

September 2023 - July 2024



# Welcome

from the Head

Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.

#### **Lionel Hampton**

Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Aquilian. Each story and image that follows helps us remember and hold close the memories of a remarkable year in a wonderful school. The energy, enthusiasm and determination of our pupils, the huge number of opportunities they have to engage both in and out of the classroom and the commitment of the whole community, are captured on these pages. The Aquilian helps us remember who we are, why we exist and what makes us unique.

It is with gratitude that I thank all the children, parents and staff who are behind these memories. Each one is part of the story that makes up Glebe House School and Nursery. Many are unsung and do their work without an expectation of praise or accolades, but their impact is measured in



the smiles and memories that they have helped to create for our community.

At the start of this year, I encouraged all pupils to give their best, take advantage of every opportunity and live adventurously, and they certainly have! From these pages into our hearts, this was a year well lived, full of adventure and courage, joy and resilience, and has provided such happy memories.

With best wishes, Adrian Stewart

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Welcome to this year's edition of The Aquilian, a celebration of creativity, achievements, stories, and images that showcase the vibrant spirit of our Glebe House community. We hope you enjoy reading and reflecting on the wonderful moments captured throughout the year.



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A run down of sport from this academic year, including rugby, hockey, cricket and netball.



#### **Italian Visitors**

SPECIAL EVENTS

This year, we welcomed a number of Italian students to Glebe who visited us from The Collegio San Carlo, in Milan.







#### Speech Day

SPEECH DAY & PRIZE GIVING

Ending the year on a high with achievements and celebrations.



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# From the Heads of School

A farewell message and thanks to friends and staff at Glebe.

Out of all of the years we have been at Glebe, this year has most definitely been a stand out. From revising hard for exams to our exciting leavers trip, this year has been a breathtaking one, and will stick with us forever.

Everyday has been a different adventure and has shaped us to become the people we are today. We have experienced countless events and lessons, sometimes we don't realise how even the slowest days can be the most impactful.

Glebe has taught us the importance of having fun and to hold onto every memory possible because the year goes by in a flash. For us it feels like only yesterday we joined the Nursery and started our journey as students at Glebe.

Glebe being a small school has definitely benefited us, receiving the special attention in education but also having the privilege of knowing everyone is something this school strives for.

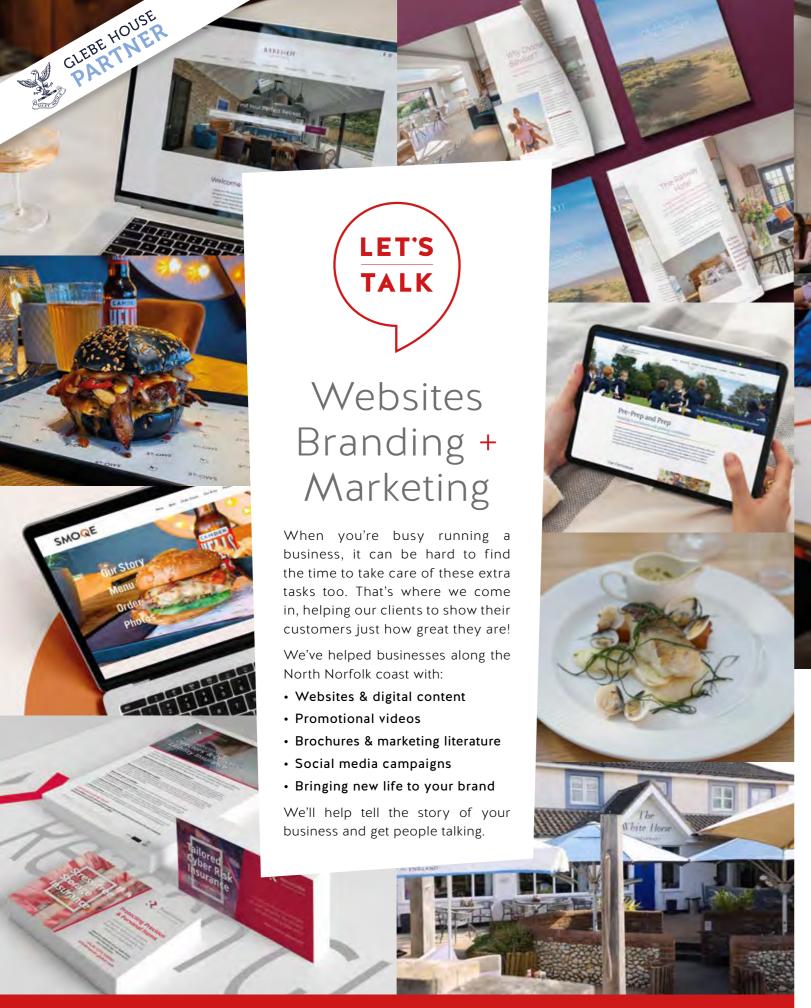
Our favourite memory this year was definitely the inter- house duck hunt. This was brought in this year by Mr Stewart due to his love for rubber ducks. The duck hunt was a great way to get everyone involved without the need of skill while still being fun and engaging, creating loads of laughter. We enjoyed it because it was a different and fun start to the year.

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Lastly, thank you to all the staff for making this year special and one to remember. We hope that everyone has an amazing summer holiday and enjoys the break.

By
Jemima Snaith & Savannah Spary







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# Glebe House Nursery

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# A Year of Firsts at Glebe Nursery

Glebe Nursery is far from a new nursery first being established as Hall Farm Day Nursery by Susie Pull, Glebe School then took over Hall Farm in 1998 and Glebe Nursery was born. As with all things Glebe Nursery has changed and developed over the years and every year here is different.

This year when writing this article the word first came into my head, as with most years we have seen, first steps, first words, first teeth, first birthdays and so many other developmental firsts and as Nursery staff we feel honoured to witness these precious moments, but this year has also seen our first year with our new Head Adrian Stewart, our sister nurseries First Steps Gaywood and First Steps Hunstanton grow in strength.

