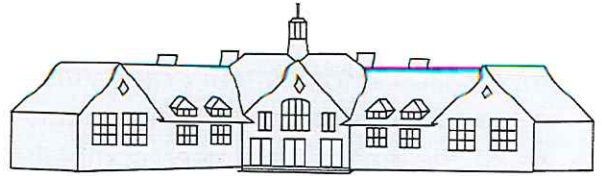


# **Glebe**

# **Newsletter**



[www.glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## **Dear parents and carers**

After 35 years at Glebe Junior School it is time for me to retire and embark on a new chapter in my life. It has been a privilege serving the community of South Normanton. When I was first appointed in 1990 I immediately felt an affinity with the parents and children coming from a similar background.

I have thoroughly enjoyed all the roles I have had at Glebe and across the other schools teaching, delivering sports provision, setting up breakfast and after school clubs and eventually serving as headteacher.

I would like to thank all the parents and children for their support. There have been some challenges along the way along with many successes but I have always felt the support of the community.

I leave the school in a strong place as a member of the Embark federation with a strong leadership team in place. Ms Chelsea Williams will be taking over as Headteacher in January and I wish her the very best of luck in her career at Glebe Junior School.

For now, goodbye but I am sure I will see you at one of the school events or in the village.

All the very best! Steve Watson

## **Parish Council**

Your child will be bringing a selection box home today. Thank you to the Parish Council for donating a selection box for each child at Glebe.

## **PE and Sports at Glebe**

It's been another great half term for PE lessons, Clubs, Competitions and Festivals. We competed in Y4 and Y6 Handball and Y6 Basketball Competitions. The dancers attended the Amber Valley Dance Festival and The Football team travelled to Moorways Sports Village to take part in a highly competitive Football Tournament. Matt Pritchett from AVSSP has led a Multi Sports Club including some Fencing and Shianne from Shianne Amber School of Dance has inspired the dancers every Wednesday. Look out for letters in the first week back for more clubs and activities, which will start in the second week. Please ensure your child brings back their Indoor and Outdoor PE Kit (including trainers) for the first week back. For now, over the holidays..... Keeeeeep Active! Mrs Watson and Mr Green,

## **STAY OFF YOUR PHONE AND GET IN THE ZONE!**

We are in the deepest, darkest part of Winter and it is easy to slip into habits of excess screen time and scrolling. Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England has urged Parents to put their phones down and lead by example. The Christmas holidays is the perfect time to complete some activities for The Embark Award. Bring in any photos or pieces of work completed over Christmas and children can earn a sticker in their booklet. We look forward to sharing all they have done in January. It would be great to see some children achieving their Bronze Award as we head into Spring. Mrs Watson.

## **Twelve Days Of Christmas English Challenge!**

We have an exciting English challenge running over Christmas, designed to be fun, help keep children busy and bring families together (all whilst practicing vital English Skills). Each activity

will be something quick and easy to do, and should hopefully encourage children to step away from devices for a bit and get their creativity and imagination flowing.

They can also earn prizes! Each activity they complete will earn them a prize point... that's 12 prize points in total up for grabs. Any challenge marked with a 'star' will also earn them a sticker in their Embark booklets. Grown-ups just need to make sure they sign diaries to let us know which challenges have been completed. If children want to bring in any evidence of their entries, that is also welcomed but not essential. We hope you enjoy!

### **Week Commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

<b>Monday 5th January</b>	<b>INSET day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th January</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th January</b>	
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	

### **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](http://jpac.ipalbookings.com)

### **Help & Support**

#### **Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details**

Headteacher: Steve Watson Tel 01773 811304 [headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk) or [safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://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 2025/2026**

5th January 2026 & 26th June 2026.

### **Diary Dates**

21.12.2025 South Normanton Community Church Carol Concert: choir singing 4.45pm  
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  
16.06.2026 National School Sport Week  
26.06.2026 INSET Day  
23.07.2026 Last day of term

# Twelve Days Christmas English Challenge

Keep yourself busy this holiday!

- Each challenge you get signed off by a parent or carer will earn you a **prize point**
- Challenges marked with a star will also earn you a sticker in your **Embark booklet!**

Read a book, or listen to an audio book, with a family member.

