WELCOME BACK!

Term 1—2026—2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope that the summer went well for you and that you were able to enjoy that wonderful sunshine with family and friends.

I know that many pupils enjoyed our Holiday Club this year, which provided a safe environment for children to see friends and have fun. 44 pupils accessed our Summer Holiday Club and my thanks go to Toni and her team for delivering a great experience for all children who attended. We will be evaluating the Summer Holiday Club within the coming weeks and would be grateful for any feedback you have (please email office@glynegap.org). There will be more information about Holiday Clubs at Parents/Carers Evening.

A lot of work in school has been going on over the summer holidays with class room refurbishments and adaptation to our school site. As parents/carers who dropped their children to school today will have noticed, the construction of a new school Reception area is currently underway and is due to be completed in November. This is an 'upgrade' to our entrance area to enhance welcome, access and security. Whilst this is ongoing, our Reception area has moved; please follow signage.

It is always a great joy to welcome new pupils to school and this year we welcome Saxon, Misty, Wynter, Emilia and Ivy to their Reception year. We also welcome Nancy, Malali and Roman to school and I look forward to seeing them in class this week. Class teachers will be messaging you in the next fortnight to share termly goals, class topics and important dates. This information will include ways in which you can support learning at home and I thank you for continuing to work in partnership with school to ensure your child's progress.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parents Evening which will take place on Tuesday, 29th of September from 5.00pm—7.00pm. This will be a great opportunity to come into school and meet with your child's class teacher and find out a bit more about how your child spends their days in school. More details will follow shortly.

If you have any questions about what your child is doing at school over term 1 or any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this via ClassDojo, via email or by calling the school (01424 217720). We have had some great feed-back from parents and carers regarding ClassDojo, which is proving to be a very effective way to communicate.

We are delighted to welcome back Jayne Gosling from her maternity leave. Jayne is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you have any safeguarding concerns, Jayne can be contacted at dsl@glynegap.org or via the school office on 01424 217720.

Assistant Headteachers hold responsibility for different departments/classes within the school and, as part of this, can be contacted if you have any concerns/questions regarding your child that cannot be answered by the class teacher. In addition, it is very likely that Assistant Headteachers will chair the Annual Review of your child's EHCP. I have listed the contact details for our Assistant Headteachers and the departments they support should you need to make contact.

Head of Primary - Rochelle Abraham - rochelle.abraham@glynegap.org
Head of Secondary - Barbara Clarke - barbara.clarke@glynegap.org
Head of College Sarah Tidmarsh - sarah.tidmarsh@glynegap.org
Head of Complex Needs (including Puffins, Junior 2 and Senior 2) – Jayne Gosling – jayne.gosling@glynegap.org

We welcome new teaching assistants Kristian, Leigha, Lucie, Codie, Lily and class teacher Lucy (S1). I am sure all new staff members will contribute a great deal to our school community and we wish them all the best.

This newsletter also lists our training days for the year when the school will be closed to pupils and the days the school will close at 1pm (to facilitate training or end of term arrangements).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to seeing you in school soon.
Best wishes,

Welcome to Reception

Pupils have settled into school really well today and it's been great to see a few new faces!

Here you can see Betsie, Clemmie, River and Freya all enjoying their first day in Reception.

News and Useful Information..

Glyne Gap School Staff Training Days

School (all sites) will close all day on the following days due to staff training:
(1 further date pending confirmation):

- Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026
- Friday, 27th November, 2026
- Monday, 4th January, 2027
- Monday, 7th June, 2027

School (all sites) will close at 1pm to all pupils for staff training on:

- Tuesday, 6th October, 2026
- Tuesday, 26th January, 2027
- Tuesday, 11th May, 2027

School (all sites) will also close at 1pm on the following dates due to end of term arrangements:

- Friday, 18th December
- Thursday, 22nd July

Medical Forms

Annual Medical Forms and Health and Wellbeing leaflet will be sent home with your child on Monday, 7th of September.

Please be sure to return completed forms by Wednesday, 9th September at the latest.

Thank you.

Safeguarding

Hello! For those that don't already know me, my name is Jayne and I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Glyne Gap School. I have just returned from maternity leave and am very excited to be back in school and leading the Safeguarding team.

As we all know, Safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, no matter how small, please do not hesitate to contact me at dsl@glynegap.org, or if it is urgent, please call the school office (01424 217720) and ask to speak to the DSL.

School Dinners

School dinners cost £2.95 and are free to all pupils in Reception, Yr.1 and Yr.2.
If you would like your child to have school dinners please contact Jo Dauti at:
jo.dauti@glynegap.org

Sickness

If your child is poorly and will not be attending school, please call the School Office on 01424 217720 by 9.30am to ensure their class is aware that your child is ill and will not be attending school. We cannot accept messages regarding absences via Transport services (i.e. your child's escort or driver).

Thank you.

And finally….

Procedures for arrival/end of day for Parents/Carers who drop their child to school:

Thank you for working with us today whilst we rehearsed how these times will work whilst we have building works ongoing.

When you drop your child to school you have 2 choices:

- You can park on the main road and walk your child up the school drive using the path. You can then enter school via the white door on your left labelled Reception. You can also use this route at the end of the day.

- You can drive up the school drive and when a space becomes available, you can park and take your child into school using the sliding doors at the far end of the building (or school staff can collect your child from the car – please request from class team).

We will be staggering exit and entry to the car park so it may take a little longer for you to leave the car park.

If you need to be quick, do talk to Mike and he can direct you to a space where you will be able to get out more quickly.

Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate Parents/Carers and Pupils waiting in school prior to 9am/3pm.

If you need a bespoke arrangement please do talk to Mike.

Thank you for your understanding.