We have had the pleasure of Alice from the main school visit our 3-4 room on a regular basis to do art and music which has been a first for her and for the children and a first they have really loved.

We have planted trees in the garden for future children to play under, we hosted our first Coffee and Cake morning which was a great success and we look forward to hosting more in the coming year, there were first place wins in our annual Nursery Sports Day and we have also rescued our first baby owl, an experience some of us staff will never forget.

I could write for hours about all the firsts we have celebrated this year but our biggest first is your children, their happiness and enjoyment at their first adventure in education.

Marie Day (Nursery Manager)

















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# A first year in Reception

Setting the stage for an exciting educational adventure.

This year at Glebe, our reception class embarked on a journey of discovery and joy, embracing the routines and rhythms of our wonderful school life. Our play-based and outdoor learning sessions throughout the year with a focus on the four seasons fostered creativity and a love for nature. In the classroom, we delved into literacy and phonics, igniting a passion for reading and writing, while maths lessons made numbers fun and engaging.

We explored new languages with French, expressed ourselves in art, and stayed active with P.E. A highlight was our bread-making session, where students enjoyed the handson experience. Swimming lessons added a splash of excitement, and our nativity performance was a heart-warming success.

This year has been an amazing start to my child's education journey; they've enjoyed every moment.













Our wellness afternoons were a huge hit, with a variety of activities but the most memorable was the puppy visit bringing smiles to everyone. Our co-curricular activities offered an even wider range of activities for the children to participate in. The children enjoyed watching Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime, had a delightful Park Farm trip as well as celebrating World Book Day, raising awareness of endangered animals and World Bee Day

when we visited Hunstanton Town Hall to see the 'Bees by the Sea' exhibition. Observing the transformation from tadpoles to frogs and caterpillars to butterflies sparked wonder and curiosity.

From start to finish, this year has been filled with achievements, celebrations, and countless learning moments.

Lynise Stuart, Head of EYFS and Reception Teacher

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# A magical time in Division I

Celebrating the next thrilling chapter in their learning adventure.









For this year's wonderful Division I class, our differences have been our strengths. Reflective, resilient and respectful, each child has had their personal challenges and targets. We've all worked on them together and celebrated for each other too. As a result, we have learnt so much from one another and know some of our best achievements are in our memories rather than on a page. However we've got photos to remind us of some of our greatest class adventures.

Reading means everything to us so we enthusiastically walked to the local library each term. One of our favourite topics was centred around 200 years of the RNLI so we popped to the local lifeboat centre too.

Most of all, in the children's words, "we love Division I because we love learning", "if you finish your work you get to play" and "we get star of the day - I love it because I love the people who get it".

Helen Barden & Becky Playford, Division I Teachers Exploring the lifeboat station sparked curiosity, inspiring dreams of adventure and heroism in their young minds.

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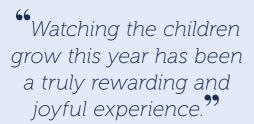


















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# PRE PREP

This year's school trips have been fantastic, sparking excitement and creating unforgettable memories."

# Making progress in Division II

Division II has truly thrived this year, embracing every lesson with joy and enthusiasm for school.

It has been an absolute delight to teach Division II, they are all engaging, hard working and enthusiastic without exception!

Highlights of the Autumn term included walking the Wolf Trail in Hunstanton as part of our House Founders History topic as well as a STEM trip to see glass being made at Langham Glass. The Division II children also did a really good job performing in the Pre-Prep Nativity taking on key roles and really helping the younger children feel confident on the stage.

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After Christmas they started the term strong with a trip to King's Lynn Museum to see the Tiger Who Came to Tea exhibition. The children learnt all about the author Judith Kerr and her life during WW2 as well as being able to dress up and re-enact the story and meet Horace the museum's very own tiger! This inspired the children to write their own Tiger Who Came to Tea stories involving squirrels, crocodiles, dogs, fish, lions and even our very own Mr Stewart!





Exploring the local history of our School Houses was an enjoyable and enlightening adventure.





In the Summer term the children began preparing themselves for moving into the Prep school by focussing on joining their writing, learning their times tables and developing their independence and fluency when reading. After learning all about Kenya in Geography lessons they went on a trip to Banham Zoo to look for African animals and despite the torrential rain they all had lots of fun and clearly remembered lots of key facts.

Overall it has been a very busy year for the class but the children have been exemplary on all of the things they have done. They have created lots of happy memories and a love of learning that, I hope, will last a lifetime!

Sally Maud, Head of Pre Prep and Division II
Teacher





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# Reflecting on a year in Prep

Celebrating remarkable growth, joyful moments and treasured memories.



## Glebe Book Week: A Celebration of Reading

This year, at Glebe House School, we extended our celebrations of World Book Day to host Glebe Book Week—our first-ever school literature festival—from 4th to 8th March.

Throughout the week, our pupils engaged in a variety of reading activities. From "Drop Everything and Read" sessions to shared reading experiences where older children read with their younger friends to creative activities like "Make Your Own Book", the children's love for books was evident.

The week started with a whole school assembly on Monday, featuring a "Guess the Famous Quote" competition.













On Tuesday, Division I had a delightful time exploring Hunstanton Library, choosing two books each to take home. We can't wait for our next visit!

Divisions II-IV enjoyed a visit from Iona Rangeley, an Old Aquilian and children's author. Iona shared her passion for writing and her series of "Einstein The Penguins" books. Divisions V and above welcomed British bestselling crime novelist Jason Dalgliesh, who led exciting workshops throughout the day.

Thursday was the official World Book Day and a day full of surprises with the Secret Book Swap – a book exchange that started with teachers gifting books to Division VIII pupils and trickled down to the Nursery. Division II pupils added a fun twist by choosing a book only when they rolled a six on a dice. Thanks to the parents' support, the day was also marked by some spectacular World Book Day costumes.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Iona and Jason for sharing their literary passion with our pupils, and to Mrs Bygraves for organising the week. Glebe Book Week was indeed a triumphant celebration of the joy of reading!







# Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to this year's Public Speaking Competition finalists.

The children from both Junior and Senior Prep, who had won their respective class rounds, confidently took to the stage. An audience of staff, parents and classmates were treated to a wide selection of interesting talks and persuasive speeches that evoked empathy and compassion. It was a fabulous morning that left everyone feeling truly inspired. A huge well done to everyone who took part!











Glebe Poetry by Heart Inter-House Competition

The whole School was abuzz with the rhythm of poetry when the Pre-Prep and Prep School children participated in the Glebe Poetry by Heart Inter-House Competition, a two-day event held on February 28th and 29th.

The Pre-Prep children assembled in the school hall on Wednesday afternoon for the inaugural Inter House Performance Poetry Competition. The children, some as young as four, had been diligently rehearsing poems in their house teams – Saint Edmunds, Barbers, and L'Estrange. The children's performances, complete with actions and props, were a testament to their hard work and creativity. After much deliberation, the judges announced Barbers as the winning team.

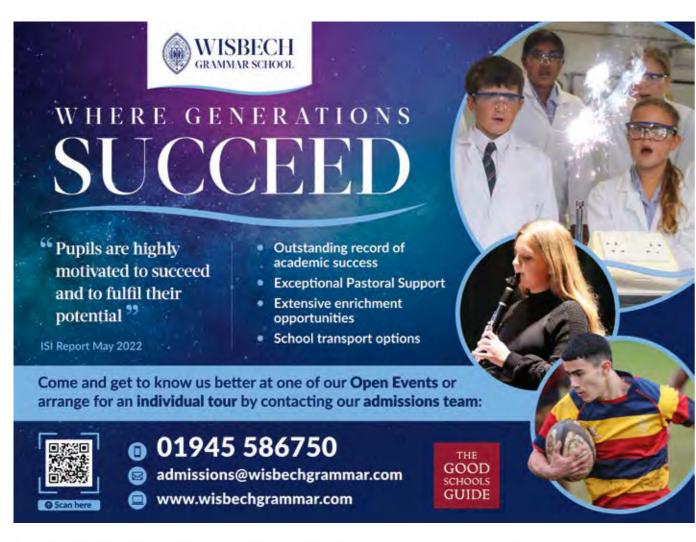
The following morning, the Prep children took the stage.

They had spent weeks perfecting their chosen poems, with the highest-scoring performers from each class earning a spot in the final to represent their houses. The teaching staff were astounded by the children's poised confidence and ability to breathe life into their poems. St Edmund's emerged victorious in the Junior Prep section, while L'Estrange claimed victory in the Senior Prep.

After totalling all the points, St Edmund's was declared the overall winner of this closely fought competition. Inspired by the national performance poetry competition Poetry by Heart, the event was a resounding success, showcasing the children's love for poetry and their commendable team spirit.

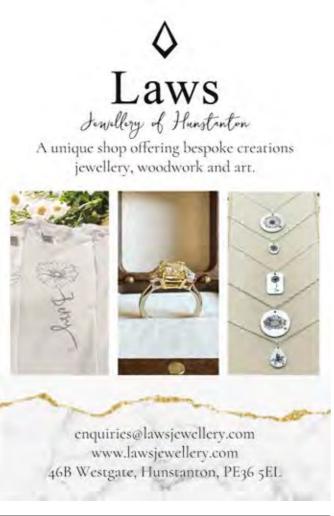


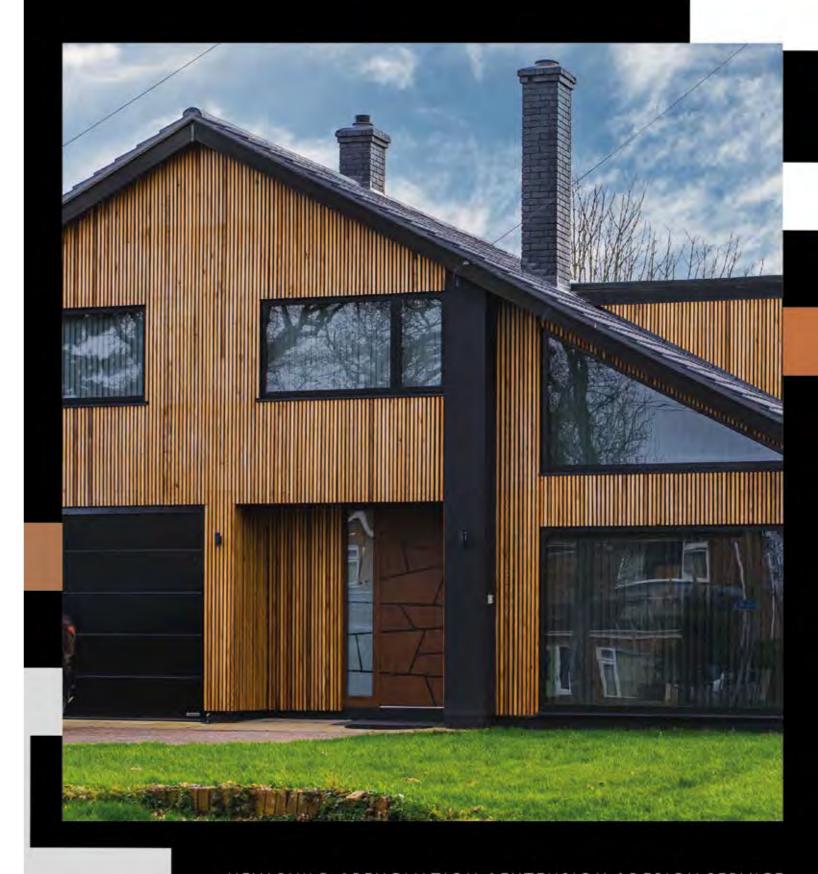






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## Dispelling the myth that Maths is a monster

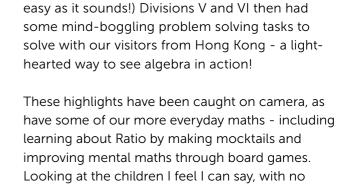
Research suggests that children often view Maths as being more difficult than other subjects, causing them to feel anxious about working with numbers. So it is our job to ensure that the children at Glebe finish their prep years feeling confident about calculations!

