advise that children do not have mobile phones or other valuables visible on their journey home from school.

Lingering in areas outside of school can sometimes lead to situations where students may be at risk or seen in a negative light. By going directly home, students help to maintain a positive image of Gladesmore and stay out of potentially unsafe situations. Additionally, we remind parents that students should not be using e-bikes, as they are underage and this poses significant safety risks. We encourage you to discuss safe and direct travel routes with your child, emphasising the importance of reaching home promptly and safely. This conversation helps to instil habits of responsible behaviour and ensures that your child understands the importance of their personal safety.

Working Together: A Shared Responsibility

We believe that our REACH values start at home, and your involvement is crucial in reinforcing them. We ask you to support us by encouraging respectful behaviour, discussing the importance of our values with your child, and reminding them of their role as representatives of our school. Your engagement not only strengthens our partnership but also helps ensure that your child understands the seriousness of respect and its impact on their success.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can inspire your child to REACH their full potential by being respectful, enthusiastic, aspirational, cooperative, and hardworking, both at school and within the wider community.

If you have concerns or would like advice on behaviour, a member of the Behaviour Team will be happy to help you Please contact us at:

behaviour@gladesmore.com

Welcoming Our New Cohort: Summer School 2026 Success!

Over 150 incoming Year 7 students joined us for ten action-packed days of Summer School, an important part of our transition programme designed to give students a positive introduction to secondary school life.

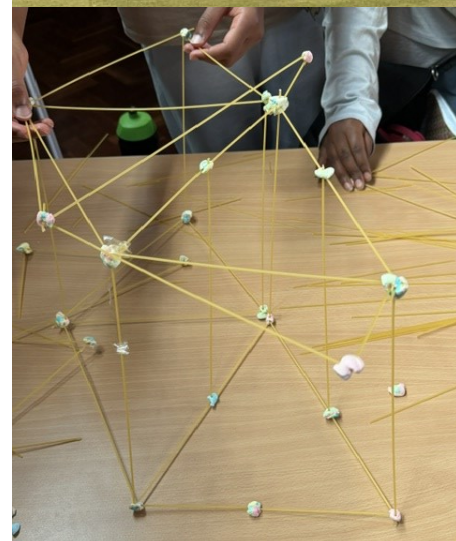
The programme focused on helping students settle in, build confidence and form new friendships before September. Collaboration was at the heart of the experience, with students working together on a range of challenges, including a creative fashion show using newspaper and recycled materials and an engineering challenge to build the tallest tower using only spaghetti and sellotape! Throughout the activities, students consistently demonstrated our REACH values.

Students also took part in interactive 'Learning 2 Learn' sessions, exploring their hopes, worries and goals about joining Gladesmore. They developed practical skills to support their transition, including reading timetables, navigating the school, preparing their bags, understanding classroom expectations and recognising the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Every student also earned achievement points to give them a head start with our rewards system.

There was plenty of time for fun too, including a trip to Rowan's Bowling Alley, where students enjoyed competing and cheering each other on. We were also grateful for a generous food delivery from The Felix Project, who work with Haringey to support local families during the school holidays.

The programme ended with a sports competition and a special awards assembly, where all students were recognised for their hard work and commitment. We would like to thank Ms Fehimli, Mr Thompson, Mr Shokunbi, Mr Gulam and Mr C Lawrence for their energy and dedication in making the programme such a success.

We are delighted to welcome such a fantastic group of students to Gladesmore and look forward to working with them, and their parents and carers, over the next five years!





Empowering Every Learner: Introducing Our Year 7 Saturday School

As our Year 7 students settle into the rhythm of secondary school, we remain fully committed to ensuring that every child has the tools, confidence, and foundational skills needed to reach their full potential. To support this goal, we are delighted to introduce our upcoming Year 7 Saturday School initiative, a tailored, supportive intervention programme designed to provide a targeted academic boost for students who would benefit from extra guided practice.

