

Aquilian



September 2024 - July 2025



Welcome

from the Head

"Pay less attention to what men say. Just watch what they do."

Dale Carnegie

Welcome to the 2025 edition of The Aquilian. No year could have better embodied the strength of character and sense of community that define our school. With every challenge our pupils have embraced, they have moved Glebe House School and Nursery forward, enriching what makes it such a special place. It is fitting that, as we move beyond our 150th year, the themes of Challenge, Character, and Community remain at the heart of our experience. I hope every parent, pupil, and member of staff feels proud while reading this wonderful record of the year.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the experience of our pupils. I am



especially grateful to the team who have assembled this publication. It is a true labour of love, and a reflection of all we cherish.

Some schools say that they are special; in these pages, Glebe House will show you. We are what we do - and our pupils do an excellent job!

With best wishes, Adrian Stewart

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What's Inside

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.

Hannah Searle & Joel Bygraves **Editors**

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From the Heads of School

HEAD OF SCHOOL

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



European Languages Day

LANGUAGES

Celebrating the Diversity and Richness of Our Continent's Languages.

Senior Prep Musical

CREATIVE ARTS

This year's musical was a spectacular production of Grease.





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





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SPEECH DAY & PRIZE GIVING

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From the Heads of School

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

Our time at Glebe has meant so much to us. It's been a place where we've grown in confidence, taken on responsibility and built strong friendships. From the early days in Pre-Prep or Nursery, when many of us were shy and unsure, to our final year leading the school community, we've shared many special moments. Glebe encouraged

special moments. Glebe encouraged us to step out of our comfort zones, try new things and support one another.

Being chosen as Heads of School has been a privilege. We've taken on responsibilities and represented a school that has shaped us. It's been a proud chance to lead assemblies, support younger pupils and give back to a school that has supported us.

One of the greatest things Glebe has given me is confidence. I used to be nervous even to stand on a stage, but now I've had the chance to lead, perform and represent the school. Being Head of School has been a proud moment, something I always hoped for when I looked up to older pupils. It's been an honour to be part of a school that has felt like family

Oliver Veale, Head of School



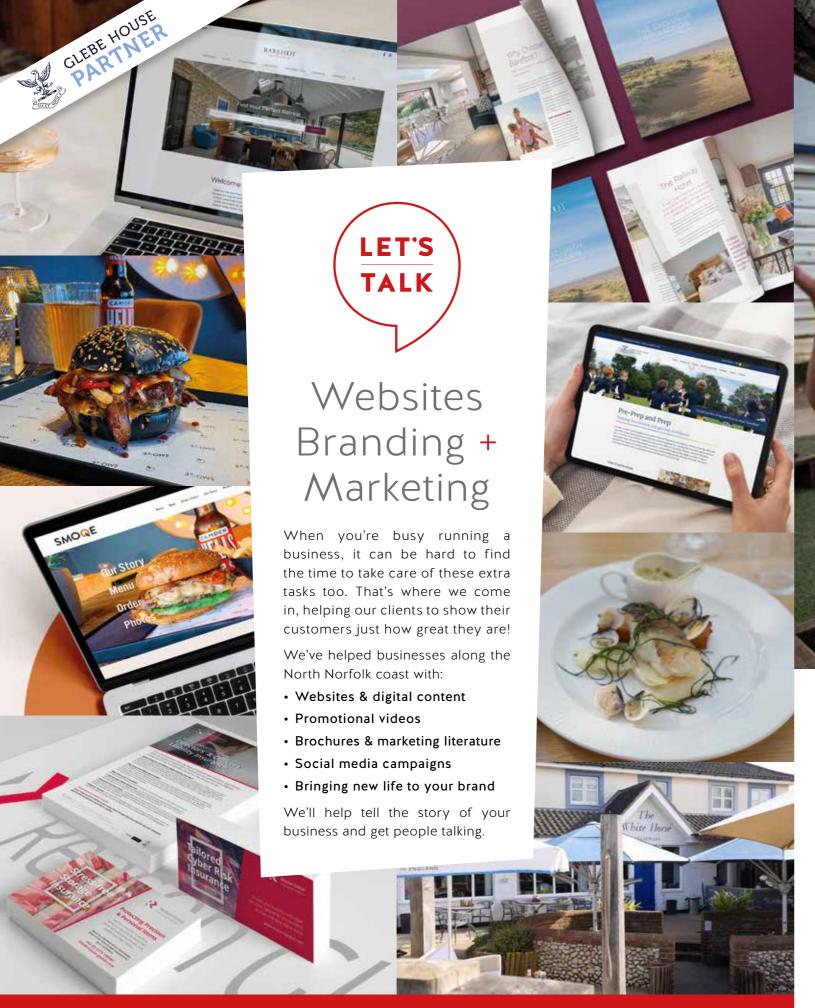
Glebe has helped us grow, take on responsibility and become more confident. We've had moments of kindness when others comforted us or helped us feel safe, which made all the difference. From being shy and quiet to finding our voices, and even talking for ages about the things we love, Glebe has supported us every step of the way

Emilia Turner-Sears and Daisy Thorneycroft, Deputy Heads of School

Thank you, Glebe, for all you've given us. We're ready for the next steps of our journey.



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NURSERY

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learn, laugh and grow."

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Glebe House Nursery Where Learning is Fun & Imaginative!

Childhood is a time to explore, discover and grow, and there's no better way to do that than through play! Our nurturing environment is designed to help children learn through hands-on experiences, creativity and curiosity.

Each day is full of exciting adventures. Children enjoy a variety of fun activities, from messy play and sensory games to music sessions and imaginative role-play. Our arts and crafts corner is always buzzing with creativity with little hands busy painting, cutting, sticking and designing wonderful masterpieces to take home. Mrs Hipwell often helps get the creative juices flowing when she comes to visit us.

We also love welcoming people who help us, including fire-fighters, paramedics and the lifeboat crew, giving the children a chance to learn about the world around them and the important roles people play in our community.

Physical development is just as important as

intellectual growth, which is why we offer regular PE lessons with Mr Turner for our 3-4 room, helping children build strength, coordination and confidence in a playful, active way.

Our beautiful outdoor areas give children the freedom to explore nature, splash in puddles, dig in the mud kitchen and go on mini-adventures, whatever the weather!

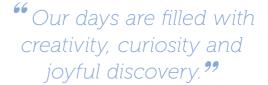
At nursery, every moment is a chance to learn, laugh and grow. We celebrate each child's uniqueness and support their journey with care, creativity and a big dose of fun!

Marie Day (Nursery Manager)

















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Reception: A Year of Discovery

Setting the stage for an exciting educational adventure.

The 2024/2025 school year has been an incredible journey for our Reception children, filled with achievements, celebrations and enriching experiences. We began by introducing our new students to Glebe routines, fostering a sense of community through play-based and outdoor learning interspersed with adults facilitating and supporting the children's love of learning through seasonal change and their topics of interest.

Our curriculum was vibrant, covering literacy and phonics, maths, French, art, music and P.E. Highlights included hands-on activities like bread making, pancake races, Easter Egg hunts and swimming lessons. A special puppy visit supported wellness as well as learning how to make pancakes and our European Languages Day, bringing joy and inspiration to our days.

