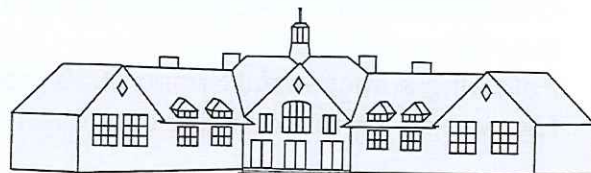


Glebe

Newsletter



www.glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Friday 18th July 2025

Not Leaving Yet!

I know rumours have been circulating about my retirement, it was my intention to see the Academisation to Embark completed and then retire this Summer as I was 60 last year. Unfortunately, the governors did not make an appointment when they held interviews recently. I have been asked to stay until an appointment has been made and to make sure a smooth transition takes place to the new headteacher. Therefore, I will be here for the Autumn term and will keep you updated when there is further news. Mr Watson

Year 6 Production

On Tuesday, year 6 performed their end of year show to the rest of the school and parents. There was laughter, tears, singing, dancing and amazing acting from the children. Well done to all year 6 children for their commitment to their roles in the play: learning song words and lines, organising and making props, brilliant stage hands and for attending the evening show - you were all fantastic! Thank you to parents for your support with costumes, learning lines and being a wonderful audience and for the lovely comments on the feedback slips at the end of the show: "Really funny - loved it! 10/10", "Well thought out - entertaining, informative and humorous!", "What a brilliant performance. A very fitting tribute to their time at Glebe Junior School. Thank you to all." Miss Titmus and the Y6 teachers.

Year 4 Sustainability Day

On Thursday, Year 4 did lots of work with the representatives from H W Martin. They looked at controlling roadwork traffic lights and how to stay safe on the roads and railways. The children used VR headsets to see road workers in action, completed some tricky jigsaws, looked at how tarmac was made as well as making a number of road signs. Well done to all the children. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative day.

Boys Football Competition

Thursday saw the Year 6 boys take part in the Amber Valley Sports Partnership's Summer League finals. After winning the Northern League, the team headed to Sleetmoor United to take part in the final tournament. Despite great attitude and resilience, the boys unfortunately fell short. However, they deserved much more with their performances and spirit. It meant that across 68 schools in the Amber Valley region, Glebe finished the year 6th, which is an incredible effort! A huge well done to Charlie M, Jon M, Charlie H, Harry H, Charlie W, Luka, Noah, Lucas and Jackson. Thank you to the parents for their support. Mr Green.

Summer Gala Bake-Off

A big congratulations to the Glebe's Bake-Off cake winners:

- 1st Holly (Y4)
- 2nd Fearne (Y6)
- 3rd George (Y4)

We had a lot of wonderful entries thank you for everyone's efforts. The final total raised was £1,722!! Mrs Cook

Holiday Clubs

Bookings are now open for It's About Me – Derbyshire's free, fully funded holiday clubs for children and young people aged 4–16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and in full-time education.

Following a successful Spring 2025 programme, which saw over 5,000 children attend across two weeks, we're excited to offer even more opportunities this summer.


Summer 2025 Holiday Clubs – Key Information


- Dates: Monday 28th July – Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (excluding weekends and bank holidays)
- Location: Across Derbyshire
- Clubs Available: 174 providers delivering a wide range of activities
- Spaces Available: 60,601
- Activities Include: Sports, games, arts and crafts, cookery, bushcraft, dance, music, and more
- Cost: Free for eligible families

Booking Information

Families can book directly via the dedicated HAF website: <https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk>
To book a place, families will need a HAF or IAM code, which they should obtain from school.

National Play Day a free event celebrating the importance of play in every child's life.

 Date: Wednesday 6th August 2025

 Location: Moorways Stadium, Moor Lane, Allenton, DE24 9HY

 Time: 11AM-3PM

This will be a free, fun-packed day full of games, crafts, outdoor activities, and entertainment, designed to encourage creativity, movement, and social interaction in a safe and inclusive environment. The event is completely free and open to children of all ages, along with their families and carers. National Play Day highlights the essential role of play in supporting children's wellbeing, development, and happiness

Week Commencing: 21st July 2025

Monday 21st July	Year 6 Forest School Sessions 6B & 6G
Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 Water Fight - see letter
Wednesday 23rd July	Year 6 Forest School Sessions 6E & 6L
	Year 6 Leavers Picnic 4.15pm - see letter
Thursday 24th July	Emerald Award trip
	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](http://Derby&Derbyshire-EmotionalHealth&Wellbeing)

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INSET DAYS 2025/2026

4th September 2025, 5th September 2025, 3rd November 2025, 5th January 2026 & 26th June

2026.

Diary Dates

08.09.2025 Back to School
26.09.2025 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
24.10.2025 Break for half term
04.11.2025 Back to school
21.11.2025 Individual School Photos
19.12.2025 Break for Christmas
06.01.2026 Back to School
13.02.2026 Break for half term
23.02.2026 Back to School
12.03.2026 Science Visit
13.03.2026 Science Visit
27.03.2026 Break for Easter
13.04.2026 Back to School
04.05.2026 Bank Holiday
22.05.2026 Break for half term
01.06.2026 Back to School
23.07.2026 Last day of term

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.



USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.



SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.



REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.



Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.

