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Welcome

from the Head

As we look back on a year so well served, I am immensely proud of all that our pupils, staff, parents, Old Aquilians, and the wider Glebe community have achieved together. It has been a year marked by purpose, joy, and steady progress, with our children embracing each challenge and opportunity with admirable spirit. Their growth in confidence, character, and ambition has been evident across every area of school life, and the work showcased in this magazine offers only a taste of the remarkable outcomes they have produced.

I remain deeply grateful for the dedication and care of our staff. The support of our parents, the continued connection of our Old Aquilians, and the commitment of the whole community have enriched the experience of every child and strengthened the life of the school. Together, this



collective effort has shaped a year defined by achievement, joy, and shared purpose.

As we read these pages, we celebrate the successes of the year with gratitude and pride, united in all that Glebe House School stands for. Our pupils' strength is our strength, and they have made us very strong indeed

With best wishes,
Adrian Stewart

What's Inside

Welcome to this year's edition of The Aquilian, a celebration of the people, achievements and memorable moments that have shaped another remarkable year at Glebe House School. Within these pages you'll discover the stories, creativity and experiences that define our vibrant community. We hope you enjoy looking back on a year filled with learning, laughter and lasting memories.

Hannah Searle
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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 because this school has shaped who we are from our earliest days to our final year. We've grown up in a place where everybody knows everybody, like no other school. From the small routines to the big events, we've learnt that every moment counts, and we should take every opportunity we get.

For us, being chosen as Heads of School has been a privilege and a chance to give back to a community that has supported us on our journey. Stepping into this role has meant taking on real responsibilities and supporting our school community in ways which matter to us as students. We have loved making an impact on the younger ones and being a role model for them, becoming part of the long line of pupils who have supported others at Glebe. Being Heads of School has helped us grow in confidence, and we feel proud to continue the legacy that older pupils once inspired in us.

Glebe has been more than a school to us. It hasn't just taught us how to write an essay or solve some algebra; it has taught us confidence, leadership and teamwork and those characteristics are the ones which will stay with us throughout our lives. It will always hold a special place in our hearts—for the lessons we've learned, the friendships we've built, the opportunities we've had, and the lifelong memories we've made.



We will always be part of Glebe, and Glebe will
always be part of us

**Maximus Hawkins, Head of School, Verity Snaith,
Deputy Head of School (Pre Prep) and Bessie
Bartmeier Deputy Head of School (Prep)**





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THE ERIC'S DINING FAMILY



Glebe House Nursery

Reflecting on a year of friendship,
play and discovery together.



Glebe House Nursery

Growing, Exploring & Laughing Together

As we come to the end of another fantastic year in Nursery, we are so proud of all the fun, friendships and learning our children have shared together. It has been a busy year full of exciting experiences, laughter and memorable moments!

The children have explored many important topics, including learning all about road safety and how to stay safe when out and about. We celebrated Christmas with festive songs, crafts and fun, bringing lots of joy and sparkle to Nursery. After the Christmas holidays, we were delighted to welcome the ISI inspectors, and the children impressed everyone with their confidence, kindness and enthusiasm.

We also enjoyed taking part in the BBC Garden Birdwatch Week, where the children became nature detectives, spotting and identifying birds in our outdoor areas. World Book Day brought stories

to life with wonderful costumes, favourite books and lots of imaginative fun.

Throughout the year, we welcomed some very special visitors including police officers and the lifeboat crew, who taught the children about their important jobs and how they help our community. We also shared in the excitement of celebrating staff members' new arrivals to the Glebe family, which the children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about.

Forest School sessions gave everyone the chance to explore, build, discover and get muddy outdoors! We ended the year with transitions to school, helping children feel confident for their next adventure, and a fantastic Sports Day filled with teamwork, cheering and smiles. What a wonderful year it has been, thank you EVERYONE!

Marie Day, Nursery Manager



“Friendships, laughter and learning created unforgettable memories throughout another wonderful Nursery year.”



Reception: Growing in Confidence Every Day

Celebrating friendships, independence and unforgettable first school experiences.

This year in Reception has been a wonderful passage of discovery, growth and confidence. From the very first days of nervous smiles and tiny steps into the classroom, the children have blossomed into curious, capable and caring members of our school community.

Throughout the year, we have watched friendships flourish as children learned to share, collaborate and support one another. Every activity, from storytelling and imaginative play to outdoor adventures and early writing, has helped build not only key skills but also resilience and independence. It has been inspiring to see each child develop their own unique voice and personality, gain the confidence to express ideas, ask questions and celebrate their achievements.

Reception is about far more than learning letters and numbers; it is where children begin to understand their place within the wider school family. Whether proudly taking part in assemblies, helping classmates or greeting familiar faces around the corridors, the children have embraced school life with enthusiasm and kindness.

One of the greatest joys has been seeing how much the children now believe in themselves. Challenges that once seemed daunting are now approached





with determination and excitement. Their creativity, empathy and sense of wonder have shone brightly every day.

As the year comes to an end, the children leave Reception with strong foundations, treasured memories, and a growing sense of who they are. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and excited to watch them continue to thrive in the years ahead.

**Lynise Stuart, Head of EYFS
and Reception Teacher**

“From nervous beginnings blossomed curious, confident, caring children ready to embrace every new adventure together proudly.”





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Division I: Learning with Confidence Together

Throughout the year the children in Division I have developed their curiosity, confidence, creativity and a genuine love of learning. Academic rigour balanced with opportunities to explore, discover and play, have ensured that every child has thrived both inside and outside the classroom.

Our engaging curriculum has provided strong foundations in English and Mathematics through interactive learning experiences that have inspired enthusiasm. Daily reading is an important part of classroom life, helping children develop fluency, comprehension and a lifelong enjoyment of books. In English lessons, the children have demonstrated creativity through storytelling, discussion, drama and writing activities. Practical exploration and problem solving in maths have developed a deeper understanding of key concepts in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

Through exciting topics such as The Great Fire of London and Farming Life, collaborative activities and purposeful learning experiences have inspired the children to think independently, ask questions and become resilient learners.

Creativity is also at the heart of Division I life. Children have enjoyed opportunities to perform and express

themselves through music, drama and poetry. Highlights of the year include the much-loved Nativity and Christmas performances, Inter House poetry competition and through weekly Show and Tell sessions. Dance and singing clubs have nurtured confidence and self-expression.

We strongly value learning beyond the classroom and take pride in our links with the local community. Visits to the local elderly home, library and heritage centre, helped them develop empathy, understanding and a sense of belonging within the wider community. Educational visits to the Lifeboat station and Park Farm provided memorable real-world learning experiences, while trips to the beach allowed the children to explore and appreciate the unique coastal environment around them.