Teaching to the individual, using a variety of approaches and keeping the subject interesting and fun are our aims. With these goals in mind, this year we have offered 'Tackling Tables Club' to give support in the basics, as well as 'Maths @ Lunch' to help and extend our oldest pupils.

In November, Divisions V and VI took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, with Divisions III and IV taking their turn very recently in the First Maths Challenge. Well done to Florence and Austin who were the respective winners!







anxiety at all, that mathematical confidence in our

children is high, with fun levels even higher!

Maths with our international visitors was project based, with Divs V, VI, VII and their Italian buddies investigating Da Vinci's mathematical theories about Vitruvian Man, as well as designing, scaling and making Big Ben out of 3D shapes (not as











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# Junior Prep Science

We have had a wonderful year of discovery in science and the children have been working hard to become the scientist of the future. Space, magnets, properties of materials, animal classification and electricity to name just a few of our topics, the children have done a great job of developing their knowledge and refining their enquiry skills. The work that children have done in lessons and practical sessions has been fantastic and seeing the children engaged and learning throughout the year has been a genuine pleasure. Well done to you all and I cannot wait to see what successes in science await out junior prep pupils next year. Here is just a selection of photos of our budding scientists in action!

Jon Turner, Junior Science Teacher









## Senior Prep Science

American astronomer Carl Sagan once observed that "Science is a way of thinking more than a body of knowledge".

Scientific method (or thinking) is a problemsolving technique we seek to instil in every child driving the twin benefits of "enquiry and wonder" creating a positive, and memorable, learning experience.

This year pupils have had seen the world through the eyes of Charles Darwin and Mary Anning amongst others. In Science week we learnt how "enquiry and wonder" drove the first environmentally friendly crop rotation techniques by George Washington Carver as well as the impact of the work of early scientists such as Dorothy Hodgkin (Insulin) and Alexander Fleming (Antibiotics).

In Science club pupils have experienced their own "enquiry and wonder" researching topics such as electromagnetism then building/refining their own electromagnets or exploring energy efficiency to design a zero-emission home.

As I step back from Science teaching I wish you all a happy and relaxing Summer break and my best wishes go with the Division VIIIs as they move forward in their learning journey.

**Andrew Scott, Senior Science Teacher** 

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# Language & The Arts

Glebe House School is known for the importance it affords the Creative and Performing Arts, including opportunities for children to showcase their growing mastery of language and oratory on the stage.

2024 has built on this enviable record with spellbinding shows and productions, Public Speaking Competitions, Dance performances and works of art that allow creative expression. Art, music, drama, dance and public speaking are alive and flourishing at the school. And with this comes the softer skills of resilience, self-belief and confidence, creative expression and joy in watching others perform and appreciating their efforts.

The soul of our school is visible in all our children have produced together, and it is beautiful.



# European Languages Day

Once again it was lovely to see all the children at Glebe thoroughly engaged during our annual European Languages Day.

This event has been traditionally held on the 26th September throughout Europe since 2001 to celebrate the diversity and richness of the many languages spoken on our continent. However, this is an event which can surely be celebrated on any day of the year! It is hard to believe that there are approximately 7,000 different languages in the world today! Glebe was certainly very colourful as the children all dressed up as foreign characters or in the colours of the country of their choice. It was nice to see a wide range of countries being represented.

In the weeks leading up to the event during language lessons and assemblies the children were taught about the importance of learning other languages which can promote a better understanding and respect for different cultures. Plus, it can be great fun!



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#### LANGUAGES





Instead of following the usual timetable the children took part in a number of cross- curricular activities, each with a foreign theme in mind, including playing some French card and board games, constructing famous European landmarks using various materials in their Art lessons, learning how to play Boules, the game most closely associated with our Gallic neighbours, getting to know the Italian language and culture, and solving some Spanish and German puzzles.

Everyone enjoyed some hot chocolate and croissants at first break, and then at lunch time it was nice to see many children intrigued by the menus for the day on each table which were translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish.

During the day, the Flying Theatre, a touring foreign language theatre group kept the children thoroughly entertained by performing their play 'Vive La France' which was presented with music, circus skills and



plenty of audience interaction. A range of topics such as colours, numbers, weather, time, animals and food were cleverly woven into the storyline which follows the day preparing for the village fête. The main actor, Pierre, was very skilled at making contact with every child to create a fun and safe atmosphere for participation. The children were immersed in the language and some were surprised at how much French they actually knew and how much more they understood. It was really good fun! Congratulations must go to Mrs Maguire and Mrs Bygraves who showed off their skill at catching plastic baguettes, much to the amusement of the children!

I always enjoy this very different day and I thank all the staff members and their assistants who marshalled the activities so well, and also the catering staff who prepared all the food and drink. I look forward to next year's event.

#### David Whitehill, French Teacher











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# Art Achievements & Celebrations

The Art Department is a busy place that allows the pupils time and space to explore their creativity in a wide variety of mediums.

Our 12 day sketching challenge was very popular in the month of January and pupils were rewarded with super concertina sketchbooks to keep this essential artist's habit going.

Picture of the week continues every week celebrating a pupil who has sprinted ahead in their achievements, skill and confidence.

Celebrating the Children's Art, with our Animal Kingdom Exhibition with support from Rotary and the Fairfax gallery was a fitting end to the year and a lovely tribute to John Crofts who hugely supported the event with his work with Rotary.

Alice Hipwell, Head of Art and D&T















## STEM

STEM club has been well supported by the pupils. Researching, Designing, Making prototypes, essentially modelling materials for a purpose is such fun and very challenging.