Our co-curricular activities were diverse, with memorable events such as the nativity play and World Book Day, where creativity and imagination flourished. The children enjoyed a relaxing lullaby session at our local library and were fascinated to learn about the history of the fun fair at the Kings Lynn Museum.







Excursions, such as the trip to Titchwell Bird Reserve and a walk to Old Hunstanton Beach, provided practical learning experiences, enriching our understanding of the world.

PRE PREP

MARKAGE MARKET

This year has been a testament to the growth and development of our youngest learners, celebrating their curiosity and achievements every step of the way.

Lynise Stuart, Head of EYFS and Reception Teacher

An exciting year filled with exploration, imagination, new experiences and meaningful moments of learning and growth. **

























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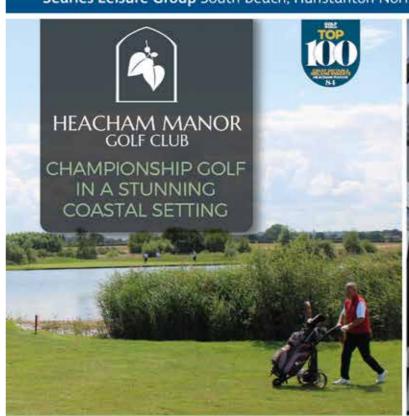


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Tackling challenges with energy, empathy and unstoppable imagination, we were always ready to lead the way.

Division I: Imagining, Creating, Growing Together

This year group is going to change the world!

Our Division I children have stood out for being caring, motivated and forward-thinking. They challenge limits, stereotypes and themselves. "I can't" isn't in their vocabulary, though we do sometimes have to remind them to stop working or helping when time's up!

They think outside the box, and love working with actual boxes too! Together, we transformed the 'sunny room' to match their creative energy. Their imaginative ideas shaped beautiful, child-led displays that celebrated our topics and seasons. Our room has never looked better; they're just as skilled at cleaning as they are at making a mess.

Their creativity also shines on stage. This class loves to perform, with many attending the co-curricular dance and singing clubs. They brought true personality to their roles in the nativity and sang their hearts out at the Christmas show. Weekly Show and Tell is a highlight, always full of enthusiasm and flair.

We've loved our termly library trips and other exciting outings. Park Farm was a particular favourite, and the children still talk about it with excitement. Their awareness of animals, the environment and the planet is both impressive and inspiring.

Now, they're ready for Division II, and the world beyond. We know they'll continue to make a difference wherever they go.

Becky Playford and Helen Barden, Division I Teachers

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Division II: Confident, Caring & Ready for Prep

Division Il have been fantastic advocates of kindness and inclusivity this year. They support each other in all that they do with a great sense of joy and adventure.

From the very beginning the children were keen to take on the special responsibilities that come with Division II; going to House meetings in the Prep, serving and clearing at lunchtimes, taking lead roles in the Nativity and being excellent role models for the younger children. They have grown not just in stature, but also in emotional maturity and confidence. I couldn't be more proud of them.

Life in Division II is fast paced and all of the children have thrown themselves into their learning. Class trips to Langham Glass and True's Yard have been some of the highlights of the year, but there have been lots of standout moments in the classroom too. Jack's toy penguin, Gaggy, became an integral part of our Science experiment when looking at materials. We experimented with washing a flag pole with yoghurt, just





HIMS CROFTS.

From science experiments to leadership roles, every moment was met with energy and pride."

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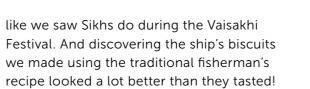


Embracing responsibility with enthusiasm, they've grown into confident, kind and thoughtful young leaders."









Overall it has been a joy having them in my class and I am certain that they will continue to grow and flourish as they move into the Prep school. They have so much enthusiasm for learning and have certainly got the best out of Pre-Prep.

Good luck Div II and keep being amazing!

Sally Maud, Head of Pre Prep and Division II Teacher







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Book Week at Glebe is always a highlight of the school calendar, and this year was no exception! The much-loved annual event began in style as children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. From classic fairytale characters to modern heroes and heroines, the school was filled with colour and creativity.

The Inter-house Book Quiz took place again, seeing teams battling it out with their knowledge of books and authors. Congratulations to L'Estrange House for coming out on top!





World Book Day itself was packed with fun and imaginative activities. Older pupils took part in lively character battles, championing their chosen literary icons with passion and flair. Meanwhile, our younger children enjoyed the challenge of 'Guess Who?', using descriptive clues to identify well-known characters.

One of the most heartwarming parts of the week was the shared reading sessions. Children from different year groups joined together, to read and share books, strengthening bonds between the classes and helping to form new friendships.

Glebe Book Week was a wonderful celebration of reading, imagination and togetherness. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

Anna Bygraves, English Teacher







Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to this year's Public Speaking Competition finalists.

The entire Prep School took part in a fantastic Public Speaking Competition. Students delivered passionate and thoughtful speeches, ranging from favourite hobbies to persuasive takes on current issues. After impressive class rounds, finalists were selected to present in the hall before an audience of peers, parents, teachers and expert judges. The quality was outstanding, making the judges' task incredibly difficult. The finalists' speeches were emotive, powerful and engaging, we laughed, we cried (almost!) and we were truly inspired.

The overall winner of the Junior Section was Amelia-Rose Emery in Division V for her fantastic speech on an Amazing Place.

And the overall winner of the Senior Section was Oliver Veale in Division VIII for his powerful speech on a Persuasive Issue.

Thank you to everyone involved, especially our judges and parents, for supporting such a memorable and moving event that celebrated student voice and confidence.

Emma Durrant and Anna Bygraves













Glebe Poetry by Heart Inter-House Competition

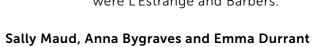
In the Spring Term, the Prep children took part in the national 'Poetry by Heart' competition, with

pupils learning and performing poems from memory. Children across the school impressed us with their clarity, confidence and heartfelt delivery. Every performance demonstrated real commitment and courage, and it was wonderful to see pupils bringing poems to life with expression and passion. As always, the Glebe spirit shone through, with children supporting and encouraging one another every step of the way. The atmosphere was full of pride, positivity and mutual respect. This was also held as an Inter-House contest and

what a showcase of talent it was! Congratulations to Saints, who were crowned the winners after a series of brilliant recitals. Well done to everyone who took part, you should all be so proud!

In the Pre-Prep the children were performing poems in their House teams. Reception recited

'Mix a Pancake', Division I performed 'Last Night I Dreamed of Chickens' (complete with mini eggs as props!) and Division II had memorised 'If I Was A Superhero'. The children also had the opportunity to perform an individual poem and win more points for their team if they wished. All of the performances were full of enthusiasm and energy, and the judges were impressed with their clarity and confidence, especially at such a young age. Overall joint winners for the Pre-Prep competition were L'Estrange and Barbers.