The primary aim of Saturday School is to strengthen core subject knowledge, with a strong focus on key skills in English and Mathematics. By keeping group sizes small, our dedicated staff can offer personalised attention, address specific learning gaps, and reinforce concepts introduced during regular weekday lessons. This calm, focused weekend environment gives students the space to ask questions freely, work through challenging topics at a comfortable pace, and build genuine confidence without the distractions of a busy school day. We are very fortunate to be able to offer 1:1 tuition from Highgate Independent School 6th Form students as part of this provision. Experience shows that our Year 7 students are able to engage with older students in a way that supports their understanding and knowledge retention.

Sessions will run on selected Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 1 pm, starting in September and ending in March, when we will visit Highgate School to recognise and celebrate everyone's hard work.

Each Saturday will start with a sports session to get minds and bodies ready for the learning that follows. This will then lead into two focused learning blocks with a short break in between. The day will end with all students receiving a packed lunch for their journey home. Because this is a targeted intervention, places are offered by invitation to ensure that support is directed precisely where it will make the greatest impact.

We view this programme as a vital partnership between school and home. Invitations with full details and specific dates will be sent directly to eligible families in the coming week. If your child receives an invitation, we strongly encourage you to take full advantage of this opportunity; consistent attendance can make a transformative difference to a student's academic progress and self-esteem. We look forward to working with you to help our Year 7s build a strong, successful foundation for the years ahead.

YEAR 7 SATURDAY TRANSITION SCHOOL 2026 ~ 2027		
TERM	SESSION NUMBER	SATURDAY
Autumn Term 9:00am ~ 1:00pm Light lunch provided	1	03 October 2026
	2	10 October 2026
	3	07 November 2026
	4	14 November 2026
	5	21 November 2026
	6	28 November 2026
	7	05 December 2026
Spring Term 9:00am ~ 1:00pm Light lunch provided	8	09 January 2027
	9	16 January 2027
	10	23 January 2027
	11	30 January 2027
	12	06 February 2027
	13	27 February 2027
	14	06 March 2027
	Saturday Transition School Celebration	13 March 2027

Students Asked. We Listened: New Atrium Toilets Open

Our new atrium toilets are now open and they are already receiving a very positive response from students.

The improvements were made following feedback from students, who asked for cleaner, more modern facilities that offered greater privacy and felt safer and more comfortable to use. We listened carefully to what they told us and used their views to shape the refurbishment.

This week, the Student Council reported that students are particularly pleased with the new sensor operated features, which reduce the need to touch shared surfaces. They also highlighted the sturdy, secure cubicles, improved privacy and more open layout. One Student Council representative described the new facilities as “a clean, well-maintained environment” and said students felt that their privacy was being respected.

This is an important example of student voice leading to visible change. At Gladesmore, listening to the community we serve is not simply about gathering views, it is about acting on them wherever we can.

We are delighted that students are enjoying the new facilities and ask everyone to help us keep them clean, welcoming and in excellent condition for the whole school community.

ATTENDANCE AT GLADESMORE ~ EVERY DAY MATTERS!

A good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life, at Gladesmore we want our children to have a great education and to go on to achieve amazing things. Their chances of having a successful future will be affected by not attending school regularly.

Help to give your child their best chance of succeeding by making sure they attend school regularly; aiming to achieve **at least 97% attendance**. Did you know that if your child is absent for a total of 7 days in a school year their attendance falls below 97%, if they are absent for 21 days their attendance rate drops to below 90% and they are classed as persistent absentees!

Research suggests that missing just 17 days from school equates to a full GCSE grade lower in every subject that your child takes. It has also been found that students with 97% ~ 100% attendance are likely to achieve two GCSE grades higher than students with 85% attendance.

School is open from 8:00am with free breakfast available to all and the Success Lounge is open for independent study. The school day officially begins at 8:35am each day. However, your child must be in school **at least 5 minutes early** to give them time to get to their tutor rooms in order to be registered at the correct time.