Could you design a high flying kite? A pair of glasses that actually stay on! A racing car?

We were excited to enter the PRIMARY ENGINEERING CHALLENGE where the pupils were invited to put their engineering ideas to professionals. We were shortlisted in the distinction category, Amazing.















# Hunstanton & District Rotary Art Competition











Jean Marie Vernon, the incumbent President of Hunstanton & District Rotary, announced the Winners of the Animal Kingdom Art Competition and Lucy Bassett from the Fairfax Gallery in Burnham Market kindly judged the entries.

#### First Prizes went to:

Sebastian H - Division II, Parker S - Division III and Jemima S - Division VIII

#### Second Prizes went to:

Pupils from Brancaster Primary School and Smithdon High School

#### Third Prizes went to:

Emilia B - Reception, Bonnie M – Division IV and Ella H - Division VII

Congratulations to all the children for their wonderful work! We very much look forward to this event becoming an annual feature in the school calendar.





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#### SENIOR PREP MUSICAL:

# Bugsy Malone

"Do nothing. Act like everything is normal: Tutto coso sono buono." Fat Sam

There was absolutely NOTHING normal about our Senior Prep Musical Performance of 2024 - in fact the production was EXTRAORDINARY! From the acting and singing, to the costumes and makeup, to the props and live band. Huge congratulations to the entire cast and crew of Glebe's presentation of Bugsy Malone the Musical. Incredible discipline, dedication and determination delivered the most amazing, enjoyable and inspiring experience for the rest of the Glebe community, their family and friends to enjoy!

Our great appreciation to Lucy Hawkins and Gina Veale for directing this production. We extend our thanks to Hunstanton & District's Mens Shed and Hunstanton Town Hall for their great support too.





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#### JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL:

# Snow White

Our Junior Prep Performance this year was Roald Dahl's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and it provided an incredible end to the Spring Term! Families and friends were treated to the performance in the School Hall and the children put on an excellent show. Dance, drama, singing and performance play a big part in life here at Glebe, making shows like this so uplifting to watch.













## Nativity

The school hall came alive with the heartwarming Pre-Prep Nativity performances of "A King is Born." The younger children delivered a magical performance of the traditional Christmas story. Thank you to Mrs Playford and the Pre-Prep staff for putting on the performance, and to Mrs Snaith and Mrs Twite for the beautiful backdrops. The hot drinks and mince pies served at the end of the performance added an extra layer of joy to the event too!











## Christmas Show

The Christmas Show in the Hunstanton Town Hall was quite possibly the best ever, Strictly and Eagles with the fabulous choreography from Miss Gina is something to be seen to be believed. The pupils love it and so do the audience. The whole school performance of Candy Cane Lane as the finale was also a true seasonal highlight.



# Summer Spectacular

Wow to the Summer Spectacular, it sizzled, it delighted and every pupil shone! From Toy Story to Grease, from roller disco to trumpet solo, there was a taste of everything that makes being a Glebe pupil so special and undoubtedly finished the year on a high for everyone.









## Inter-house Music

Our Inter House events expanded beyond the sports field and into the School Hall for this year's Inter House Music. It was a wonderful event that the whole of the Prep School attended. There were solo performances, duets and group routines. From the trumpet to the drums, from the piano to the bells, it was fabulous to see our Juniors and Seniors competing together, an excellent example of how our Senior Prep proudly honour their pupils' leadership roles as they mentor their house mates. House Music was won by L'Estrange this year, but there were sublime performances from so many talented pupils.

Glebe boasts a thriving Music department hugely supported by our wonderful peripatetics, and Lucy Hawkins, who runs the choir; they showcase their magic at every important event. A first for the choir was taking part in the 'Young Voices 2024' concert at Birmingham arena. Twenty of our pupils performed with 5,000 other children from different schools, and we are sure we could hear their voices here in Hunstanton!







### Informal Concerts

Our half termly Informal Concerts support the pupils progress in confidence and performance and are always very well attended. This year we enjoyed our first performance from Eiddwen on the harp, it was magical.



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# Glebe Sport

Sport plays a key role in school life at Glebe and what a busy year it has been.

Rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, athletics, cross country, swimming, tennis and football are just some of the sports that have been enjoyed by our pupils and every prep child has represented their house and school this year. A comprehensive range of inter house sporting events have taken place, in addition to an extensive fixture programme and a number of cluster and School Sports Partnership events.



We have taken part in county and regional finals in hockey and rugby, giving a great account of ourselves against schools far bigger than us in number. Sport promotes teamwork, communication, health and fitness, respect and resilience amongst other things and irrespective of ability, physical health and activity is essential to the development of each child. Well done to all of you for what you have achieved this year and the progress you have made. Let us hope next year is even better!

Jon Turner, Director of Sport



















## Gold Star for PE & Games Provision!

Glebe was delighted to be awarded the Gold School Games Mark in June 2024. This was in recognition for our commitment to the development of competition across our school and into the local community. It represents the excellent PE and games provision already in place, and enables us to further develop and improve our action plan for future progress.





















# Inter-house Sports

Pupils from Divisions III – VIII engaged in inter-house sports afternoons enhancing teamwork and House collaboration.

#### Hockey (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Junior – Barbers, Saints, L'Estrange Intermediate – L'Estrange, Barbers, Saints Senior – Barbers, L'Estrange, Saints Overall – Barbers, L'Estrange, Saints

#### Tag Rugby

1st L'Estrange, joint 2nd Barbers and Saints

#### **Cross Country**

#### Juniors

1st – Barbers, 2nd - L'Estrange, 3rd - Saints

#### Intermediate

1st – Saints, 2nd - L'Estrange, 3rd - Barbers

#### Seniors

1st - L'Estrange, 2nd – Saints, 3rd - Barbers

#### Overall

1st - L'Estrange, 2nd – Saints, 3rd - Barbers

#### Swimming Gala

1st Saints, 2nd L'Estrange, 3rd Barbers

#### Netbal

1st L'Estrange, 2nd Saints, 3rd Barbers

#### Football

1st L'Estrange, 2nd Barbers, 3rd Saints

#### **Sports Day**

Pre-prep – 1st L'Estrange, 2nd Barbers, 3rd Saints Prep – 1st L'Estrange, 2nd Barbers, 3rd Saints

#### Cricke

1st Barbers, 2nd L'Estrange, 3rd Saints





















# Sports Day

Three cheers for Sports Day!
The sun shone, vibrant house tents set the scene and children dazzled with outstanding athletic performances making it a wonderful day to remember!





























