



GLASTONBURY
THORN SCHOOL

Every Day Getting Better In Every Way!

GTS FRIDAY FIVE

The little magazine from Glastonbury Thorn School

*I Can't Do It... **YET!***

Edition 05

Friday 16th
October 2026



*Every Day Getting
Better In Every Way!*

01

This week at GTS

GROWING ASPIRATIONAL CITIZENS OF THE FUTURE

A busy week with strong outcomes!

A very busy end to the week means that our Friday Five has taken a little weekend detour and is arriving on Monday! 😊

Another great week at GTS. We had a Safeguarding and Attendance audit which had really strong outcomes. Our School Improvement Partner met with children from across the school and it was wonderful to hear that the children all felt safe and really enjoy coming to school.

We have now held all of our Information Meetings for parents and carers — thank you if you attended these. For those who could not attend, PowerPoints from these meetings are on the school website.



Curiosity

Our Learning Muscle this week is Curiosity. We ask questions, are interested in the world around us and try to find out more. Curiosity helps us learn and discover new things.



Kindness

Our GTS Citizenship Value this week is Kindness. We think about how we can be kind to others and ourselves and the positive difference kindness can make.



“Kindness and curiosity help us shine!”

02

This week's Weekly Vote

REAL QUESTIONS. BIGGER THINKING.

THE QUESTION:

Is being in the “Red Zone” a bad thing?



Thinking for ourselves

This week's vote links to the children's work on the Zones of Regulation. We have been learning that no feeling is “bad”. The Red Zone can mean that feelings are very big — such as anger, panic or feeling overwhelmed. What matters is learning safe ways to calm, regulate and ask for help. The children had thoughtful discussions about feelings, behaviour and what helps us to get back to calm.

**ALL FEELINGS ARE OKAY —
HOW WE RESPOND MATTERS**

*I can't do it...
YET!*



Talk about it together:

What helps you when your feelings get very big?
Who can help you?
What helps you get back to calm?



GLASTONBURY
THORN SCHOOL

Every Day Getting Better In Every Way!

GTS FRIDAY FIVE

The little magazine from Glastonbury Thorn School

*I Can't Do It... **YET!***

Edition 05

Friday 16th
October 2026



*Every Day Getting
Better In Every Way!*

03

Good to know

Effort Marks explained

Children are working really hard. Some parents have noticed that children may be receiving fewer Effort Marks than in previous years. This is because the system has slightly changed. Effort Marks are now awarded for sustained effort. In the past they were sometimes given too freely and were losing their impact. We now want Effort Marks to celebrate children who keep going, sustain effort and show that *"I can't do it... **YET!**"* attitude.



Alongside Effort Marks...

children also have the **Superstar Chart** and **weekly awards**. **Digging Deeper stickers** (little green stickers) are used to recognise small steps of progress.

House Points are also awarded for cooperation in PE and class-based activities. If you are ever unsure, your child's class teacher will be happy to help.



STAYING CONNECTED AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY

04

Reading SPLAT

It was so lovely to see so many of you supporting our KS1 Reading SPLAT (Stay, Play and Learn All Together) on Friday 16th October. We hope you gained a better understanding of how we teach reading at Glastonbury Thorn School and really enjoyed your time reading with your child in class.



LISTENING • WORKING TOGETHER • MAKING A DIFFERENCE

05

Before you go...



Year 2 Showcase to parents Friday 23rd October

We would love to see you there to celebrate all of your child's effort this term.



LOTS OF GREAT THINGS AHEAD



Thank you...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. As a reminder, this edition arrived on Monday. We hope you all have a lovely week ahead!

Every Day Getting Better In Every Way!