Division I is a happy, caring and inspiring environment where children are encouraged to challenge themselves academically while also having the freedom to play, imagine, perform and grow into confident young individuals.

**Becky Playford and Helen Barden,
Division I Teachers**



“Every opportunity inspired curiosity, resilience and confidence, encouraging children to flourish together every day.”



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Division II: Ready for Every Adventure

Celebrating confidence,
curiosity and a fantastic final
year in Pre Prep.

The Division II children have approached their final year in Pre Prep with enthusiasm and gusto! They have thoroughly embraced all of the extra opportunities that being at Glebe allows. They have had a very busy year under the guidance of Mrs Maud and she has been really impressed with their behaviour and maturity both in and out of the classroom.

Highlights have been going on safari to Watatunga to see real Kenyan animals and visiting the Stories of Lynn museum to learn more about local mariners from the past.

A real strength of this class is their aptitude to embrace new things. From tasting, smelling and feeling new things in our special Senses lesson with Dr Cox to trying unusual flavours that historically sailors used to eat to survive months at sea. In particular



WELCOME TO

PRE PREP



“Every challenge embraced with enthusiasm, confidence and determination prepared children perfectly for exciting adventures ahead.”



“Embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination, they became true movers and shakers.”





the children seem to have a real passion for sport. They have tried out many different new sports over the course of the year from local Trigolf and fitness festivals to actual golf lessons to joining in with the Prep Inter House Triathlon and swimming gala.

Overall the children have approached their final year in Pre Prep with a positive can-do attitude and Mrs Maud is confident that they will continue their path through Glebe with passion and determination. Watch out Prep school, you have some movers and shakers coming your way!

**Sally Maud, Head of Pre Prep
and Division II Teacher**



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Looking back on a year of inspiring learning and academic success.



Glebe Book Week 2026: A Celebration of Reading

Glebe Book Week was once again one of the highlights of the school year, bringing together children and staff in a joyful celebration of books, stories and reading.

Throughout the week, there was a real sense of excitement around the school as children embraced a range of activities designed to promote a love of reading. One of the most popular initiatives was our 'Drop Everything and Read' moments, which encouraged everyone to pause what they were doing and enjoy a good book. Many children wanted to keep these signs for further weeks!

A particular highlight was our shared reading sessions, where older and younger pupils paired up





to read together. These sessions provided a lovely opportunity for children from different year groups to connect through stories, sharing conversations, laughter and a mutual enjoyment of books.

World Book Day was, as always, a memorable occasion. The creativity and effort that went into the costumes was exceptional, and it was a delight to see the school filled with such a wonderful range of classic and modern book characters. The House Book Quiz also proved a great success, testing pupils' literary knowledge and encouraging a healthy sense of competition, while the mystery of our secret readers kept everyone guessing throughout the week.

We were also thrilled to welcome back Old Aquilian and author Iona Rangeley, who inspired the children with stories about her journey to becoming a writer and introduced them to her latest novel, 'Cecily Sawyer'.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Glebe Book Week such a memorable and successful celebration of reading.

Anna Bygraves, English Teacher



Public Speaking Competition

Celebrating confident voices, courageous speakers & inspiring ideas.

The annual Public Speaking Competition final celebrated the confidence, creativity and communication skills of our pupils from Divisions III to VIII.

Congratulations to everyone who took part throughout the competition; it takes real courage to stand up and speak in front of an audience, and we are incredibly proud of every participant.

Following class rounds, our finalists represented their year groups brilliantly, delivering engaging and entertaining speeches on a wide range of topics, including pugs, Brownies, holiday adventures, slumber parties and, of course, plenty of stories about dogs! The standard was exceptionally high. It was particularly pleasing to see how many pupils had grown in confidence since last year, demonstrating greater poise, expression and presence when speaking in front of an audience.

The overall winner of the Junior Section was Harriet Innes with her speech all about her favourite animal, Pugs! The overall winner of the Senior Section was Verity Snaith with her speech 'Should we abolish the Monarchy?'

Thank you to our judges, staff and families for their support in making this such a successful event and for encouraging our pupils to develop their confidence and communication skills.

Emma Durrant, Head of English and Anna Bygraves, English Teacher





Inter House Poetry Competition

Celebrating confident performances, memorable poetry and house spirit combined.

In the Spring term, both the Pre Prep and Prep schools treated us to outstanding finals of our Inter House 'Poetry by Heart' competition, with children across the school once again blowing us away with their performances. Every finalist should feel incredibly proud. Standing on stage and delivering a poem from memory takes real courage, and the judges were amazed by the confidence shown by every single performer.

We were treated to a brilliant range of poems, from dramatic (and rather persuasive) attempts to avoid homework and rapping grannies, to the timeless brilliance of Shakespeare. The variety, humour and depth on display reminded us just how powerful poetry can be in young hands.

A huge well done to all our section winners, whose



performances were exceptional. Congratulations to Barbers, who were crowned the Prep school overall House champion, just clinching the top spot in a wonderfully close competition. Congratulations to L'Estrange, the overall winner in Pre Prep.

What a fantastic celebration of poetry, talent and teamwork!

