



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

13 February 2026

Headteacher's Note



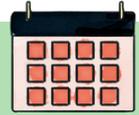
It was wonderful to see so many parents at this week's parents' evenings. We hope you found it a valuable opportunity to hear more about your child's learning and to look through the work they have been doing in class.

Parents of children on the SEND register should also have had the chance to discuss their child's Pupil Learning Plan and take a copy home. If you haven't received yours, please let your class teacher know.

As we do at the end of every half term, all parents will be sent your child's attendance report. This provides a simple breakdown of your child's attendance for your information — there is no need to respond.

A reminder that children return to school on Tuesday 24th February, as Monday 23rd February is a staff training day. We wish all our families a restful and safe half term break.

Key Dates



Monday 16th - Friday 20th February | Half term

Monday 23rd February | INSET Day

Tuesday 24th February | Children return to school

Monday 2nd March | Year 6 Elder library visit

Tuesday 3rd March | Year 4 Maple library visit

Wednesday 4th March | Year 4 Hazel library visit

Thursday 5th March | World Book Day; Year 3 Cedar library visit

Monday 10th March | Year 1 Willow library visit

Tuesday 11th March | Year 3 Elm library visit

Monday 23rd March | Rocksteady concert, 1.30pm

Thursday 26th March | Rocksteady concert, 9.30am

Nursery, Reception, Y1, 2 & 5 Open Classroom dates tbc
Year 3 class assembly dates tbc

Reading Recommendation



This week we marked Children's Mental Health Week, and our assembly focused on what mental health means and why looking after our minds is just as important as looking after our bodies. We also talked about what 'belonging' might look like, and how this affects how we feel.

We read the story 'Where' by Jordan Collins, which follows a young boy who is repeatedly asked, "Where are you from?", a question he recognises is really about his skin colour. Instead of giving a simple answer, he responds by describing the natural world and the universe around him. We talked about why he might choose to answer in this way, and how it reflects his feelings about identity and the pressure some children feel to explain or justify their appearance. We ended the assembly by thinking about how we can make sure everyone in our school community feels they belong, no matter their background.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 9th February 2026:

Reception - 85.33%

Year 1 - 87.38%

Year 2 - 95.51%

Year 3 - 94.05%

Year 4 - 95.61%

Year 5 - 95.8%

Year 6 - 96.79%

Well done to Year 6 for meeting the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 93.61%

A one-week holiday during term time means your child misses five full days of learning - the same as dropping their attendance to below 97% for the entire year from that one absence alone.