Being in school, every day on time is the best way forward for your child!

ABSENCE

You must report your child's absence by 8:30am on each day that they are absent. Please either email ~ attendance@gladesmore.com or phone ~ 0208 800 0884 and select option 1 when prompted. For absence due to illness which lasts more than three days medical evidence is required.

Parents are reminded that holidays during term time are unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible. If this is not possible, please schedule them at the beginning or end of the school day.

Remember, being in school, every day on time is the best way forward for your child!

Relaunching Our PTA: Building Stronger Connections for Gladesmore

We are thrilled to announce the official relaunch of the Gladesmore Parent Teacher Association (PTA). As a school, we know that our strength comes from our community, and we are keen to work even more closely with our local area to foster positive relationships and raise the profile of Gladesmore across the entire borough.



To make this vision a reality, we are looking for keen, enthusiastic parents and carers who have fresh ideas and a genuine drive to support our school. Our ultimate goal remains clear: *"providing an outstanding all-round education, where our pupils make impressive progress in a positive, friendly, community atmosphere."* By relaunching the PTA, we want to create a dedicated platform where families can share their voices, collaborate with staff, and directly contribute to school life.

A primary focus for the PTA will be fundraising to provide additional enrichment opportunities for the amazing young people at Gladesmore. From extra-curricular trips and workshops to updated facilities and resources, every penny raised will go straight back into giving our students the very best experiences possible.

We will be holding meetings throughout the academic year to plan events, discuss new initiatives, and stay connected. Our autumn term meetings will all take place from **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** on the following dates:

- **Monday, 5th October**
- **Monday, 9th November**
- **Monday, 7th December**

It would be great if we could establish a committed group of people determined to do the right thing for Gladesmore students. Whether you can offer a little time, a great idea, or a specific skill, your support will make a world of difference. If you would like to get involved or find out more, please email us directly at:

pta@gladesmore.com.

We look forward to collaborating with you!

 **parentpay@gladesmore.com**

At GCS we now have a dedicated email address for all ParentPay queries. If you have any questions or need assistance with ParentPay, please email:

[**parentpay@gladesmore.com**](mailto:parentpay@gladesmore.com)

We will aim to respond to all queries within **one working day**.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Gladesmore Community School Open Evening 2026

Wednesday 14th October

An event for all prospective parents and children

5:00pm - 7:30pm

Headteacher's Address: **7:00pm**

Discover a warm, ambitious
and outstanding community
where every student is
known, challenged and
supported to succeed.

**DREAM
REACH
ACHIEVE!**



Open Mornings 2026

Limited spaces available. Register your interest from Thursday 15th October, via:

admin@gladesmore.com

- Monday 19th October
- Tuesday 20th October
- Wednesday 21st October

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The Royal SpringBoard Programme at Gladesmore

We are proud to share that Gladesmore is a partner school of the Royal SpringBoard Foundation, a UK-based social mobility charity that provides life-changing educational opportunities to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. By partnering with leading boarding schools across the UK, Royal SpringBoard helps high-potential students gain access to academic excellence, supportive environments, and opportunities that empower them for future success.



Royal SpringBoard works with Gladesmore to identify bright and resilient young people who would benefit most from a boarding education. Through this programme, students are offered bursary-funded places at some of the UK's top independent boarding schools. The aim is not just academic achievement, but also personal development, confidence building, and exposure to new networks and experiences.

At Gladesmore, we have been honoured to play a part in this transformative programme. We work closely with Royal SpringBoard to prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities that come with boarding school life. From mentoring to transition support, we ensure that selected students are equipped academically, emotionally, and socially to thrive in their new environments.