Sally Maud, Anna Bygraves and Emma Durrant



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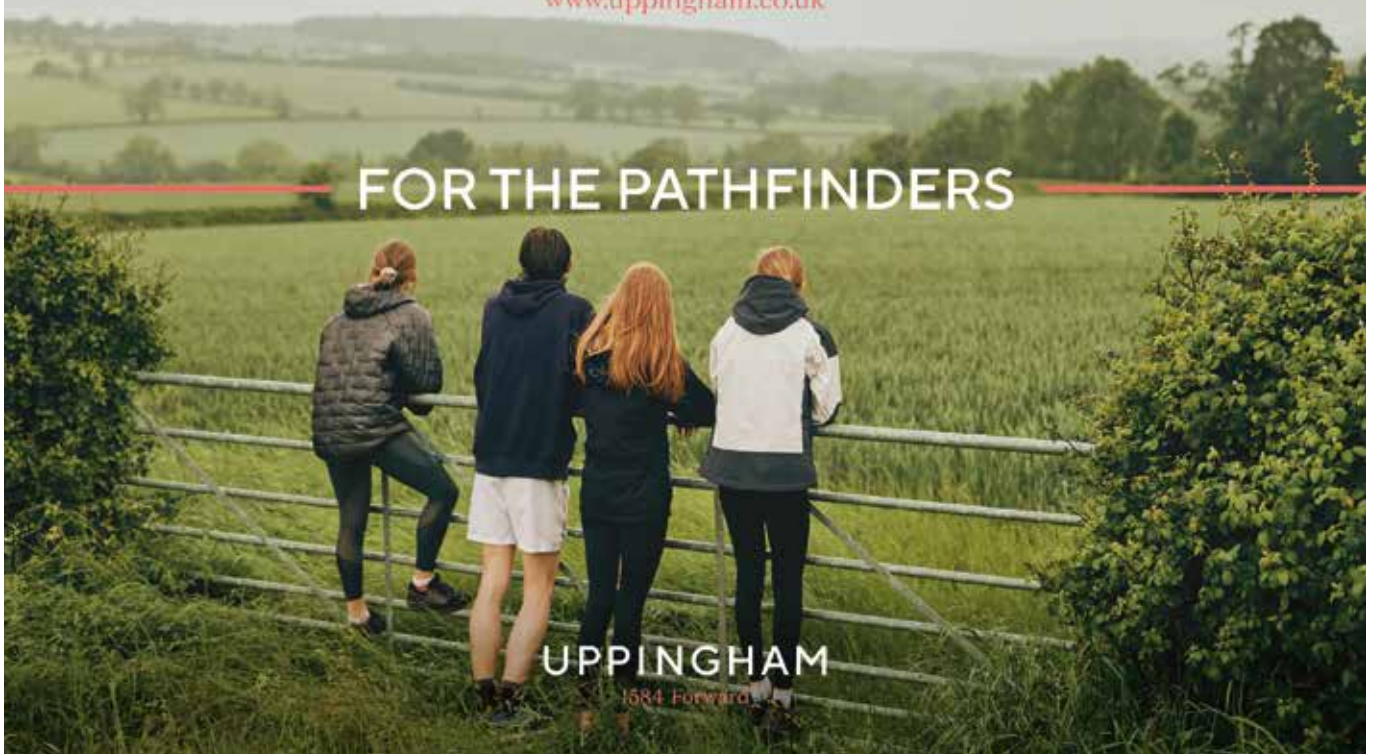
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Building Confidence Through Every Mathematical Challenge

At Glebe, our maths lessons aim to build children's confidence and fluency in the key mathematical skills. We want pupils to enjoy exploring maths, explain their thinking clearly and approach problems with confidence and resilience.

Because learning is most effective when revisited over time, our lessons regularly return to previous concepts and skills. By building on prior learning throughout the year and across year groups, children strengthen their understanding, make connections and (hopefully!) develop a deeper love of maths.

We subscribe to two online platforms, MyMaths and Tackling Tables. Both are available to all children at Glebe and are great ways to revisit and practise concepts at home in a fun and engaging way. MyMaths offers lessons, videos and games that children can access anytime





for extra support, whilst Tackling Tables is a hit for any child who loves trying to beat their personal best scores. It builds fluency, speed and confidence - and covers so much more than just times tables.

Ultimately, we want every child to see themselves as a mathematician: curious, resilient and willing to have a go, whilst hopefully having fun at the same time!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Edie and Thomas (Gold), Teddy, Arlo and Lucas (Silver) and Austin (Bronze) in the Primary Mathematics Challenge.



Ambre (Gold), Sebastian, Enid and Eiddwen (Silver) and Oliver (Bronze) in the **First Mathematics Challenge**.

Barney & Jack (III), Cerys & Dylan (IV), Martha & Penelope (V), Alice & Georgina (VI), Ryan & Rory (VII) and Summer & James (VIII) - **top users of Tackling Tables**.

Gabby & Harriet (III), Sebastian & Aneira (IV), Isaac & Charlotte (V), Harriet & Teddy (VI) - **most progress made on Tackling Tables**.

GOODBYE TO...

Mr. Scott, who joined us six years ago as maths teacher for Divisions VII and VIII. His knowledge and passion for the subject has enriched the development of so many of our senior pupils, and we wish him all the best in his retirement. Thank you Mr. Scott!

Karen Hubbard, Head of Maths





Junior Prep Science

This year, Divisions III, IV and V have had a fun year in science, learning about a variety of exciting topics and developing their scientific understanding and enquiry skills. The scientific world is a fascinating place and through improving their knowledge, children develop a better understanding of the world around them and why things happen. They acquire skills which enable them to hypothesise, create tests that produce more accurate and reliable results, and improve their ability to report their findings to others.

Whether it be Light, Sound, Electricity, Animal Groups, States of Matter, Plants, Space, Forces, Humans & Other Animals, Changes of Materials and more, our children have grown in confidence, understanding and are quickly becoming talented young scientists. Here are some photos of our children in action. Enjoy and here is to more scientific discovery next academic year!

Jon Turner, Junior Science Teacher



Senior Prep Science

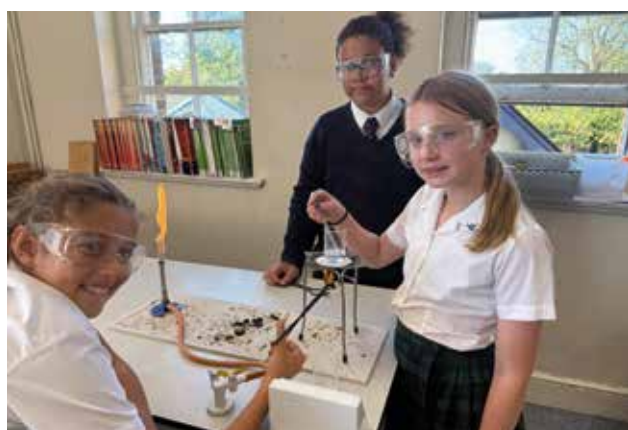
It has been another exciting year in Senior Prep Science, with pupils across Divisions VI–VIII developing their scientific knowledge through a wide range of practical and investigative activities. Practical science remains at the heart of our teaching, and we aim to provide students with opportunities for hands-on scientific enquiry at least once each week, helping to develop both their procedural skills and scientific understanding.

This year, students have taken part in a variety of engaging investigations, including measuring the rate of photosynthesis in pondweed, constructing electromagnets, preparing microscope slides, investigating different foods for nutrient and energy content and even solving the mystery of the stolen duck through forensic-style scientific analysis. Division VII students also successfully gained their Bunsen Burner Licences, demonstrating safe and responsible laboratory practice.

Highlights of the year included our visit to Gresham's School for their STEAM day, and National Science Week, which included our hugely popular whole-school paper aeroplane competition!

The enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience shown by all of our Senior Prep scientists have made this another fantastic year for Science at Glebe House School.

Lucy Hawkins, Head of Science





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Language & The Arts

At Glebe House School, Language and the Arts shape a culture where pupils grow, thrive and discover their potential.

We believe in the transformative power of performance and in the confidence that emerges when children step forward and take hold of new challenges. Pupils experience a wide range of opportunities, from singing in Choir and dancing in Eagles to speaking with conviction through Poetry by Heart and Public Speaking, all within a community that celebrates creativity and purposeful expression.

