

Glebe

Newsletter



Friday 28th March 2025

**** School closes Friday 4th April 2025 and will reopen on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 ****

Eyam Trip

On Thursday the sun shone as Year 6 travelled into the Peak District for their trip to Eyam. During the day the children completed map work, used compasses, completed field sketches and completed a Heritage Trail around the village. Alongside the Geography skills, they learnt about the Plague and visited the famous Boundary Stone. The Plague story, even more significant since the Lockdown of 2020, fascinated the children and provided a great back drop for an excellent Geography based trip. All the children had a great day and did a great job of representing our school. Well done to everyone who went on the trip and what a lovely reminder of how beautiful the Peak District is right on our doorstep. Year 6 Teachers.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday a group of Y5 and Y6 children went to Belper Rugby Club to take part in the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership Tag Rugby Festival. The children took part in a selection of skill based activities leading into matches at the end. Throughout the sessions the children's skills improved greatly and they competed brilliantly in the matches. Well done to: Noah, TJ, Calvin, Darius, Leo, Lucas, Ellie, Thea, Rylee, Harriet and Maisie. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event and provided transport. Mrs Watson and Mr Green.

Bikeability Training Year 4

Letters have been sent out for Bikeability Training. Level 1 for all Y4 will take place on **Wednesday 7th May**. Please scan the QR code below and follow the link to fill in the consent form and book your child a place on the course before the day as the link will close the day before.



D.H Lawrence Writing Competition

Please see the attached poster for an external English competition. Entries to be given to Miss Stevenson by 1st May 2025.

Week Commencing: 31st March 2025

Monday 31st March	Ukulele Concert 3L 9.05am Ukulele Concert 3G 10.15am
Tuesday 1st April	Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 2nd April	DAaRT Graduation Year 6 2pm Dance- Y4 3.25 – 4.30pm Archery Year 5
Thursday 3rd April	Football Year 5
Friday 4th April	Last day of term

Extended Day

We still have places available for Breakfast Club if you need to get to work early, Monday to Friday 7:30–8:45am each morning at a cost of £3.50 per session for Glebe children. You do not need to attend the whole week, just the days you require. Please book places in advance by Thursday the week before through SchoolMoney. Breakfast items such as toast, croissants, cereal, waffles, pancakes, yoghurts and fruit juice all available.

Please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club unless they are booked in as they are not guaranteed a place. Any problems booking them in please contact the office on 01773 811304. Thank you.

After-School Club

After school club run by JPAC, every day, 3:30 to 6pm. JPAC Club contact number: 07971957839 To book, please visit jpac.ipalbookings.com

Online Safety

We will be sharing a weekly online safety resource from the National College as part of the #WakeUpWednesday initiative. See the school website under Parents tab, Online Safety

Help & Support

Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details

Headteacher: Steve Watson Tel 01773 811304 headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk or safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk

- **Children’s Carers Support Group**

Useful information regarding the Children’s Carers Support Group is posted on the school website under the News and Events tab, Letters Home.

- **Starting Point and Call Derbyshire**

Tel 01629 5330190 24/7, 365 days Derbyshire contact and referral service for concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm.

- **DCC Child Protection and Safeguarding Team**

Tel 01629 535353 If you require any professional advice or have any questions at all relating to a safeguarding issue.

- **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 08000198668**

Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in derby & Derbyshire.

- **The Sleep Charity Helpline**

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with

SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

- **Free School Meals**

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check for Free School Meals.

- **Is This Ok?**

Is This Ok? is a free, anonymous, and confidential service, bringing trained professionals together to provide support to young people through a chat service.

Young people don't need to provide their name and we don't need to know their address- which we know is important for them. www.isthisok.org.uk

Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing

This site provides a wealth of information for both professionals and families.

Please find the link below to the community updates.

[Derby & Derbyshire - Emotional Health & Wellbeing
\(derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk\)](http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk)

INSET DAYS 2024/2025

22nd April 2025 & 23RD June 2025

Diary Dates

05.05.2025 May Bank Holiday

07.05.2025 Bikeability Year 4 Level 1

12.05.2025 SATS week – Year 6 - please ensure your child is in school

19.05.2025 Arts & Cultures Week

23.05.2025 Last day of term

02.06.2025 Back to school

09.06.2025 Assessment Week

16.06.2025 Class Photographs

17.06.2025 Sports Day Years 5/6

18.06.2025 Sports Day Years 3/4

23.06.2025 INSET Day

24.06.2025 Year 3 Bluebell Farm Trip

26.06.2025 Y4 Viking Man

27.06.2025 Y4 Viking Man

30.06.2025 – 02.07.2025 Mount Cook Residential Year 6

03.07.2025 FGS Transition Evening 6pm-7.30pm

04.07.2025 Maths Day

10.07.2025 Glebe Summer Gala

15.07.2025 Year 6 Performance – Postmill

16.07.2025 Transition Day

24.07.2025 Last day of term

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **BLUESKY SOCIAL APP**

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.



LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.



ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.



KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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EASTER HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMME

Monday 7th April - Wednesday 16th April

IS YOUR CHILD IN
YEAR 6 - YEAR 11?

★ FREE Easter Holiday Activities & Trips!

Available for children in Years 6 to 11 who are eligible for Free School Meals or are registered with SEN.

Not eligible? No worries! You can still join for just £5 per day for any other young person in Years 6 to 11.



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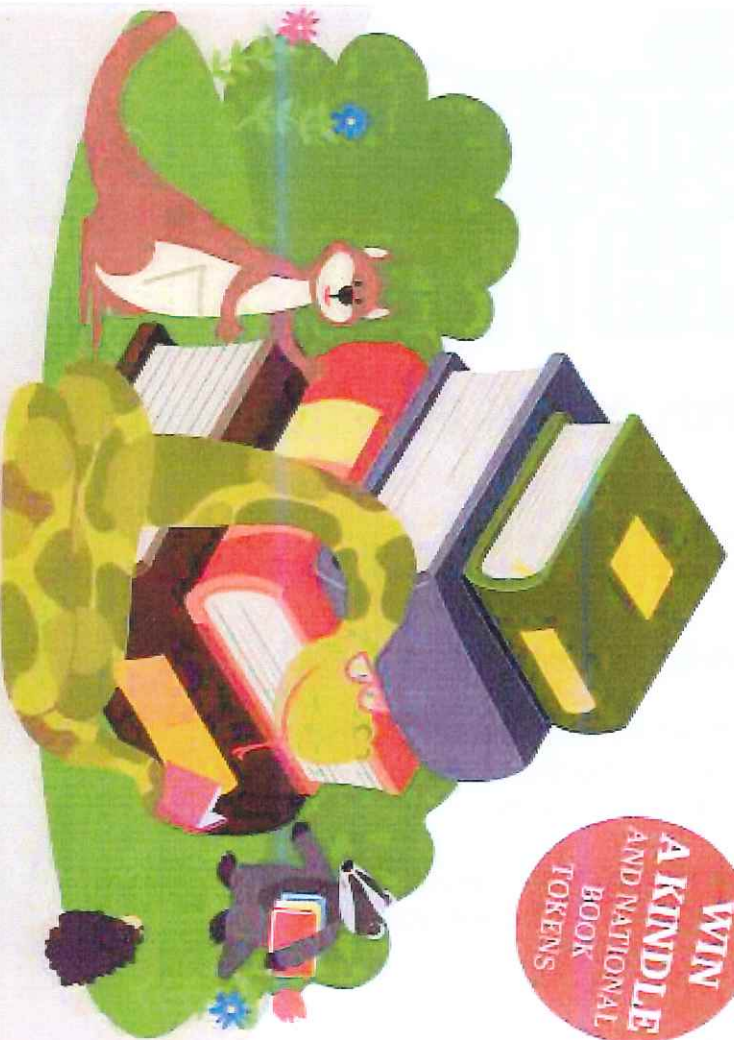


THE D.H. LAWRENCE CHILDREN'S PRIZE:

WRITING COMPETITION

2025

'ANIMALS'



Open to original short stories and poems written by children up to age 16.

Entries close 31 May 2025

Full details at www.broxtowe.gov.uk/lawrencechildrensprize

The competition's theme is 'Animals', taking inspiration from D.H. Lawrence's collection of animal poetry such as 'Snake' and 'Baby Tortoise'.

Entrants are invited to write a short story or poem centered around the theme 'animals'.

There are three categories – 4-7, 8-11 and 12-16 with First place in each category winning a Kindle. Second place in each category will receive £50 in National Book Tokens and third place will receive £25 in National Book Tokens.

Entries to **Miss Stevenson by 1st May**, so they can be submitted on behalf of the children to the organisers.