Winning team 2024











**SWIMMING SWIMMING** 

# Swimming at Glebe

It has been a great year of swimming at Glebe, culminating in a quite fantastic swimming gala in which Saints were victorious once more but there were several excellent performances from children of various ages and houses.

Well done to everyone who did such a super job of representing their houses and a big thank you to Mr Cross for his hard work in preparing the children for the gala in our swimming sessions. Let us see if someone can break the Saints streak in swimming next year!



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OUT & ABOUT

# Out & About

Broadening horizons & learning beyond the classroom



# September

Div VIII were the first to go on a school trip this year. They spent a day exploring the Priory and Castle at Castle Acre, looking for evidence of the Medieval structure of society, to support the development of their Common Entrance essay writing skills back in

the classroom. As well as engaging in some empathetic role play such as silent walking around the cloisters, the class also took the opportunity to undertake a sketch or two for Mrs Hipwell, as part of their art studies into Medieval architecture.

Division V enjoyed a spontaneous outing, when they took full advantage of the last of the summer sunshine and strolled down to the beach to begin their poetry topic. The children gathered some beautiful figurative language, alliterative phrases and powerful vocabulary, and after breathing in that wonderful salty sea

air (and participating in an impromptu litter pick), returned to the classroom to begin writing their poems. Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!





## October

Our school trips continued this month with Division V embarking on a Geography field trip in support of the work they have being doing about rivers. They visited various stretches of the River Glaven to undertake measurements and observations of the different stages of the river journey, and were lucky enough to receive an impromptu hands on session from the Norfolk Rivers Trust. They were conducting an investigation and very kindly took the time to introduce the fish they had collected. They talked about the habitat requirements and characteristics of each one, and even invited the children to take turns in handling the fish!





## January

Division III had a fabulous trip to Norwich Castle where they took part in an Ancient Civilisations' workshop. They explored four key achievements of ancient civilisations (Farming, Writing, Building and Philosophy) through fun and thought-provoking tasks. They worked in teams to create an arch, had a go at writing like ancient Sumerians and had a philosophical debate over a crisp packet! Of course, they didn't miss a trip through the Natural History gallery too. A great day was had by all!















# April

Division IV had a fantastic day at Norwich Castle, enhancing their learning from earlier in the year about the Celts and Romans in Britain. As well as learning how to be a Roman Soldier and a skilled Celtic craftsworker, they worked with a curator and archaeologist to investigate artefacts and asked searching questions.

Division VI went back in time for a day to Victorian Gressenhall. Starting the day in the workhouse, they discovered what it was really like to be a poor Victorian school child and how different life would have been in the workhouse. They were also given hands-on work experience in the fields and laundry at the farm, which they embraced with much enthusiasm, at the same time as trying to solve the mystery of the stolen silver candlesticks.







# May

This year's Division V residential trip to Derbyshire comprised 33,000+ steps, three rivers, two historic homes, countless rocks and boulders, many many hills and the odd cliff face! A fabulous mix of History and Geography, reinforcing topics studied during the year with trips to Chatsworth and Haddon Hall, as well as fresh learning about the Great Plague of 1665. They also enjoyed some true outdoor adventure. Climbing and abseiling on Burbage Ridge was the highlight for many!

We love to extend our learning beyond the classroom, and these two trips were enjoyed by all who went, and the children embraced the opportunities with great enthusiasm.









# Leavers' Programme

What an excellent time our Division VIII Leavers had celebrating the end of their exams and making memories before heading off to senior school!

The Leavers' Trip 2024 to Amsterdam was an unforgettable experience, a journey that etched itself into our memories. From the moment we landed in the vibrant, bustling city of Amsterdam, we were enveloped in a blend of culture and atmosphere that left us in awe.

The Leavers' Programme was a treasure trove of shared moments, each one more hilarious than the last. From the chaotic Division 8 Lidl experience and the catastrophic adventure of cooking curry but nonetheless exciting, to our triumphant leavers' walk, every minute was packed with laughter and banter. There was some serious stuff too; serving lunch to hoards of hungry Glebe children, and lugging boarders' bed linen up and down stairs, made us realise how hard the domestic staff

work for us. The Holocaust Museum in Amsterdam was a sombre experience too.

Mr. Whitehill's dazzling football skills brought roars from the class, while Mrs. Haslam's unmatched poker face, even in the midst of serious moments, provided constant laughter.

Throughout the trip, we created an array of memories, a variety of moments that will last a lifetime. This journey has intrigued in us a thirst for exploration, encouraging us to accept and embrace new cultures and broaden our likes and horizons. The opportunity to experience Amsterdam, a city brimming with history and charm, was a gift we will forever cherish.

**Matthew Piggott and Tom Reading** 

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# Co-Curricular Programme

Our new Head, Mr Stewart, was keen to introduce a more comprehensive co-curricular programme to enhance the learning experience for all our pupils. The engagement and support from our families have been fantastic, with the children throwing themselves wholeheartedly into new experiences. Clubs being enjoyed this year include debating, STEM, stitching, table tennis, golf, cooking and roller hockey.





















# Boarding at Glebe

It has been another busy year in the boarding houses at Glebe.

It has been great to see the children develop and grow individually and work together to make the boarding experience so enjoyable and rewarding. Deer safaris, pool parties, trips to Sandringham, water fights, movie nights and more. There has been so much fun in the boarding house and I would like to thank each and everyone of our super boarders for their energy and commitment. Have a great summer everyone and I look forward to what next year will bring!