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Multiplication Mastery: Tackling Tables Boosts Maths Confidence

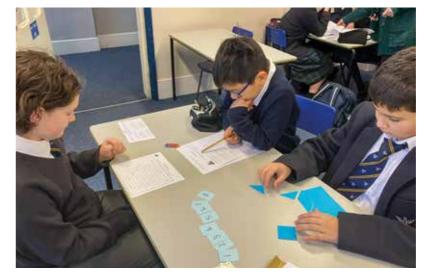
This year, we've placed a big focus on multiplication. Without strong times tables, key areas like fractions, percentages, ratio and area become much harder, and confidence can be knocked.

While traditional rote learning has its place, it doesn't suit everyone. So earlier this year, we introduced Tackling Tables, an engaging online programme that takes a visual approach and helps children understand the link between multiplication and division. With its computer-based games and card activities, it's been a hit in

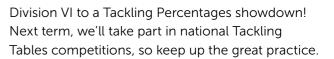
With weekly sessions, a dedicated club, and many children practising at home, we've seen real progress in fluency and recall. Several pupils have reached the top Red level, unlocking extra challenges in decimals, fractions and missing number calculations. Some of these are seriously tough, so parents, beware if you challenge

class!









In other maths news, we've continued our hands-on approach in the lower years, and many pupils took part in the Primary and First Mathematics Challenges. A big congratulations to all who entered, especially George, Edie and Austin, our winners!

Further up the school, Divisions VII and VIII have sharpened their mental maths skills with Numeracy Ninjas and enjoyed collaborative problem-solving with our Italian visitors.

And a huge well done to our top Tackling Tables users and those who've reached the Red level:

Division III: Cerys, Dylan | Red: Cerys
IV: Martha, Yvaine | Red: Thomas, Martha, Austin
V: Arlo, Bonnie | Red: Lucas, Arlo, Bonnie, Lara
VI: Ryan | Red: Rafael, Giovanna, Monty, Oren,
George, Harriet, Robyn, Ryan

Karen Hubbard, Head of Maths



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PREP: SCIENCE

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Junior Prep Science

What a fantastic year of science it's been for our Junior Prep children, with tremendous progress made across a wide range of exciting topics. From Electricity and Circuits to Space, Life Cycles, Changes of State and Animals, pupils have deepened their scientific understanding while developing key enquiry and problem-solving skills. They've learned to carry out fair, accurate and measurable tests with increasing independence and confidence.

Our young scientists benefit from a blend of theory, hands-on experiments and research-based tasks. While lessons are carefully structured, there's also plenty of scope for independent exploration. Pupils have enjoyed researching their own questions and presenting their findings to the class, building both subject knowledge and public speaking skills along the way.

Learning has taken place not only in the classroom, but also through practical fieldwork and exciting experiments in our bespoke science lab. Across every topic and setting, the enthusiasm and effort from our children has been outstanding.

Well done to all on a brilliant year of scientific discovery!

Jon Turner, Junior Science Teacher







Senior Prep Science

As students transition into Senior Prep, they begin to explore Chemistry, Biology and Physics as distinct disciplines. This structured approach provides a strong foundation, preparing them for the academic rigour of their respective senior schools.

Thanks to our fully equipped science laboratory, this year has been rich in hands-on learning. Our senior students have enthusiastically embraced scientific investigation, developing their procedural skills through a wide range of practical activities. These have included constructing calorimeters to measure the energy content of food, dissecting biological specimens, extracting pure salt from rock salt, preparing microscope slides and even leading a school-wide investigation to uncover who 'ducknapped' Mr Stewart's favourite duck!

Through these engaging, enquiry-based experiences, students have deepened their conceptual understanding of key scientific principles, laying the groundwork for future success in the sciences.

Lucy Hawkins, Senior Science Teacher

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Language & The Arts

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We embrace the power of performance and the freedom that mastery of language brings. From the Poetry Programme, culminating in the Poetry by Heart performances, to the whole-school Public Speaking Contest and our outstanding productions, the Creative and Performing Arts are at our core. Oracy and the confidence to be heard define our pupils.

This rich programme nurtures resilience, self-belief and a deeper understanding of every child. Each performance becomes a cherished memory, and we are proud to offer these opportunities to every pupil.

European Languages Day

Celebrating Language, Culture and Communication

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

Glebe pupils continue to be immersed in the beauty and allure of the French language. Through songs, games and role-play the younger pupils begin to develop foundational vocabulary and pronunciation. Older students are making progress in their reading, writing and conversational skills, with a particular focus on cultural contexts and everyday language use.

Our celebration of European Languages Day was a standout success once again this year. Students participated in a range of cross-curricular activities designed to celebrate linguistic diversity and promote cultural awareness. Pupils learnt a little Italian and Spanish, and also had the opportunity to compete in a game of Boules, the game most closely associated with the French. During the day, the 'Big Wheel', a touring foreign language theatre group, kept the children thoroughly entertained by performing 'Voulez-Vous?', an immersive and very interactive French workshop. The pupils were involved in the action the whole time and the two actors were very skilled at making contact with every child to create a fun and safe atmosphere for participation. It was really good fun!



A vibrant day of language, culture and connection, celebrating Europe through learning, laughter and play.**



The feedback from the pupils was overwhelmingly positive, and the event reinforced our commitment to fostering enthusiasm for languages and multicultural understanding.

All in all this was a thoroughly enjoyable day and I must 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 on the busy day. I look forward to next year's event.

The Modern Foreign Languages department continues to inspire curiosity, communication skills and cultural appreciation in our students. We look forward to building on this success in the coming year.

David Whitehill, French Teacher









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Crafting Ideas Into Beautiful Creations

The Art and D&T room is a special and messy place where pupils are encouraged to explore their imagination, personal expression and creativity within a curriculum that is designed to develop

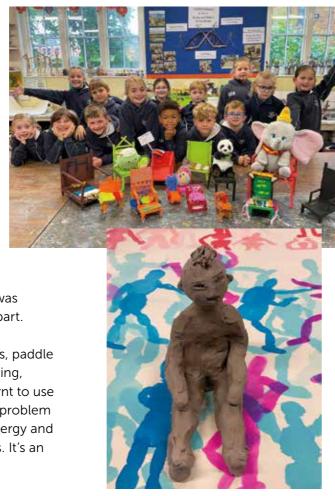
the essential skills of an Artist or Designer. Creativity needs time, space and resources, all of which we have in abundance, along with a fabulous new floor. A big thank you to the Friends of Glebe House School!

In the words of Picasso, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain one when you grow up." Every day, I see pupils deeply engaged in the creative process, experimenting with techniques, drawing inspiration from artists, and making thoughtful decisions to refine their work. Many 'Picture of the Week' pieces are chosen not just for their beauty, but for the depth of thought and effort behind them.

Our 12-Day Drawing Challenge encourages pupils to develop a daily creative habit in a fun and engaging way. It is a popular event in the creative calendar, and I was delighted to see so many pupils across the school take part.

In Design Technology, pupils have made crank machines, paddle boats, motorised Christmas decorations, furniture, weaving, textiles and clay decorations. Along the way, they've learnt to use tools accurately, measure carefully, sequence tasks and problem solve. The department is truly bursting with creative energy and innovative solutions to some very real design challenges. It's an exciting place to be!