Our productions bring the school together in joyful celebration of talent and imagination. This vibrant programme enables pupils to flourish, building resilience, self-belief and a deep sense of pride in their achievements. Every experience enriches their journey and strengthens the foundations on which they continue to grow.

Modern Foreign Languages:

Bringing Languages to Life

Celebrating language, culture and international friendships through memorable shared experiences.

Our Pre Prep children have been enjoying a successful exchange programme with another school, the École Saint Louis, located in western France. Throughout the year, children have exchanged videos of themselves singing in both French and English, helping to develop their language skills and cultural understanding. Pupils also shared New Year and Easter cards, fostering friendships and giving them an authentic opportunity to communicate with children from another country.

European Languages Day was another great success and provided pupils with a range of exciting cross-curricular learning opportunities. Children explored different cultures and languages, learnt some basic Italian and Spanish phrases, enjoyed some hot chocolate and croissants and took part in a variety of engaging activities including learning about famous European artists. A particular highlight was playing boules, the game most closely associated with the French.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed a visit from a touring language theatre company. The lively and interactive performance,





“International friendships inspired language learning, cultural discovery and unforgettable experiences shared beyond the classroom together.”

LANGUAGES



Shipwrecked in France, was presented in both French and English, encouraging participation and boosting pupils' confidence in language learning. It was a playful, fast-paced adventure that blended comedy, the French language and culture, and also courage. The fun-filled show was an excellent way to bring language learning to life and was enjoyed by all. Amongst the audience were our 3-4 year olds from the Nursery whose beaming faces were a joy to see!

Thanks go to all the teaching staff for helping out with each activity and also to the lovely catering ladies who provided all the extra food and drink on the day. We eagerly look forward to next year's event.

David Whitehill, French Teacher



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The creative process is often both mindful and rewarding, allowing pupils to express themselves while building resilience, imagination and practical skills. It is always a pleasure to see the pride and excitement they demonstrate as their ideas develop into finished outcomes.

The annual '12 Day Drawing Challenge' encourages pupils to make drawing a daily habit and provides a wonderful opportunity to explore creativity beyond the classroom. It is inspiring to see the variety and originality of work produced independently. Our 'Picture of the Week' celebration recognises pupils who have shown notable progress, creativity or joy in making and creating.

In Design & Technology, pupils channel their creativity in a more technical way, applying practical skills to solve problems and bring their ideas to life. Through designing, making and evaluating, they learn to think critically about their success, evaluate and make progress. From initial concepts to finished products, pupils demonstrate ingenuity, resilience and attention to detail. This year's collection of work showcases the breadth of talent, innovation and creativity that flourishes in our classrooms.

Alice Hipwell, Head of Art and D&T





Creating Confident Digital Innovators

Computing and Design has successfully completed its second year on the Glebe timetable, with children enjoying a range of projects that have combined technology, problem-solving and design skills.

This year's projects have included Divisions VII and VIII taking on a real world water-collection and handwashing problem with their "Stop the Spread" challenge, while Divisions V and VI have been showcasing their creativity through podcast recording and website design, as well as investigating ways to reuse plastics. Younger pupils in Divisions III and IV have been busy, designing and making hats, building nests and constructing wind turbines as part of their learning about renewable energy.

Additionally, all classes have continued to strengthen their digital skills through regular work with spreadsheets, word processing and presentations, while also developing their coding abilities.

When asked for their thoughts on the subject, comments from our younger pupils included....

"I like being given a project where we have to work out how to solve the problem",

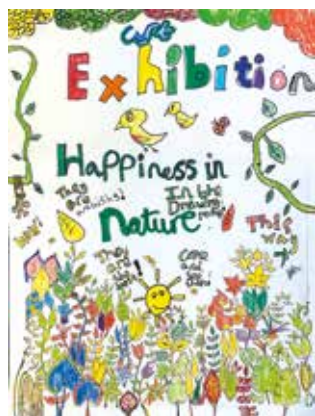
"We enjoyed making the nests - we got a real bird in ours!! (Well a feather, anyway)",

"I like working in groups, but it's very difficult to not have a single argument!"

Despite the occasional "disagreements" that come with collaborative tasks, Computing and Design lessons remain a firm favourite with pupils, who continue to embrace every opportunity to learn, create and innovate.

Alice Hipwell and Karen Hubbard





Hunstanton & District Rotary John Crofts Art Competition "Happiness in Nature"

John Crofts Art Exhibition kindly supported by Rotary brings children's artwork together not only from Glebe but also from local schools. The 2026 theme 'Happiness in Nature' brought an array of birds tweeting, flowers blossoming, landscapes drenched in sunlight and animals playing.

This year's judge Toby Barlow from Barlow Fine Art was impressed with the quality of the work and different techniques and mediums and, after some extensive viewing, made the final decision of winners. Barlow Fine Art will display the Overall winning entry in their gallery for the world to see.

Reception to Division II category:

- 1st Alva vN
- 2nd Raphael H
- 3rd Isla D

Division III - VI category:

- 1st Teddy R
- 2nd Edie C
- 3rd Isaac S

Division VII and above category:

- 1st Anouk H
- 2nd Harriet W
- 3rd Max H

Alice Hipwell, Head of Art



“Exceptional talent, teamwork and commitment created unforgettable performances that enchanted audiences across four spectacular productions.”



SENIOR PREP MUSICAL:

Beauty and the Beast Takes Centre Stage

This year's Senior Prep production, *Beauty and the Beast*, was a truly outstanding success. Performed in the theatre at Searles Leisure Resort, pupils had the exciting opportunity to work in a professional setting, complete with stage lighting, sound and even theatrical haze!

Across four performances, the cast demonstrated exceptional confidence, enthusiasm and talent, captivating audiences with their energy and commitment. From the principal roles to the ensemble scenes, every pupil played an important part in bringing the story to life. The production was the culmination of many months of rehearsals and hard work, with pupils showing tremendous dedication and teamwork throughout.

It was also a real whole-community effort, with staff, parents and pupils all contributing behind the scenes to make the production possible. We are immensely proud of every child involved; they truly shone on stage and created a memorable and magical production for all who attended. As Mrs Potts reminds us in the show, *"Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme... Beauty and the Beast."*

Lucy Hawkins, Producer and Director of Senior Prep Production



JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL: Porridge

This year's Junior Prep production, *Porridge* by Craig Hawes, was a laugh-out-loud triumph, delighting the audience from beginning to end. Packed with clever comedy and brilliantly choreographed dance routines, the performance had parents laughing throughout. Every pupil brought incredible energy and enthusiasm to the stage, while the teamwork behind the scenes was just as impressive. The cast took real ownership of the production, supporting one another every step of the way and making *Porridge* a fantastic success. Well done to everyone involved!