**Write a short book review.**

Send a Christmas postcard to a friend, family member or school.

**Write a recount about a Christmas or winter family visit.**

Interview a family member about their job.

**Photograph or draw your pet. Write a description about how you care for them.**

Visit or join your local library (or use an online library).

**Create a healthy Christmas eating poster or diary.**

Make a Christmas environment poster.

- Recycling wrapping paper
- Reducing waste
- Reusing Christmas items

**Create an online safety Christmas poster.**

Make something Festive (create something reading or writing based).

**Write your own Christmas story or mini book.**



## **FREE HOLIDAY CAMPS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Dear Parent/Guardian

AVSSP Christmas Camps are back!

For the upcoming Christmas holidays offer your child the chance to take part in

It is with great pleasure that Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) can offer your child(ren) a **FREE** place on our Winter Holiday Camps for 2025/26.

For the past 5 years AVSSP have successfully delivered Holiday Camps to thousands of children across the borough and we're proud to do so again in conjunction with the Holiday, Activity & Food programme (HAF).

AVSSP Christmas Holiday Camps are available to eligible families on the following days:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**All the above dates will be available at Alfreton, Belper, Ripley and Heanor Leisure Centre's.**

**To be eligible for free places your child must be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding during 2025/26.** Eligibility will be checked with each school to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to take up this offer, please visit the below webpage to complete the booking form for your choice of venue and dates:

<https://avssp.co.uk/hafbooking-dec25/>

**Bookings will open at 10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Places on our holiday camps will be offered on a first come first served basis so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

We are able to accept bookings from children aged 5 to 11 only.

**This may mean that some children in Reception ARE NOT eligible as they have not yet turned five.**

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# Amber Valley School Sport Partnership CIO

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## What to expect at our Holiday Camps

We aim to ensure our camps include a range of exciting activities suitable for a wide variety of children. A daily timetable is designed to provide a varied, inclusive programme of activities which draw upon the skillsets of staff on-site.

We aim to offer a balanced mix of sports & games as well as enrichment activities.

Each site regularly offers swimming, arts & crafts, drama, dance, music, gymnastics and inflatables/bouncy castles whilst some sites also offer gymnastics, bowling, play parks, indoor rowing, wheelchair sports and more.

Our sports programmes include sessions in Football, Dodgeball, Basketball, Cricket, Archery, Fencing, Axe Throwing, Skipping, Tennis, Rugby, Rounders, Tchoukball and much more.

## Food

Food will be provided for eligible children as part of the holiday camps, the food being prepared will be a packed lunch and snack including a drink, fruit, snack bar and a choice of sandwich.

**All of our Holiday Camps are NUT FREE sites – please do not send your children with nuts, Nutella/peanut butter sandwiches, snickers, bueno bars or similar.**

Please note – many children attending our camps have other food allergies – no sharing of food is permitted in order to protect them.

## Additional Needs

We are generally able to accept bookings for children with additional needs – it is vitally important that the responsible adult making the booking discloses as much information as possible about the additional needs of your child.

Please note that in some rare circumstances we are unable to make the necessary adjustments to accommodate all children – this will be communicated directly with parents/guardians.

## Booking

If you choose to make a booking you are expected to attend on the correct day/venue, if you do intend to miss a day of holiday camps you are required to inform us by email to [holidaycamps@avssp.co.uk](mailto:holidaycamps@avssp.co.uk) or text to 07864 775023, failure to do so may prevent you from attending further bookings.

## What will children need on the days?

Children will be required to wear comfortable sports type clothing at the camps. Please bring a swimming costume and towel every day should your child intend to take part in swimming. We also recommend that each child brings their own drink, eachday.

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For more information, please email:  
[bradley.giles@mansfieldtownct.net](mailto:bradley.giles@mansfieldtownct.net)



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# Christmas Carol Concert

**ON SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER  
5PM AT THE POST MILL**

The SNCC Choir & Matlock Brass Band invite you to join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas at our annual South Normanton Christmas Carol Concert.

We'll also have special guests from the Glebe children's choir.



**Free refreshments (including donuts for the kids!) will be served after.  
The Post Mill Bar will also open before and after the Concert**

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CHRISTMAS  
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SCHOOL YEARS 8+  
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