Alice Hipwell, Head of Art and D&T















ART & DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

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Designing Solutions, Creating Future Innovators

Computing and Design has been an exciting new addition to the curriculum this year.

The emphasis has been on the development of interpersonal skills and collaborative group work, with children relying on cooperation, negotiation, persistence and a healthy dose of problem solving to complete their tasks. Additionally, the children have been required to budget, present and pitch their ideas to their peers. Watch out for some of our pupils on future episodes of Dragons' Den!

The projects themselves have been varied and engaging, from the all-singing-all-flashing micro-bit-coded Christmas decorations in Divisions III and IV, to making and marketing bath bombs in Divisions V and VI. Some of the most thought-provoking projects have been linked to real world problems. In Divisions VII and VIII, students faced the Squashed Tomato Challenge (based on hillside farming problems in Nepal), which was solved with varying degrees of success! And all classes have worked on problems relating to climate change, including 'Beat The Flood', 'Floating Garden' and 'Re-greening the Desert'.

Computing and Design has made a strong start in its first year and has provided a valuable, enriching, and above all, fun experience for all involved.

Alice Hipwell and Karen Hubbard













Hunstanton & District Rotary John Crofts Art Competition "Beside the Seaside"

The John Crofts Memorial Art Competition welcomes artwork from our pupils and schools in the local area. It encourages pupils to work independently around a theme. The pupils' inventive, creative and often humourous work delighted our expert judges, who had a job to decide the winners.

Their highly personal artworks explored topics such as Rock Pooling, Family Days Out, Sunsets, Crickets Matches, Sea-Swimming and sailing in a wide mix of media. The work was impressive and visually exciting.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded Prizes at the John Crofts Memorial Art Exhibition. A very special thanks to our two judges, Veronica from the Groundwork Gallery and Nicola Hart an independent artist from Docking.

Division VII and above category:

1st - Emilia T-S and Jessica E

2nd - Jessica E and pupils from Smithdon High School

3rd - Elysia B and Isobel H

Division III - VI category:

1st - Eiddwen E and pupil from a local primary 2nd - Dylan P and pupil from Sandringham & West Newton

3rd - Jude D and Harrison R

Reception - Division II category:

1st - Margot C and pupil from a local primary

2nd - Amelie B and Magnus R

3rd - Stanley S, Aty B and Isla D

Photography category:

1st - Verity S

2nd - Enid S

3rd - Pupil from Smithdon High School

Well done to all the children on their wonderful entries!

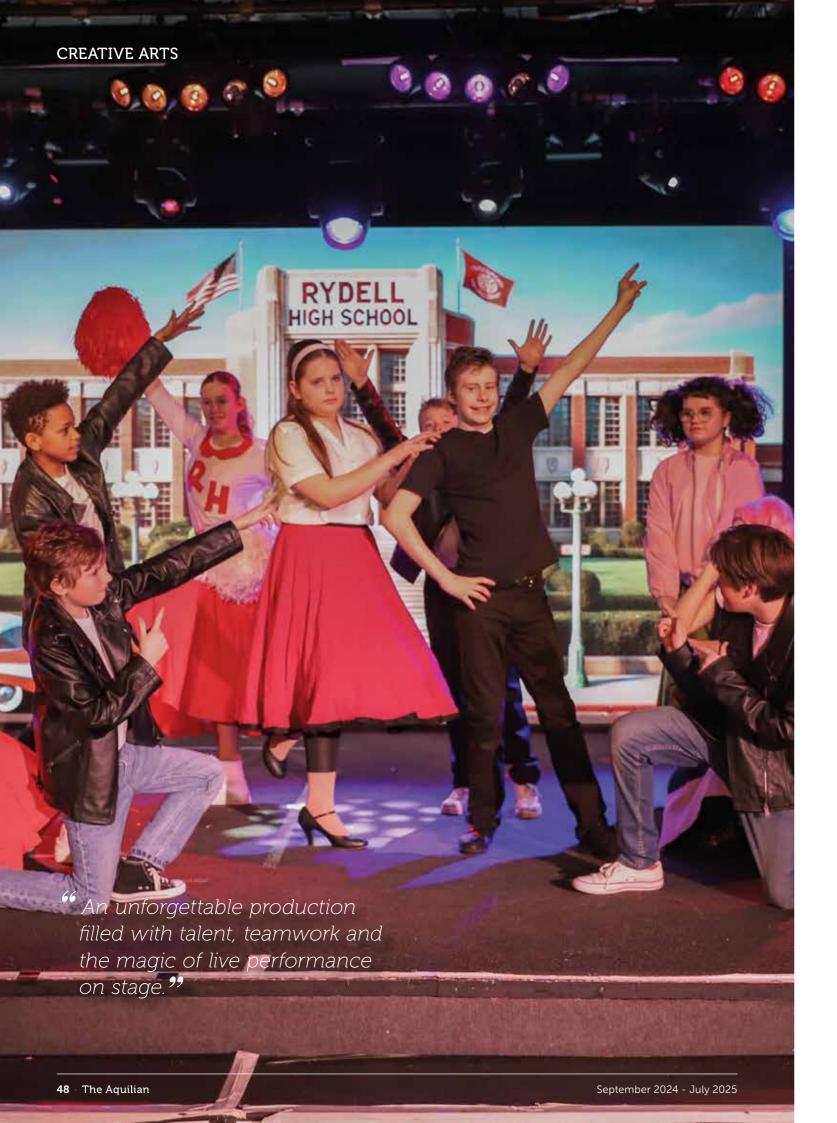
Alice Hipwell, Head of Art





GroundWork

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"Grease is the Word!" – A Spectacular Senior Prep Musical

At the end of the Spring term, our senior prep students decamped to the theatre at Searles Leisure Resort for a couple of days of intensive rehearsals, putting the final touches on their vibrant production of Grease (Young@Part). In those final days, everything came together; lighting, costumes, staging, choreography, hair, makeup, sound, video projections, and the live band - culminating in a truly unforgettable show.

Those lucky enough to see the performances will no doubt agree that the students were exceptional. They handled every element of the production with energy and professionalism, from quick costume changes and seamless scene transitions to singing with a live band and, for many, stepping onto a professional stage for the very first time. Their vocals were polished, the dance routines were tight and synchronised, and each performer brought their character to life with enthusiasm and confidence.

Most impressive of all was the teamwork on display. The cast and crew supported one another every step of the way, demonstrating maturity, commitment and a wonderful sense of camaraderie.

Productions like this don't happen without a huge collective effort, and we are immensely grateful to the many staff, parents and friends of the school who gave their time and energy behind the scenes. We also extend our thanks to Searles Leisure Resort and their team for providing a fabulous venue and support throughout.

Congratulations to everyone involved, you truly proved that Grease is still the word!

Lucy Hawkins, Producer and Director of Senior Prep Production

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JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL:

The Pirates of the Curry Bean

This year's Junior Prep production, 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean', was a hilarious, swashbuckling success and dazzled its audience. From the moment the curtain went up, the audience was swept away on a high-seas adventure filled with catchy songs, hilarious jokes and some very cheeky pirates. Congratulations to all the pupils involved; their energy, comic timing and teamwork really stood out this year and made the show such a success! A huge well done to all involved!