Anna Bygraves, Producer and Director of Junior Prep Production





Nativity

It was totally twinkly, it was super sparkly, it was the Pre Prep Nativity 2025! Literally called 'The Twinkly Nativity', the story thoroughly lived up to its name. We had a dazzling ensemble of star characters as narrators as well as all the traditional ones that the children had been eagerly looking forward to. We were incredibly proud of how many children volunteered to have lines and the flair and confidence with which they delivered them. We may be small but our singing is mighty too. Above all, we remember this show for how brightly every single child shone.



Christmas Show

Its the most wonderful time of the year when the school gets together at the Town Hall to celebrate Christmas. The celebration showcases the performance talents of our pupils. Carols from the Instrumental Club and the handbell group. Song and Dance from each year group and of course the most memorable performances from Miss Gina's Strictly and Mrs Hawkins Choir. This event is not to be missed.





Summer Spectacular Shines Bright

The Summer Show was a wonderful celebration of the talent, enthusiasm, and creativity that make Glebe House School so special. Every pupil played their part in this fantastic production, taking to the stage with confidence to sing with joy and dance with passion.

Div VIII, led by Florence D, delivered a truly memorable Mamma Mia! mash-up. Their energetic singing and beautifully choreographed dance routines showcased not only their hard work and dedication but also the skills and confidence they have developed throughout their time at Glebe.

A particularly moving moment came from Max H, whose original piano composition and accompanying song brought many in the audience to tears. A heartfelt and deeply personal performance, it was a fitting and unforgettable final appearance on the Glebe stage, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present.



Inter House Music

MUSIC

We were delighted to welcome Allison Skipper, former Head of Pre-Prep at Glebe, to judge this year's House Music Competition. Mrs Skipper was blown away by the talent, confidence and enthusiasm of our pupils, and once again the competition featured some truly outstanding performances.

What impressed me most was the way pupils supported one another throughout the event. The leadership shown by our older pupils, who directed and encouraged their Houses, was particularly impressive and helped create a wonderful atmosphere.

Barbers performed an inspiring and emotional rendition of This Is Me, directed by Verity Snaith, with thoughtful choreography and a powerful message. L'Estrange showcased their talented instrumentalists in a jazzy, toe-tapping performance of The Bare Necessities, while Saints delivered an energetic and memorable version of Beat It that sent shivers down the spine.



Mrs Skipper had the difficult task of selecting the winners, but after much deliberation the final results were:

WINNERS of DIV III & IV

Eiddwen Edwards 'Lullaby' - Harp

WINNERS of DIV V & VI

Bonnie Mc Creadie, 'Romanze' - Piano

WINNERS of DIV VII & VIII

Max - I'm Still Standing - Piano

Anouk - This is me - Voice

Robyn - Path to the Moon - Voice

Overall WINNER

L'Estrange, Barbers 2nd, Saints 3rd



Informal Concerts

Informal concerts are a highlight of Glebe Music, well attended with very supportive parents and peripatetic staff as an audience. From pupils starting out on their musical journey to playing with one hand on the piano to Grade 6 pieces from our Senior pupils, the progress they make is truly inspiring.

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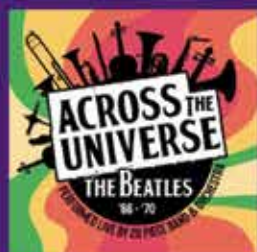
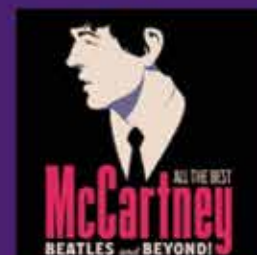
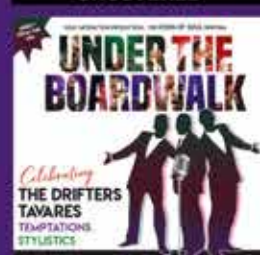
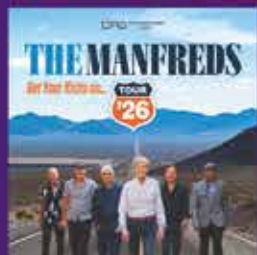
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Glebe Sport

Building Character Through Sport .

It has been an action-packed year of sport at Glebe once more and it has been wonderful to see our amazing children making progress in their skills and so many of them represent the school or their house in a variety of different sports. Hockey, rugby, netball, cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming, triathlon, football, our offering is both diverse and inclusive and there have been so many amazing moments within the sporting year.

We pride ourselves on developing the whole child and through participation in sport, children develop skills such as teamwork, resilience, problem solving, discipline and communication, in addition to developing their health and fitness. We are lucky to have such an excellent array of highly skilled games staff, and I am thrilled to be able to congratulate all of our children on a great sporting year. Here are some highlights of our year, enjoy!

Jon Turner, Director of Sport





SPORT





Sporting Highlights

It has been another memorable year for sport at Glebe, with pupils embracing every opportunity to represent the school, challenge themselves and enjoy being active together. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved, from individual success to outstanding participation across the school.

Highlights from the year include a fantastic fifth-place finish in the Norfolk County Cup for Senior Hockey, IAPS Regional Senior Hockey representation at St Faith's, and pupils earning representative honours in hockey, cricket, swimming and athletics. We also celebrated almost 100% participation in our Inter House Cross Country and Glebe Triathlon, reflecting the enthusiasm and commitment shown by children across the school.

Alongside our competitive fixtures, pupils enjoyed a diverse programme of sporting opportunities through school fixtures, Cluster and SSP events, and Inter House competitions. We were also delighted to host a number of Cluster events at Glebe, welcoming schools from across the area and strengthening our links with the wider sporting community.



Inter-House Sports

Throughout the year, pupils from Divisions III to VIII took part in a fantastic programme of Inter-House sporting events, strengthening teamwork, House spirit and friendly competition. We were also delighted to see our enthusiastic Division II pupils proudly compete in their first Triathlon and Swimming Gala.

Tag Rugby

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

Cross Country

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

Football

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

Hockey

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

Netball

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

Cricket

Split winners across all three houses

Swimming Gala

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

Triathlon

1st L'Estrange

Pre-Prep Sports Day

L'Estrange

Prep Sports Day

L'Estrange







Sports Day

We held our annual Sports Day for the Pre-Prep and Prep school in glorious sunshine with our children giving a superb demonstration of athleticism, determination and resilience through some excellent performances. The stage was set for an epic battle for the cup and our children certainly did not disappoint. Running, jumping, throwing, relays and not to forget the titanic battles in Tug of War, the children did themselves and their houses proud in what was a super day of athletics, well supported by our ever loyal and enthusiastic parents. Congratulations to L'Estrange for winning both Sports Days, but a massive well done to Barbers and Saints for pushing them all the way. Well done to you all, an afternoon to be truly proud of!