We are thrilled to announce some of the destinations of our Royal SpringBoard scholars from the Class of 2026 such as:

- Epsom College
- The Leys School
- Aldenahm School
- Reed's School
- Frensham Heights
- Brentwood School

These outstanding students have demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and academic promise. Their achievements reflect the power of opportunity and the importance of community support in unlocking potential.

We look forward to following their journeys and celebrating their successes in the years to come.

If you would like to learn more about the Royal SpringBoard Foundation and how it supports young people across the UK, please visit:

<https://www.royalspringboard.org.uk>.

If you're a parent or student interested in exploring this opportunity, please speak to Mr Gjozi.

A Brand New Gym for Gladesmore Students

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Gladesmore has received an incredible new, fully equipped gym, generously gifted and built for our school by JD Gyms.

The entire facility, including all of the equipment, was provided completely free of charge; the sole purpose of this project was to give back to the local community by creating a dedicated space for the young people of Gladesmore to use and enjoy, free of charge.

The gym has been designed especially for our students, with our school colours, crest and REACH values proudly displayed throughout. It will give them opportunities to exercise before and after school in a safe and welcoming environment, supervised by members of staff.

This wonderful collaboration was organised by former teacher Mehreen Baig, and the facility is intended to support the physical health, mental wellbeing and personal development of Gladesmore students. We hope it will encourage them to develop healthy habits, grow in confidence and spend time together in a positive and purposeful way.

We look forward to seeing our students make the most of this wonderful opportunity as they continue to dream, reach and achieve.



Haringey, here to help



School Clothing Grant

https://forms.services.haringey.gov.uk/w/webpage/625GBSRK1?webpage_token=ded6ff0f2c95a0b47117924b88a20bc711b86dd69ff9f7bfe5575577c168bcba&expiry=yzDDb0WAV23hzIPJYRsc1S0J&auth=Mzc2MTNiMzVINGVi&id=6037981

Is your child about to start their first year of secondary school?

You can apply for a one-off school clothing grant of £60 if all the following apply:

- your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and they transferring to secondary school in September 2026
- you live in Haringey
- your child can get free school meals

You can use your grant to buy:

- school clothes
- shoes for your child

You must make your online application by the 31st March 2027. You may be asked to provide receipts as proof of what you bought.

START THE DAY RIGHT!

FREE



BREAKFAST CLUB

8:00AM–8:30AM

LOCATION: DINING HALL

BREAKFAST IS ONLY SERVED AT THIS TIME

Don't miss it!

READ MORE DETAILS HERE
www.gladesmore.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME DATES & EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Welcome to the New Academic Year 2026 ~ 2027

Saturday 3rd October	Year 7 Saturday Transition School begins
Monday 5th October	5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 1
Thursday 8th October	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening 1
Friday 9th October	9:30am start for students
Saturday 10th October	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 2
Wednesday 14th October	Year 6 Parents Open Evening
Thursday 15th October	9:30am start for students
Monday 19th ~ Wednesday 21st October	8:45am ~ 10am Year 6 Parents Open Mornings
Monday 26th October ~ Monday 2nd November	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 3rd November	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school
Saturday 7th November	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 3
Monday 9th November ~ Friday 13th November	Year 11 Trial Exams 1: Week 1
Monday 9th November	5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 2
Saturday 14th November	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 4
Monday 16th ~ Friday 20th November	Year 11 Trial Exams 1: Week 2
Friday 20th November	Blue Day & Odd Socks Day Year 7 Horror Night
Saturday 21st November	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 5
Saturday 28th November	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 6
Thursday 3rd December	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening 1
Friday 4th December	9:30am start for students
Saturday 5th December	Year 7 Saturday Transition School 7
Monday 7th December	5:00pm ~ Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting 3
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	Panto (non uniform day & last day of term) Day ends at midday, lunch is available in the Glade Diner
Monday 21st December 2026 ~ Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4th January 2027	Teacher Training Day 3 Timetable suspended for all year groups
Tuesday 5th January 2027	8:35am ~ All year groups return to school

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