Anna Bygraves, Producer and Director of Junior Prep Production







Nativity

The Pre-Prep Nativity, Whoops-a-Daisy Angel, has been a beloved school tradition for nearly 20 years. This year, Mrs Maud directed, with every child taking part and working hard to learn their roles and songs. They performed three wonderful shows; one for Nursery and Prep, and two for family and friends. The children shone with confidence and joy. A huge thank you to all the parents for their incredible support with costumes and line learning!



Christmas Show

Our spectacular Christmas Show at Hunstanton Town Hall launched the festive season with music, dance and joy. From Bollywood and ballet to Disney and roller-skating Eagles, every child performed with energy and pride. Highlights included the Pre-Prep Nativity, vibrant choir pieces, and a joyful finale of "Sparkle & Shine." Huge thanks to Mrs Hipwell, her team and the Friends of Glebe House School for making it all possible. It was a magical, heartwarming evening of celebration and community.





Summer Spectacular Shines Bright

The Summer Spectacular was a vibrant and joyful finale to the Summer Term, celebrating a year of creativity and talent. The show opened with a powerful performance of Eye of the Tiger by the entire Prep School, setting the tone for an unforgettable afternoon.

Highlights included impressive solo performances from the Inter-House Music winners and beautifully prepared routines from the Pre-Prep Ballet and Mini Strictly, thanks to Miss Gina's expert guidance. Junior Prep wowed the audience with Pot of Gold from their recent musical, while Senior Prep dazzled with two fantastic numbers from Grease the Musical.

There were countless standout moments, but the emotional finale truly stole the show. The entire school came together to sing On Eagles' Wings, a fitting tribute in Glebe's 150th anniversary year, what a magical way to end!







Inter-House Music

Thank you to all the performers who played a part in this wonderful event, full of variety and musicality expertly judged by Mrs Missin, Head of Music at Wisbech Grammer School. We certainly have a huge array of musical talent at Glebe supported and nurtured by our wonderful team of peripatetics.

L'Estrange was the overall winning house, but every performer was a winner. The talent, confidence and charisma of each pupil and their performance was an uplifting experience for everyone.

WINNERS

Div III and IV

1st Charlotte Wells 'Berry Smoothie' - Piano 2nd Eiddwen Edwards 'Glowworm' - Harp 3rd Enid Snaith 'The Wish from Wish' - Voice

Div V and VI

1st Robyn Flux 'Mad World' - Piano 2nd Harriet Wells 'Walking Lil Pterodactyl' - Clarinet 3rd Jemima Kerrs 'Feeling Good' - Piano

Div VII and VIII

1st Max Hawkins 'Someone you loved' - Piano & Voice 2nd Henry Cain 'Mid Winter' - Voice 3rd Keira Reeve 'Indian Dance' - Piano

Group Performances

1st Whole House Song with Band - 'Eye of the Tiger' 2nd Oliver & Joshua 'Stepping Stones - Piano Duet 3rd Ella, Giovanna & Alice 'Little bit Naughty' Voices

Informal Concerts

This year's Termly Informal Concerts were a joyful celebration of musical talent. Pupils from all year groups performed solos, duets and group pieces on various instruments. Highlights included Division III and IV's class song, Halloween fun from the Pre-Prep choir, and enthusiastic support from staff and families throughout.



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Glebe Sport

It has been a thrilling and rewarding year of sport at Glebe House School, with pupils from both Prep and Pre-Prep showing fantastic dedication across a wide range of physical activities. Through regular fixtures against local prep and primary schools, as well as participation in cluster and SSP events, our children have embraced every opportunity to represent the school with commitment, pride and passion.

Our sporting curriculum is impressively broad; swimming, rugby, hockey, tennis, cricket, athletics, netball and football are just some of the disciplines enjoyed in both training and competition. This year, we added an Inter-House Triathlon to our existing calendar of events, which already includes Inter-House tournaments in major sports, a swimming gala, and Sports Day. Each week in assembly, we celebrate individual effort and progress, awarding the Sports Person of the Week trophy to recognise standout performances.

We're proud to host many cluster and SSP events, sharing our facilities with the wider community. A huge thank you to our pupils for their enthusiasm, to the staff for their tireless commitment and to our supportive parents. It's been a fantastic year and we're excited for what's to come!

Jon Turner, Director of Sport



















Sporting Achievements

It's been an outstanding year for sport at Glebe. Our pupils have achieved notable successes, including victories over larger prep schools, and titles such as Cluster and County Champions in cricket and hockey. Particular mention of the Cluster Dynamo Cricket Champions for Year 5/6 pupils, West Norfolk SSP Girls Dynamo Cricket Champions, U12 In2Hockey County Champions and County Year 3/4 Kwiksticks Hockey Champions. Many children also earned County and Regional honours across multiple sports. Every pupil has had the chance to represent the school and their House in a diverse and inclusive sports programme, supported by expert coaching and increased participation in local cluster and SSP events.









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Inter-House Sports

Pupils from Divisions III – VIII took part in some excellent inter-house sports afternoons, building teamwork, strengthening House spirit and encouraging friendly competition.

Tag Rugby

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

Cross Country

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

Netball

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

Cricket

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

Swimming Gala

Joint 1st L'Estrange and Saints, 3rd Barbers

Triathlon

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

Sports Day

Pre-Prep Sports Day - 1st Saints, 2nd Barbers, 3rd L'Estrange

Prep Sports Day - 1st Saints, 2nd L'Estrange, 3rd Barbers





















Sports Day

The school year ended on a high with two exciting Sports Days, as Pre-Prep and Prep pupils competed with energy and determination for their Houses. Both events were closely contested, but Saints emerged victorious in both. Well done to all participants, and let's see who will be 2026 champions!