**Well done
L'Estrange!**
Winning team
2026



Swimming at Glebe

Building Confidence in the Water

Swimming is an essential life skill and as such, is a very important part of our sporting offering at Glebe House School. Under the guidance of Kevin Cross who is our vastly experienced and skilled swimming coach, all of our children from Reception up to Division VIII have swimming lessons each week from the start of the summer term, through to October half term which is when our heated and covered 25m swimming pool is in operation.

In sessions, our children are put through their paces to refine technique, improve swimming stamina and help prepare them for participation in the swimming gala and triathlon which are both highlights of the sporting calendar. Well done everyone on some great swimming and congratulations to L'Estrange on winning the gala. There were some amazing performances from children across the Prep school, as well as some brave Division II pupils who made their gala debut a year early. Well done to you all!



“From first strokes to gala debuts, every swimmer discovered determination, progress and pride in themselves.”





Out & About

Bringing learning to life
through memorable
real-world experiences.



September

September saw pupils embracing exciting opportunities beyond the classroom. Division IV headed to the beach for a poetry lesson with a difference, using the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the coastline to inspire their own creative writing before returning to school full of ideas.

Meanwhile, Division VIII explored the rich history of Castle Acre Priory and its impressive motte-and-bailey castle. Discovering medieval life first-hand enriched their history studies before an energetic game of Capture the Flag rounded off the day. From finding inspiration in nature to stepping into the past, September's educational visits showcased the many ways learning at Glebe extends far beyond the school gates.



October

October saw Division V put their Geography studies into practice with a fascinating field trip to the River Glaven. Having explored rivers in class, pupils investigated a real river first-hand, measuring its depth and flow, observing local wildlife and discovering how rivers change as they journey towards the sea. The experience sparked curiosity, teamwork and careful observation, with pupils returning inspired by everything they had discovered.



January

January saw our Eagle performers enjoy an inspiring trip to London, where they watched the spectacular production of *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre. The experience was complemented by a physical theatre workshop at Pineapple Studios, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their movement and performance skills while experiencing the magic of professional theatre first-hand. It was a memorable day that nurtured creativity, confidence and a love of the performing arts.



March

Division III travelled to Norwich Castle for an immersive journey into the world of Ancient Egypt. Exploring the tomb of the High Priest, Ankh Hor, pupils examined genuine artefacts, learned about mummification and discovered what life was like in this remarkable civilisation. A lively debate about whether ancient tombs should be uncovered encouraged thoughtful discussion, while designing their own Egyptian collars provided a creative end to the day. The visit deepened the children's understanding of history through exploration, discussion and discovery.





May

May was filled with unforgettable adventures. Division VI stepped back in time with a visit to Great Cressingham Village School, where they experienced life as Victorian pupils, writing on slates, using dip pens and discovering the routines and discipline of a traditional Victorian classroom.

Meanwhile, Division V embarked on their much-anticipated Derbyshire Humanities Residential, a true highlight of the Prep School journey. Over three unforgettable days, pupils explored Chatsworth House, Haddon Hall and the historic village of Eyam, bringing their Tudor, Stuart and Plague studies vividly to life. From Tudor dancing and exploring hidden tunnels to conquering the cliffs at Burbage Edge through climbing and abseiling, every challenge was embraced with enthusiasm. Above all, the resilience, teamwork and support the children showed one another made the trip a truly memorable experience and one they will undoubtedly look back on for years to come.





Leavers' Programme

Our Leavers' Programme has been an absolute blast, packed with buckets full of fun!

We kicked things off at forest school, building tarpaulin shelters, playing games, and cooking lunch and supper. We even flew kites before spending the night in the tents we built from scratch. Next came the traditional 20-mile leavers' walk. Though our bodies were incredibly sore by the end, walking through the sunshine and rain made for an unforgettable day.

On Friday night, tension ran high with a thrilling new addition: Traitors! Thanks to Mr and Mrs Hawkins, we had an amazing time navigating missions filled with excitement, trust, and friendly betrayal.

The secret Headmaster's trip packed in serious action. We loved racing around the track during an exhilarating go-karting session, followed by fish and chips and a lovely walk along the beach.

We also headed to the cliffs and beach for our Community Day as part of the JPC Beach Clean. What could have been a simple litter pick was more competitive and enthusiastic than anyone could have

predicted. We even got some free time at the beach for a sandcastle competition!

We had made so many incredible memories already, and then came the Ardeche Adventure... Our Leavers residential this year headed to the South of France, for a PGL

adventure trip. After a long and eventful journey (including toilet stops for drinking too much Vimto and a minibus breaking from an overuse injury), we arrived at our base camp, the Domaine de Segris farmhouse. After recharging our, and the minibus' battery, our adventures began. It was

an amazing and full on week that included canyoning, 12m water jumps, archery tag, 200m zip lines, the Grotte Chauvet caves and of course the 2 day, 32km kayak down the Ardèche river, with a night on the riverbank under the stars.

The adventures were fantastic and we made many life-long memories, but it was made even more special to share it with all of us together, one last time. We had a blast!

Verity Snaith, Deputy Head of School



Growing Beyond the Classroom

Discovering resilience, curiosity and confidence through nature's inspiring classroom.

This year we were delighted to be able to re introduce Forest School sessions into the curriculum, giving pupils from the Nursery's 3 - 4 Room upward to Division VIII the opportunity to spend time outside, either in Glebe's own Wilderness area, or on the beach, and to really take advantage of our wonderful setting. Each location has given the children a chance to immerse themselves in the natural world, with time to discover more about the environment, their class communities, and themselves.

Discovery, curiosity and child led learning are all key to the holistic nature of Forest School experiences, but there have also been some challenging tasks as well; the resilience shown by children learning to light fires or build shelters has been particularly heartwarming. Although we all love being outdoors in the sun, there have been countless occasions when the weather hasn't been so kind, and in most cases the children have had to persevere through a lot more discomfort than they would naturally choose. For Division VIII, their Leavers' Forest School and Survival Day really put that resilience to the test, as they were faced with incessant rain and wind, but still needed to create shelters strong enough to withstand overnight use. Needless to say, there were mixed results, with some tarpaulin casualties along the way, but





a huge sense of achievement for those that persevered and made it through to the morning.

It has been wonderful to see the growth of Forest School this year; increased staff exposure across the board, as well as good use made of our resources. Most importantly, the transferred learning skills, excitement and contentment of the children engaged in the experiences, have shown it to be a truly worthwhile addition to the Glebe journey, and we are looking forward to further enhancing the offering in the next academic year. Thank you to all the staff who have contributed their time and support, to all the pupils for their endless enthusiasm, and to Smudge the Labrador, for not stealing all the sticks.