\*\*This year in boarding has been wonderful, I've made great friends, enjoyed every day and really felt at home.\*\*



# Italian Visitors

This year, we were delighted to welcome students from Collegio San Carlo in Milan to Glebe.

Over several weeks, four groups of Italian students fully integrated into Glebe life, participating in boarding, studying and partnering with our pupils.

It was heartwarming to witness the friendships formed between our pupils and those from San Carlo. Our pupils greatly valued the opportunity to experience cultural diversity, make new friends and be

inspired by the impressive bilingual abilities of our guests.

Our Italian visitors frequently expressed that they felt like part of the Glebe family and appreciated the unique atmosphere of Glebe House School.

As seen in the photos, this cultural and educational exchange was a highlight of our academic year.

What a fantastic day!
We welcomed our
local community and
friends for a morning
full of engaging,
hands-on fun.

# EYFS Family Fun Morning

April's EYFS Family Fun Morning was a fabulous morning (despite the bitterly cold wind!). It was such a pleasure to see so many local young children enjoying the range of activities and experiences. There were interactive sessions with Hartbeeps, hands-on activities with Numberblocks, opportunities to touch a range of reptiles and mini beasts with Mini Monsters and the chance to let off steam on the bouncing castle. Special thanks go to our sponsors Adrian Flux Insurance Services.











## Children's Mental Health Week

The main event in February was our commitment to Children's Mental Health Week, which we embraced across the whole school. Under the theme 'My Voice Matters', the school community prioritised children's well-being.

Activities commenced with Pyjama Day, advocating the importance of rest. Everyone came to school in their PJs and Prep pupils shared bedtime stories with Pre-Prep children. 'My Voice Matters' day empowered the children to express opinions on a range of topics in their House Meetings. Pause Day was a day away from the curriculum which encouraged mindfulness and self-care, with a range of activities including beach walks and creative sessions. We ended the week with 'Express Yourself Day', where children came to school wearing whatever was an expression of themselves, promoting the importance of individuality. It was also a chance to raise over £70 for a mental health charity.

The annual Children's Mental Health Week at Glebe signifies our commitment to supporting and enhancing children's mental health, which is also evident in ongoing initiatives like our weekly Wellness Afternoons and the presence of our Mental Health Champions, Miss Stephenson and Mrs Hancock.







Our first Your Future event was amazing, with Prep families connecting with potential schools and alumni sharing inspiring journeys.



Your Future Special Evening Event

Our first Your Future event took place on a Friday evening mid-March. It was incredible to see the Prep school buzzing as families met with potential destination schools and Old Aquilians who could share their experiences and journey beyond Glebe. We were extremely grateful to all the representatives from each of the Senior Schools who made the journey and who contributed to making this event the success it was.

Schools represented included Alderman Peel High School, Bedford School, Gresham's School, King's Ely, Langley School, Norwich School, Oundle School, Smithdon High School, The Leys School Cambridge, Uppingham School, Wisbech Grammar School and Wymondham College.





# Glebe and the Community

#### **Round Table Christmas Day Swim**

A huge well done to team Glebe for joining the annual Hunstanton & District Round Table Christmas Day Swim. Thomas from Div III and Mr Stewart's wife, daughter and dog braved the cold waters all for a good cause!

#### **Rotary Swimarathon**

Congratulations to some of our Prep boys and girls who took part in this year's Rotary Swimarathon at Alive Oasis Hunstanton. Our Division IV boys team were the Mini Wash Monsters, our girls joined three others to form their team the Oasis Orcas and our Senior boys took part in the Blu Fish team. Not only did the children do themselves, their families and the school proud, the three teams combined raised over £1,000!

#### **Red Nose Day with RotaKids**

Since the New Year, Glebe has been running RotaKids as one of its co-curricular clubs. RotaKids, a branch of Rotary International, encourages children to put others and the community first. A huge well done to Glebe RotaKids on their first charity event when they organised a Red Nose Hunt for the Pre-Prep children and a fundraising Cake & Jumble Sale for the whole school. In doing so they raised over £200 for Comic Relief.

#### **Fun Dog Show**

The second Saturday in May brings dogs of all breeds to Glebe for the annual Fun Dog Show. Blessed with sunny weather, the event featured 14 fun classes, trade stands, a inflatable obstacle course, agility challenges, and doggy dancing displays. Highlights included Headmaster Mr Stewart and his dog Bella winning the Veteran class. Many thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and attendees for making it a PAWsome day!

#### **Glebe Mighty Hikers**

Congratulations to the Glebe House School Mighty Hikers (aka Mrs Maud, Mrs Hipwell, Mrs Stuart, Mrs Stewart and Miss Stephenson) who completed the Norfolk Coast Mighty Hike Half Marathon challenge and raised over £1,600 for Macmillan Cancer! It was a beautiful day for their hike from Cromer to Blakeney, delivering some great views as they marched on to raise money for a hugely worthwhile charity.

#### **RotaKids Litter Pick**

The Glebe Rotakids organized a Litter Pick for their first off-site event. Led by President Lucas, younger students cleaned the Forest School area while older ones tackled the beach. Thanks to Bessie's Mum Georgie and the Borough Council, everyone had the necessary equipment. The event, blessed with good weather, was a great success with substantial litter collected by all.





# Parents' Committee

The GHS Parents' Committee plays an important role in supporting the partnership between the school and you. Our aim is to organise activities and social events for children and parents, and to fundraise where possible.

The Parents' Committee organise a number of events throughout the school year. There are a mix of school-based events, such as bake sales and refreshments for school plays and external events such as quiz nights, golf days and the end of year Glebe Ball. Money raised allows the Parents' Committee to fund some lovely events purely for the pupils including the children's disco, a pre prep pantomime trip and prep school trip to Skaters roller skating rink

Additional money raised by the Parents' Committee is given to the school to help fund larger projects. The school library was refurbished this year to include a new digital check in/check out system, a new carpet for the Reception classroom, new flooring for the school stage and new projectors and IT equipment.