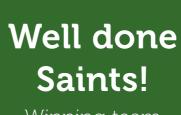












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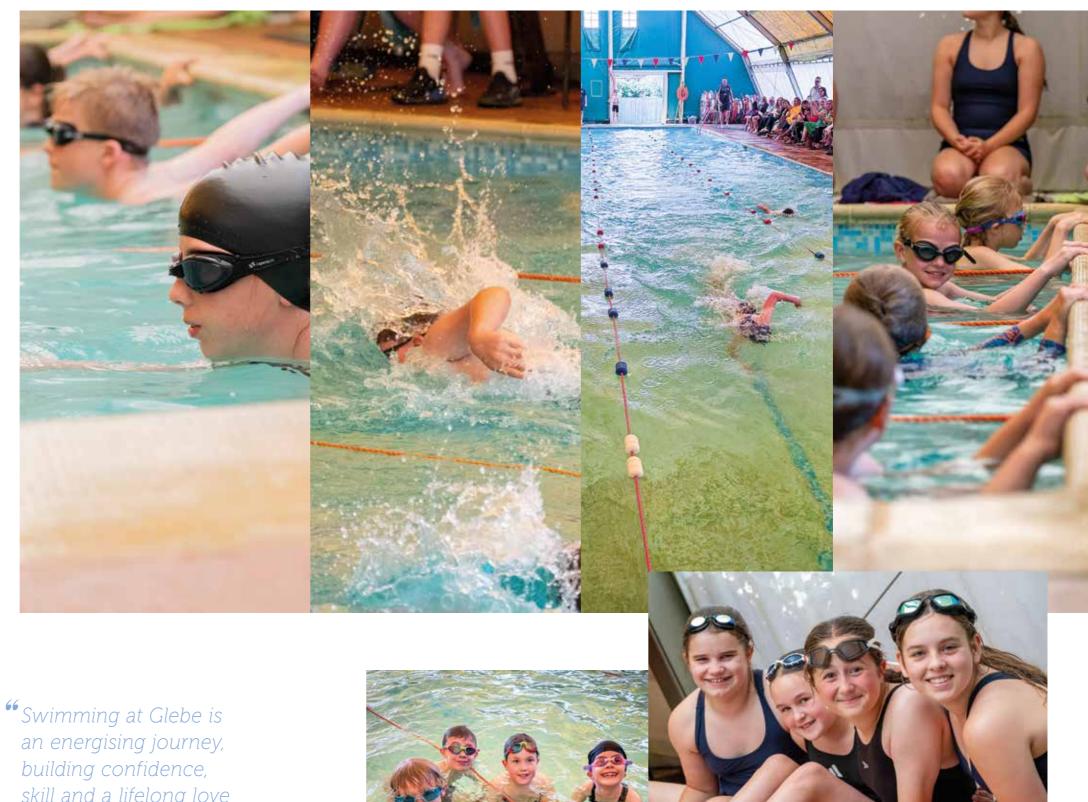
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Swimming at Glebe

We are incredibly lucky at Glebe to have a covered, 25m heated pool on site and we have been taking full advantage of this great facility under the guidance of Kevin Cross, our hugely experienced inhouse swimming coach.

Mr Cross has been working with all of our pupils, from Reception to Division VIII, in order to develop this essential life skill and improve stamina, technique and performance, as well as enjoyment. With the highlight of the swimming calendar being our Inter-House Swimming Gala, swimming is a highly valued element of our sports offering at Glebe.

This year's event certainly did not disappoint, with it going down to the final race and Saints and L'Estrange unable to be separated on points or indeed on wins! Well done to you all for your hard work and progress in the pool this year, and thank you Mr Cross for your efforts.



skill and a lifelong love of the water!"

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Out & About

Broadening horizons & learning beyond the classroom



September

Division IV kicked off their poetry project with a sunsoaked trip to Old Hunstanton Beach. Immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of the seaside, pupils explored John Masefield's Sea Fever before crafting their own poems. The outdoor lesson, led by Mrs Bygraves and Ms Maguire, offered a rich, sensory experience that brought poetry to life.

Division VIII journeyed to Castle Acre Priory to deepen their understanding of Medieval society. Exploring the roles of nobles, monks and peasants, pupils examined the ruins and marvelled at the castle's defences. A highlight was walking through England's best-preserved medieval latrines! The trip brought textbook history into vivid, tangible focus.

Meanwhile, Divisions V and VI visited Houghton Hall & Gardens for their first outing of the year. Pupils explored Antony Gormley's Time Horizon exhibition, where 100 cast-iron human figures prompted reflection on identity, humanity and environment. The sculptures, some emerging from the earth, others standing tall, served as the perfect launchpad for their art unit on the human form.

All three trips showcased the power of experiential learning, sparking curiosity, creativity and meaningful connections to classroom topics. What a fantastic start to the term!



October

In October, Division V took their geography learning beyond the classroom with a field trip to the River Glaven, supported by the Norfolk Rivers Trust. Pupils spent the day observing and measuring different parts of the river and valley, applying classroom skills in the great outdoors, despite a few soggy socks!

A highlight was learning about Wiveton's surprising past as a bustling port, offering a fascinating look at local history and how landscapes evolve.

This hands-on experience deepened pupils' understanding of river systems and brought geography to life in a real-world setting.







February

Division III enjoyed an exciting visit to Norwich Castle Museum as part of their history topic on Ancient Egypt. Pupils debated tomb discoveries, handled 5,000-year-old artefacts and created stunning Egyptian collars with a modern jeweller. This hands-on trip brought history vividly to life and sparked thoughtful discussion and creativity. With so many fantastic learning opportunities nearby, we're proud to take learning beyond the classroom and inspire curiosity in the real world.





As Junior Prep auditions got underway, we enjoyed reflecting on a fantastic year of Performing Arts so far. From our Eagle Performers' trip to see Starlight Express in London to the Prep Choir singing at Young Voices in Birmingham, it was a joyful journey. Dance, drama, music and singing all shine at Glebe House, and it's been wonderful to see so many pupils embracing the opportunities offered through our rich co-curricular programme.









May

Division V embarked on an action-packed residential trip to Derbyshire, enhancing their Humanities studies with visits to Chatsworth House, Eyam Museum and village, and Haddon Hall. A thrilling morning of climbing and abseiling at Burbage Edge challenged the pupils physically and mentally, encouraging resilience and teamwork. This immersive experience not only reinforced their classroom learning but also inspired future art and STEAM projects as they prepare to move into Year 6. The children built lasting memories while strengthening friendships, well done Division V!

Meanwhile, Year 4 enjoyed an equally engaging trip to Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery as part of their History topic on the Icenis and Romans. The day was filled with hands-on activities,

> including meeting a Roman soldier, handling authentic and replica artefacts, exploring the galleries, and working with an archaeologist to craft their own torcs, which they proudly brought home. These real-world experiences bring learning to life and broaden our pupils' horizons, making history both tangible and memorable.





Leavers' Programme

Glebe pupils moving up in the Prep School often talk wistfully about what it must be like to be in Division VIII and to go on the Leavers' Programme; they generally see a blur of excited hoodie wearing teenagers bouncing from one exciting activity to another, and hear wonderful (possibly exaggerated?) tales of travel adventures. This year's cohort were delighted to finally be at that stage themselves, and approached the whole programme with bundles

of enthusiasm.

Starting with a day of community service set the tone well; a beach clean and serving lunch to the rest of the school reminded everyone that Glebe is about what you put in, not just what you take out.

Four days in Amsterdam still didn't give enough time to really do it justice, but we were lucky enough to appreciate

a whole range of experiences, including the Holocaust Museum and Memorial, Van Gogh art, canals and a boat trip, the zoo, shopping, markets, trams, and a lot of walking. Much of the visit was tailored to enrich the Humanities learning from school, but Mrs Haslam was also very grateful that the group got some many steps in, excellent pre Leavers' Walk training!

Back in the UK, the programme included Mr Stewart's trip to Cambridge; lots of fun punting and completing Escape Rooms challenges. Mr Scott provided an excellent 'Inside Out' day at the mounds, and Mrs Durrant and Mrs Fraulo took the group to the Norfolk Show.

More community contributions came with running the 150 Fete stalls and helping

organise the afternoon (a brilliant event thanks to everyone's enthusiasm).

