



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

27 February 2026

## Headteacher's Note



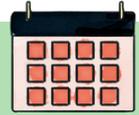
Welcome back after the half-term break. We've been glad to see a small shift in the weather this week, with things feeling a little warmer. Please do still make sure your child brings a coat, as the weather remains very changeable.

This is a short half-term, but there is still plenty happening in school and lots of opportunities for parents to get involved in their children's learning. Below are the dates for this term's Open Classrooms and Class Assemblies, which parents are warmly invited to attend. Timings will be shared shortly.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 open classroom  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 open classroom  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3 class assembly  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 open classroom

Please add any key dates to your diary and we look forward to seeing you at our school events.

## Key Dates



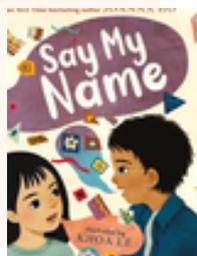
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** | Year 6 Elder library visit  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** | Year 4 Maple library visit  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 4 Hazel library visit  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** | World Book Day; Year 3 Cedar library visit  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 1 Willow library visit  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 3 Elm library visit  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** | Reception library visit  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 2 Pine library visit  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 1 Ash library visit  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** | Parent Forum  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** | Rocksteady concert, 1.30pm  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** | Rocksteady concert, 9.30am

## Reading Recommendation



Although we didn't hold assemblies this week, it was International Mother Language Day, a celebration of linguistic diversity and the importance of valuing every child's home language. This is something we talk about often at school, as our community speaks around 40 first languages!

My reading recommendation this week is 'Say My Name' by Joanna Ho. It's a beautifully illustrated picture book that explores the power, pride, and identity held within our names. Through a series of children sharing the stories behind their names, the book encourages readers to honour their heritage and to say names correctly and with respect. It's a gentle, affirming reminder that every name carries history and culture, and that taking the time to learn someone's name properly is a meaningful act of inclusion.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026:**

Reception - 90.83%  
Year 1 - 93.9%  
Year 2 - 98.44%  
Year 3 - 91.67%  
Year 4 - 94.3%  
Year 5 - 97.75%  
Year 6 - 97.49%

Well done to Year 2, 5 and 6 for meeting the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **95.35%**