We welcome new volunteers and make it our aim to be as inclusive as possible. We further enhance the Glebe experience for children and their families.

Mark Cain, Chair of the Parents' Committee

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#### L'Estrange

As Head of House, I am immensely proud of our achievements this year in sports, academics, and house spirit. We surpassed expectations in interhouse competitions, winning Rugby, Hockey, Netball, and Football. The Swimming Gala was a highlight, with our house rallying to secure a close second place against Saints.

L'Estrange house meetings have been vibrant, with everyone actively participating and contributing to our house points and end-of-year flag. Our success at the Harvest Festival showcased our spirit of mutual support and community.

The summer term saw a triumphant House Music event where we excelled in all categories, reflecting a significant boost in confidence among our members. I was particularly impressed by the courage shown in House Poetry, with many stepping up to perform both individually and in groups.

Our weekly meetings have been filled with enthusiasm, as everyone eagerly shares their contributions to the community. I am thrilled with what we've accomplished and look forward to supporting L'Estrange in the coming year.

"BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!"

Freddie Hawkins





# House Reports

#### **Barbers**

Barbers has had an incredible year, marked by joy, enthusiasm, and teamwork. The vibrant yellow colour symbolises our cheerful and positive spirit. Each house meeting has been lively, with everyone contributing ideas, showcasing our strong sense of community and collaboration.

Our standout achievement was winning the inaugural Great Glebe Duck Hunt, a thrilling new competition introduced by Mr. Stewart. The sight of the giant rubber duck in our lunch hall remains a proud moment for us all.

In inter-house sports, Barbers performed admirably, securing second place in Netball, Hockey, Football, Cross-Country, and Rugby, and third place in the Swimming Gala. Cricket was a particular highlight, with Barbers dominating the summer term matches and clinching first place with exceptional teamwork and enthusiasm.

Special thanks go to Eli Bacon for her dedication to organizing House Music, despite the challenges. Her commitment was truly commendable.

Our support for each other was evident in our cheering and camaraderie at events, reflecting the friendly and spirited nature of Barbers. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Hipwell for her unwavering positivity and humour, making each house meeting enjoyable and memorable.

Zoe Hipperson

#### St Edmund's

Though St Edmunds hasn't always secured top spots in inter-house events, we've shown tremendous effort and enthusiasm. This year, we embraced a variety of competitions, including poetry, egg hunt, rounders, and Just Dance.

Our summer highlight was winning the swimming gala once again, thanks to Miss Gina's spirited leadership. We also triumphed in the new inter-house poetry event.

We've made significant progress, collecting numerous stars and securing our first trophy this spring, while frequently coming second to L'Estrange.

Weekly house meetings after singing assembly have been lively and chaotic but productive, and we've embraced the fun and challenges of the year with plenty of banter and effort.

Special thanks to Oliver Veale for his standout performances, particularly in swimming, and to all in Saints for their dedication. Our mascot, Barry XVIII, has been a cherished supporter throughout.

Finally, our deepest gratitude goes to Miss Hubbard for her exceptional leadership and Mr. Scott for his invaluable support. Their contributions have been instrumental in our success and overall enjoyment of the year.

Luke Griffiths and Ravon Valentine

# Speech Day

Finishing the year with fantastic achievements & exciting celebrations

We take every opportunity to celebrate our children and bring our community together. The end of the Academic Year is marked with an Old Aquilian Service followed by the Speech Day and Prize Giving to showcase all our children have achieved. Few events carry the weight of tradition, expectation and emotion of this day, no more poignantly displayed than when "Eagles Wings" is sung together in the church with great emotion.

Thanks for the work of the year is given by Chair of the Governing Body Phil Haslam and our Head Adrian Stewart, but the entire day is carried by our Division VIII leavers - from readings to speeches. We celebrate all the children, but (rightly) our hearts are with those who are sharing their last Speech Day with us. Our Division VIII's get an opportunity to speak about their time at school, the roles they have fulfilled as leaders, and what it means to be a Glebe Pupil. We get to thank and recognise them for all they have added to the Glebe story. We close by welcoming them as Old Aquilians - a role performed this year by 2022/2023 Head and Deputy of School, Jacob Hancock and Lily Hawkins.

And then we rest, until the first of September when we begin anew, refreshed and ready!







































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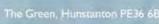


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New tour days available in 2024 and 2025

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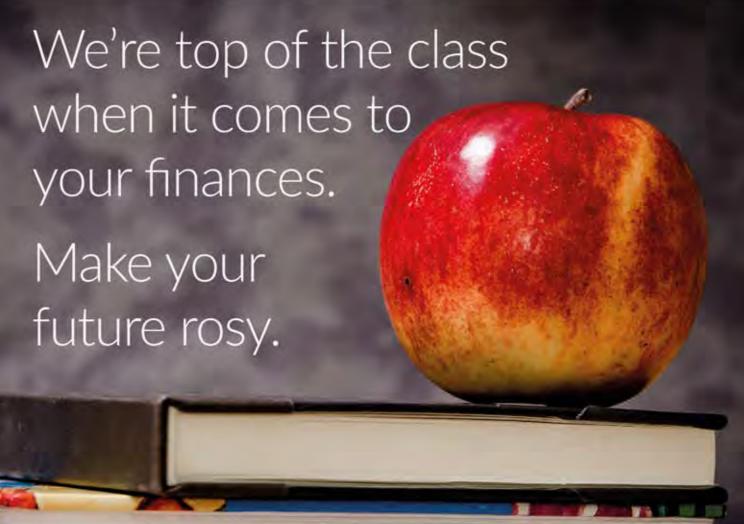
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As we celebrate and reflect on this wonderful year, we fondly remember our friends and loved ones who are not with us today. Among them, we hold a special place in our hearts for our former Headmaster John Crofts, a cherished friend, mentor and the soul of our Glebe House family. His spirit continues to inspire us all.