The group showed incredible resilience and determination completing the traditional Leavers' Walk; it was a super hot day, and a huge achievement for everyone.

A brilliant few weeks were finished with the opportunity to share their memories of their time at Glebe during the traditional Leavers'

Assembly, followed by a brilliant cricket match against parents, and a wonderful dinner at Brancaster Sailing Club.

Memories were made, and this year's Leavers showed just what a wonderful group of young people they have become.

Lis Haslam and the Div VIII Leavers

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Co-Curricular Programme

The comprehensive co-curricular offer launched last year is gaining in breadth and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the new and exciting activities on offer. Firm favourites like Sailing, Cooking, Eagle Performers and Strictly Come Dancing are joined by newer offers like Darts, Crochet, Swim Squad, Gardening and Glebe News to name but a few.

This year a number of children have launched their own clubs, pitching concepts, planning logistics, marketing and seeking support of an adult sponsor

to assist. Pupil-led clubs are encouraged and we love to see the children gain in confidence as they lead their clubs.







Boarding at Glebe



It has been another fun and busy year in boarding at Glebe.

Both girl and boy boarding houses have a fabulous mix of children from across the prep school and have engaged in a number of great activities including seasonal parties at Halloween and Christmas, the summer pool parties and trips to the beach and Sandringham, Deer Park Safaris and evenings simply relaxing amongst friends.

It is with great pride that we reflect back on the achievements and endeavours of our wonderful boarding pupils and are

happy to report the boarding community continues to thrive at Glebe. Do encourage your child to speak to the pupils who board and see why they love it so much. We hope to welcome even more of our pupils into boarding next year and here are just a few photos of our pupils having fun as Glebe boarders.

Jon Turner and Tamzine Fraulo

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Welcome to the Glebe family Thea

Thea, our Golden Retriever puppy, joined the Wellbeing Team after the Easter holidays as a Therapy Dog in training. She has settled beautifully into school life, though she still has plenty to learn!

As a young puppy, Thea is currently focusing on her basic training. In time, her role in school will include providing a calming presence, listening to reluctant readers and helping to encourage children who may be feeling shy or withdrawn, alongside all the other wonderful benefits a Therapy Dog can bring. And of course, there'll be plenty of fun and cuddles along the way!

During the Summer Term, Thea has been very busy. She's hosted her very own club, attended Art classes and clubs, and explored every corner of the school. After such busy days, she loves nothing more than a nap, usually upside down, on her bed in Mrs Hancock and Mrs Stowe's office.

When she's not at school, Thea enjoys life on the farm with Mrs Hancock and her family. There she plays with her doggy brothers and sisters and is always up for an adventure. During the holidays she'll be experiencing new things, continuing her training and most likely chasing the cats







SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 centred around the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', giving our students a meaningful opportunity for self-discovery. Throughout the week children explored the

wide range of emotions we all experience, reflected on what brings them joy and what can make them feel sad, and developed a deeper understanding of themselves. A key message was that all emotions are important and valid.

A highlight of the week was our dedicated Pause
Day, a special opportunity for students to step
back from their usual routines and focus on
wellbeing and relaxation. The day featured a
range of uplifting activities including a calming
walk to the beach, the ever-popular Nerf Wars,
expressive art sessions and fun team games.
Each experience was carefully designed to help students
relax, recharge and connect, both with themselves and
each other.

As part of the week, the Mental Wellbeing Team also launched our new Wellbeing Hub on Google Classroom, a dedicated space where students can access resources, find support and explore strategies to care for their mental health.

The week concluded with an inspiring assembly led by our Wellbeing Prefects. They shared practical tips for supporting our mental health, emphasised the power of meaningful connections and spoke about how strong, healthy relationships can help us navigate life's ups and downs with confidence and resilience.



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RotaKids

Now in its second year, our school RotaKids Club has enjoyed another busy and purposeful year. We began the year with sadness following the passing of John Crofts, our much-loved founding member whose passion and dedication helped bring RotaKids to life at Glebe. His legacy lives on, and we are very grateful to Jean-Marie Vernon, President of Hunstanton & District Rotary, and Christine Earnshaw for kindly stepping in to continue his good work and guide us forward.

This year's team has been actively involved in a wide range of charitable initiatives, including 'Marathon Monday' and the 'Rotary Swimarathon', raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support and East Anglia Children's Hospice. We also took part in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme, sending gifts to disadvantaged families in Eastern Europe, and helped entrepreneurs in low-income countries through microloans with the charity 'Lendwithcare'.

Closer to home, we repurposed old milk cartons to create a colourful and eco-friendly 'living wall' in the school garden and raised money for our School Hall Project.

A heartfelt thank you to all members of the Glebe community for your continued encouragement and support, it truly makes a difference.

This year has been filled with incredible community spirit and generosity, alongside the fantastic fundraising efforts of Glebe's 150th anniversary. From fundraising to volunteering, our school has truly made a difference.

A standout moment was Mrs Stuart's amazing achievement in her heroic Mighty Hike, trekking from Cromer to Holkham to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

In December, pupils joined the Hunstanton community and took part in the Reverse Advent, collecting over 3,000 items for The Purfleet Trust. A staggering achievement over just 25 days!

Our prefects organised a Uniform and Bake Sale, with funds matched by Friends of Glebe House School, enabling them to invest in a new Peer Support Programme.

Other events such as Red Nose Day, Wear it Onederful, Movember and the Poppy Appeal raised over £800 for worthy causes.

These efforts reflect Glebe's commitment to compassion, kindness and being active members of its community, values we are proud to see in action every day.

Fun Dog Show

The sun was shining and tails were wagging at the Hunstanton Fun Dog Show held at Glebe House School on Saturday, 10th May 2025. With blue skies above and plenty of four-legged friends in attendance, the day truly lived up to its name - everyone had a pawsome time!

From the moment the event started, there was a buzz of excitement. Dogs paraded proudly in their best collars, some in costume, others just showing off their natural charm. Children giggled, tails wagged and the green field echoed with friendly barks and laughter.

As well as the fun classes each doggy had an opportunity to do some agility and also test their speed in the fastest recall competition. While all this was going on their owners had a chance to indulge in some retail therapy as there were stalls offering treats, handmade collars, toys, dog-friendly goodies and refreshments. There was also a bouncy castle

and some fairground games to keep the children amused.

Once again it was fantastic to see so many children and parents from the Glebe community, past and present, entering the fun classes with so much enthusiasm. Many won rosettes including Firsts for Mrs Stowe and her son Freddie, with their cute doggy, Bell, in the Veteran category, and for Cerys from Division III with her adorable Molly in the Prettiest Girl event. Congratulations must also go

to Cerys and Molly for winning Best in Show. How pawsome is that! However, as I always say, whether you win a rosette or not, you always go home with the best dog in any case.

We look forward to another tail-wagging fun time next year!

David Whitehill

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Beyond 150 Fundraising

We were thrilled to launch our 'Beyond 150' fundraising campaign at the start of the school year, aiming to support larger-scale projects that will benefit the entire Glebe community. Our first goal: raising £35,000 for the renovation of the school hall, soon to be renamed The Croft Memorial Hall.