Liz Haslam, Forest School Lead



Co-Curricular Programme

Our co-curricular programme has continued to flourish, offering an impressive breadth and depth of opportunities delivered by both our dedicated staff and specialist external providers. Pupils are able to explore a diverse range of interests through activities available both free of charge and through paid provision, ensuring there is something to inspire every child.

Long-established favourites such as Ballet, Strictly, Choir and Eagle Performers remain cornerstone clubs within the programme, with their popularity continuing to grow year after year. This year has also seen a number of exciting highlights, including Harry Potter Club, where children immersed themselves in the world of potions and spells; Gardening Club, enjoyed by both Pre-Prep and Prep pupils; and Golf Club, where budding golfers have continued to refine their swing. Meanwhile, the Glebe History Detectives delved into the rich heritage of our wonderful school, uncovering fascinating stories from its past.

The performing arts have thrived, with children developing new skills and confidence through Ukulele, Performance Poetry, Acappella and Just Dance, among many other activities. Sporting opportunities have been equally varied, with pupils participating in tennis, gymnastics, darts and croquet, to name just a few. We are also delighted that both Pre-Prep and Prep pupils can now enjoy archery throughout the year.

For those eager to spend even more time outdoors, Wilderness Wanderers is available during break times and after school, providing additional opportunities to experience the joys of Forest School. Its enduring popularity is testament to the children's enthusiasm—they simply cannot get enough of it.

Tania Stowe





Boarding at Glebe

Boarding has gone from strength to strength this year and it has been wonderful to welcome so many new children to our boarding family. That is exactly what boarding is, a family. We eat together, play together and learn to share, co-habit, gain independence and how to look after one another.

Whether it is our range of fantastic boarding activities, quizzes, nerf battles, pool parties, dodgeball in the gym, Christmas and Halloween parties, there is so much to enjoy as a boarder, not to mention the delicious snacks and meals.

We are always looking to add more children to the boarding houses and would love to see some new children next year. Our boarders are proud of being part of something so special and if your child needs to know more, they could do a lot worse than have a chat with an existing boarder and see what all the fuss is about. Here are some photos of what we have been getting up for, enjoy!

Jon Turner and Tamzine Fraulo



RotaKids

The RotaKids have enjoyed another fantastic year of fundraising, service and community involvement. Led brilliantly by our President, Elizabeth, the group has gone from strength to strength and has shown incredible enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year.

We have raised money for a number of worthwhile causes, including through our annual Marathon Monday event in memory of John Crofts and by leading the school's Red Nose Day assembly and fundraising activities. The RotaKids were also delighted to enter two teams in the local Rotary Swimathon, raising money for a number of local charities, including the RNLI. In addition, we have supported Rotary's international projects, taking part in the 'Lend with Care' programme, the 'Rotary Shoebox Scheme' and planting purple crocuses as part of Rotary's ongoing campaign to help eradicate polio worldwide.

We have been delighted to welcome Christine Earnshaw and Jean-Marie Vernon to our meetings each week, and have also enjoyed visits from other members of our local Rotary Club and the wider Rotary district.

A huge well done to all of our RotaKids for another successful and rewarding year, and many thanks for the tremendous support we have received throughout the year.





Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week has once again been a highlight of our school year, bringing our whole community together to celebrate wellbeing, connection and kindness. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors played a key role throughout the week, leading an assembly, supporting younger pupils, and championing the message that looking after our mental health is something we do together. Their positivity and empathy have helped nurture a culture in which every pupil feels they belong and are valued here, and are confident to talk, share and seek support when they need it.



This year also saw the exciting launch of our Pre-Prep Kindness Club, joining the already thriving Prep School group. Our youngest pupils embraced the idea with enthusiasm, creating kindness notes, helping new friends at playtime, and taking part in small acts that made a big difference. Across both phases, the Kindness Clubs have shown how powerful pupil-led initiatives can be in building confidence, belonging and a sense of shared responsibility for one another's wellbeing.



A much-loved addition to our wellbeing offer has been Thea, our training therapy dog. Whether she is offering calm moments, supporting pupils during busy days or simply spreading joy with a wagging tail, Thea has quickly become an important part of our school family, reminding us all of the value of gentleness, connection and care.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Glebe and the Community

The annual Hunstanton Fun Dog Show proved once again to be a tremendous success, drawing a fantastic crowd of dog lovers, families and competitors for a day packed with entertainment, laughter and friendly competition. With beautiful weather, a welcoming atmosphere, and plenty of wagging tails, the event exceeded all expectations and raised great community spirit throughout the day.

A total of 12 fun classes took place, giving dogs of all shapes, sizes, ages and personalities the chance to shine in the ring. Classes included favourites such as Waggiest Tail, Best Rescue, Most Handsome Dog, Prettiest Girl, Best Veteran and the ever-popular Best Fancy Dress. Every class attracted enthusiastic entries and the judges had an incredibly difficult task choosing the winners from such a wonderful selection of dogs. There was also an opportunity for visitors to 'Have a Go' at Hoopers Agility and a fastest recall competition.

The culmination of the day was the presentation of the prestigious Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show awards. After careful deliberation by the judges, the top honours were awarded to two outstanding dogs who had impressed throughout the competition with their character, presentation and charm. The winners received enthusiastic applause from the crowd and proudly posed for photographs with their rosettes and trophies.

Congratulations go to Cerys with her dog, Mollie (last year's winners), and also to Magnus and Isabella with their dog, Lusky, who managed to make it to the final.

Overall, the Fun Dog Show was a wonderful celebration of dogs and the people who love them. It was lovely to see many familiar faces of the Glebe family, past and present. We look forward to next year's event.

David Whitehill

This year our pupils have shown exceptional spirit, compassion and leadership, proving themselves to be true change makers within the Glebe House community. Their commitment to service has been evident throughout the year, beginning with our Harvest Festival where they donated 139 kg of food to the local Food Bank. They continued this generosity through two remarkable Reverse Advent Calendar collections that produced more than 2,500 items for the Purfleet Trust. Movember became a joyful highlight thanks to the now

famous Duck Rescue, inspiring generous support for men's health charities. Alongside this, the School community, including staff walked through the Firewalk, contributed to wider charitable efforts. The children also gave their time, singing at Norfolk Lodge and bringing joy to residents. Across all events, from Reception pupils to staff, the School community raised over £5,500 for local and national causes. Their enthusiasm, kindness and determination have shown what young leaders can achieve.



FRIENDS OF GLEBE



Friends of Glebe House School

What a wonderfully positive year it's been! Fresh from the record-breaking success of the 150th Anniversary Ball, we have had a full programme of fundraising and community events.

From Bonfire Night, to the ever-popular bake sales at Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day, to the Quiz Night and Golf Day; every event has been well supported and has given so much back to the school.

This year we have been able to help fund the renovation of the school hall, including the new chairs, invest in new resources for the library, purchase much needed new Chromebooks and an outdoor table-tennis table for the children, as well as fund Christmas trips to the Pantomime and Skaters, and support the Junior and Senior prep dramatic productions.

Our latest project has been to fund the exciting new play area for the Prep school. We were very excited to unveil it ahead of our end of term celebrations and the feedback from the pupils has been fantastic! Please visit www.glebehouseschool.co.uk/friends-of-glebe for more information!

As always, we could not do any of these things without the help and support of you, our wonderful school community. It is the willingness of the families and friends of Glebe to lend their support in every way which keeps our little school ticking and makes it the special place that it is. To that end Friends of Glebe House School would like to say a huge 'thank you' and share our hope that you will continue to support us in the exciting new year to come.

Becci Bacon, Chair of Friends of Glebe House School

2026 House Highlights



L'Estrange

I have been incredibly proud of what the house has done this year. I can't believe my time as Head of L'Estrange is up already. I hope everyone has enjoyed the year as much as I have. After a spectacular effort, we won the swimming gala, definitely our greatest achievement this year!

This year has really shown what makes L'Estrange special. I'm always so impressed with how we all join together as a house. Always cheering each other in house meetings and applauding everyone (including the other houses!) in their achievements. If anyone ever feels scared or nervous we are always there to support each other. There's one word to describe L'Estrange: teamwork.

I also want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Haslam for everything she has done for our house and the support she always gives us. Obviously we are the best house in the world.

That is all from me and love you L'Estrange

Toby Ring



Barbers

This has been a good year for Barbers, and together we have worked really hard. I am really proud of our House because even though we have not won much, we have worked our socks off and have been so close to winning so many times.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was winning the Duck Hunt, where the Pre-Prep fought passionately to secure the win. We also tried really hard in both netball and hockey. Another standout moment was the inter-house music, where our whole house contributed to a fantastically well-put-together house song. I'd like to say a special thanks to Mrs Hipwell and especially to Verity, who led the choreography and played a major role in the solos and the song choice.

I am so impressed with all the children who have recently joined the house, and with all the Div II's who have stepped up in various sporting events. They now take part in house meetings every week and are preparing to make the leap into Prep.

I can see a great future for Barbers. Good luck to the future Heads of Barbers, who are clearly leading the best house!

Henry Cain



St Edmund's

I am very proud of Saints this year! Although it has been challenging with only four seniors, we have had many successes. We won inter-house hockey, we drew with L'Estrange in inter-house netball, and we won the Star Trophy and the Flag so many times this year.

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in Saints, especially to those who stepped up in inter-house. In particular, Jude and Harrison for playing up two year groups in inter-house football. We didn't win overall, but we couldn't have challenged the other houses as much as we did without you boys.

Thank you to all those who supported me in my role, and to Grace for always helping out in inter-house events, making our tactical skills immense!

Well done to Emer for being the first person in the whole of Saints to achieve 100 stars, and to Gabriella for being the first member of Saints Prep to achieve the same! Also to Lara, Lucas, Yvaine and the whole of Saints pre prep who achieved their 100 stars this year. I am delighted that everyone in Saints achieved their 50 stars, well done!

It has been a real honour working with you all and being in such a great house. Thank you, Miss Hubbard and Miss Stephenson, for being extremely supportive in house meetings and inter-house events. Good luck for next year!

Florence Desborough



Speech Day

Finishing the year with fantastic achievements & exciting celebrations

Speech Day at Glebe House School remains one of the most remarkable occasions of the year, bringing together pupils, families, staff, Old Aquilians, and friends of the school in a celebration of character, achievement, and community. The day opened in the beautiful setting of St Margaret's Church, where a thoughtful service set a reflective and uplifting tone for what followed.

In the marquee, the energy, effort, skill, passion, and talent of our pupils were evident throughout the celebrations. Their resilience and strength of character have shone in a year that has asked much of them, and the awards presented recognised not only the names engraved, but the calibre of the children striving to earn them. A new honour, the Iter Aquilae Award, was introduced this year to acknowledge those who have completed the rarest of journeys from Nursery to Div VIII.

A defining tradition at Glebe House is that the most important voices on Speech Day are those of our Div VIIIs. Every child speaks, marking a moment of pride, courage, and transition, including the presentation of Old Aquilian ties to former Heads and Deputy Head Prefects.

The day concluded with joyful picnics across the grounds. Special thanks go to Tania Stowe and Rowena Chantree for their exceptional organisation, and to our guests of honour the Div VIIIs, who now go on to bright futures with our love and admiration.





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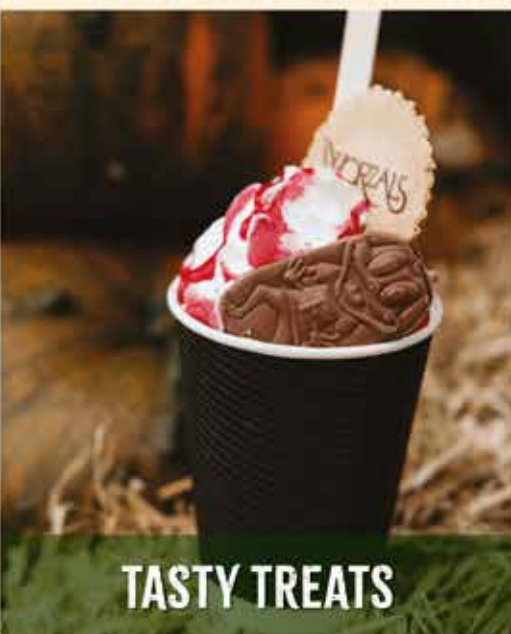
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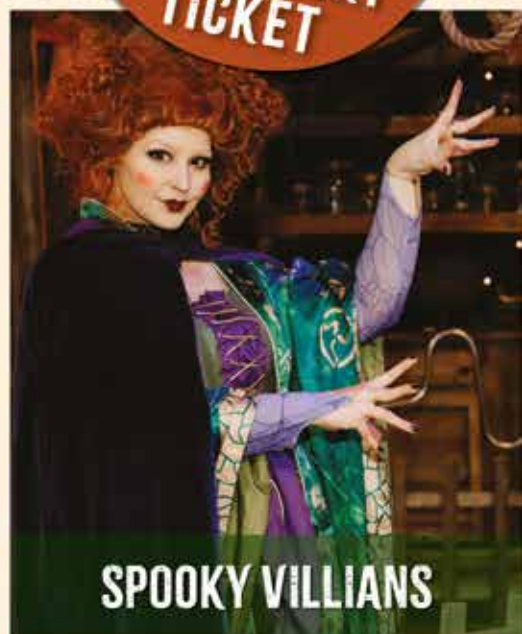
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