Students embraced the challenge with creativity and enthusiasm, taking on personal fundraising initiatives such as lemonade stands, household chores, crafting, swimathons and even running in the Great East Anglian Run. The Prep School joined in with an energetic Inter-House Triathlon, families treated themselves to their 'Beyond 150' hoodies and the Friends of Glebe House School made a generous donation following the Glebe Summer Ball.

The renovation is set to be completed over the summer holidays, and we can't wait to see the transformation when we return in September. With one amazing project nearly complete, we're looking ahead with excitement to our next 'Beyond 150' project!



Friends of Glebe House School

This year, as Glebe began to celebrate 150 wonderful years, we were excited to introduce the newly formed Friends of Glebe House School. Following on from the great works of the Parents' Committee, Friends of Glebe aims to bring together the whole school family - including pupils, parents and staff - with the wider community, welcoming support from all quarters and spreading the Glebe ethos far and wide.

We enjoyed a full and vibrant calendar of events this year:

- September saw the return of the highly popular Glebe Family Golf Day raising over £2,000, which funded a new floor for the art room.
- In October we enjoyed another fantastic and well attended Bonfire Night, raising nearly £500 which helped to fund the Wellbeing Ambassadors' Programme.
- December was a busy month: the £630 raised on the bar at the Christmas Show funded the performance rights for the Senior Prep Musical, Grease, and the nearly £300 raised by the Christmas Bake Sale funded Easter eggs and activities for the children.
- In February we managed to raise £422 at our Valentine's Bake Sale, which funded soft furnishings for the refurbished Learning Lab.

 We closed the Spring Term in March with the ever popular Glebe Quiz, raising over £260, and the merchandise stall at the Grease performances, raising over £300, all of which went towards funding the new and improved roof over the hall walkway.

FRIENDS OF GLEBE

• The summer term was a very busy and successful term with events including the Glebe fete, the Children's Ball and the highlight of our year, the Glebe Summer Ball. This year's Ball was extra special as we celebrated 150 years of our wonderful school with the Narnia Ball. We welcomed 180 guests, including former pupils, parents and staff, and we raised in excess of £20,000 making this event the most successful Ball to date!

We look forward to continuing to help enhance the Glebe community spirit with fun, inclusive events and to support the school's improvement drive with positive fundraising efforts next year. If you would like to know more about what we do or support us in any way, please do visit the Friends of Glebe page on the school's website at glebehouseschool.co.uk/friends-of-glebe

Becci Bacon, Chair of Friends of Glebe House School

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2025 House Highlights



This year the whole house had an amazing spirit and attitude towards inter house events, even when we didn't win. Although we had a lot of second places in the inter house competitions, we had a few brilliant wins; these were: the cross-country at the start of the year, poetry in the spring term, and in the summer, the music competition and a very well received victory at the swimming gala that we shared with Saints, breaking their winning streak.

As for the competitions that we didn't win, there was still a very obvious sense of determination and effort coming from everyone in the house, which I'm sure will lead the house into many victories next year.

I've focussed a lot on the spirit of L'Estrange as a whole this year but I also noticed someone who stood out with their house spirit, optimism and being a friendly face for everyone; I was proud to name Max as the winner of the L'Estrange trophy at Speech Day.

I would also really like to thank the Wells family for donating such a magnificent new trophy! I will be sorry to leave L'Estrange; I have loved being the House Captain, and am very proud of the way we have defined ourselves, not by how we win, but how we lose. I know that the house will be in very good hands next year - congratulations to Toby, and good luck!

Abi Haslam



Wow what a year Barbers have had! We started the year great by winning the mini golf competition, we putted our way to victory!!

This year we have also won: hockey with amazing resilience, scoring goals and never giving up; netball with determination; Rugby and Cricket which came with lots of patience. Sports Day we thought we were in with a chance. We were really strong in track events and let ourselves down on the throwing events.

We also came 2nd in House Music, amazing! On a sadder note, we lost the one the only duck hunt. We tried our best, but didn't win. The duck has been named Barber in the memory of our win last year.

I am so proud of my house for the determination and resilience they showed this year. We've have had a great year Barbers. I see a bright future for us - never give up!

Ella Hancock



For me, this year as Head of St Edmunds has been one amazing one. I have had the pleasure to watch my house grow and thrive.

We have had a brilliant couple of terms academically, winning the star trophy and the Flag, but I think my favourite Inter House Event must have been the Swimming Gala.

Even though we drew with L'Estrange, it was an exciting event and we are still unbeaten! My favourite part (and probably the favourite part for the whole house) was when Miss Hubbard jumped in the pool along with Mrs Haslam. ("I'm glad you enjoyed it - it's unlikely to happen again!" Miss Hubbard).

I am also proud of my house for pushing themselves to their limits on Sports Day and winning both the senior and junior competitions. Even despite the awful heat, we still did it.

I don't really have words to explain how proud I am of my house and I am so pleased to have worked with all the amazing people in it. I would like to wish everyone in Saints the best of luck for next year, especially to Florence as she takes over.

Isobelle Howlett

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Speech Day

Finishing the year with fantastic achievements & exciting celebrations

After a hugely positive year, during which pupils across the school have achieved success both in the everyday and the extraordinary, we gathered for one of the most special moments in our school calendar. Speech Day at Glebe House School and Nursery is unlike any other, and we are proud of that. We honour tradition, celebrate the year, and say farewell in a way that is uniquely ours.

The day begins with a poignant and reverent service at St Mary's Church, before moving to the marquee at school. Over four hundred pupils, parents and guests come together to celebrate achievements from Reception to Division VIII. Speeches from the Chair of Governors, Hannah Searle, and the Head celebrate and thank our community. In our 150th year, the amount to reflect on was significant, but so too were the positives moving into the coming year.

Yet the true focus of Speech Day is our pupils, especially the Division VIII leavers. We do not invite a guest speaker; instead, we honour those who are moving on and give them a platform to remember their time. Each Division VIII pupil spoke with sincerity and heart, sharing their gratitude and memories. It was deeply moving and more than a little emotional. The day ends with a special ceremony, where our Heads of School from the previous year welcome the Division VIII to the Old Aquilians. A part of the journey is complete for them and Glebe House, with the promise of more opportunity and adventure ahead.













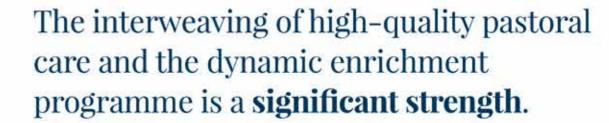












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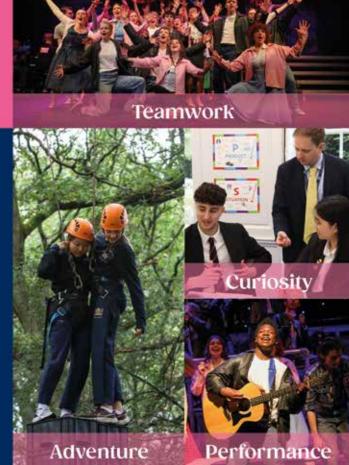




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