



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

26 June 2026

Headteacher's Note



Next week will be a very busy one, beginning with our sports days. Nursery and Reception will start at 9.15am, and Key Stage 1 and 2 at 9.30am each day. With temperatures expected to rise again, please ensure your child brings a water bottle, wears a sunhat, and has suncream applied before coming to school. Parents will be welcomed onto the field a few minutes before each sports day begins - we look forward to seeing you there. A reminder that jewellery should not be worn, with stud earrings and watches (not Smart watches) being the exception. We are still seeing hoop earrings, bracelets and necklaces, all of which pose a health and safety risk during sports and active sessions.

On Tuesday, pupils' end-of-year reports will be emailed to parents ahead of parents' evenings. Statutory results for EYFS GLD, Phonics, and the Year 4 Multiplication Check will also be shared. We will also confirm which teacher your child will have next year.

Key Dates



Monday 6th July | Reception Sports Day, 9.15am;
Chestnut cornet concert, 11.30am

Tuesday 7th July | Reception & Year 2 trip to Southend seaside/aquarium; Year 3-6 Sports Day, 9.30am

Wednesday 8th July | Parents' evening; Year 1-2 Sports Day @9.30am; Bargain Books in school

Thursday 9th July | Parents' evening; Nursery Sports Day, 9.15am; Bargain Books in school

Friday 10th July | RSHE Parent Forum, 9.15am;
Reception graduation, 2.00pm

Monday 13th July | Rocksteady concert, 2.15pm

Tuesday 14th July | End of Year Celebration/Summer Fair from 3.30pm

Wednesday 15th July | Year 3 Cedar recorder performance, 9.30am; Year 6 performance, 5.30pm

Thursday 16th July | Year 6 Prom; Rocksteady concert, 10.00am

Friday 17th July | End of term, 1.30pm early collection

Reading Recommendation



Year 6 led this week's assemblies to promote their business ventures as part of Business Enterprise Week. They showcased their stalls and the products they have worked hard to create over the past week. At Wednesday's after school event, the quality of their work was impressive - from matcha tea to 3D-printed animals. Year 6 did a fantastic job and raised over £600 towards their prom.

Our reading recommendation this week is *Kid Innovators: True Tales of Childhood from Inventors and Trailblazers*, a brilliant collection of short stories about young people who grew up to become entrepreneurs, creators and problem-solvers. It's an inspiring link to our Enterprise Week theme and a great read for children.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 29th June 2026:

Reception - 88%

Year 1 - 95.6%

Year 2 - 97.9%

Year 3 - 98.8%

Year 4 - 94.3%

Year 5 - 98.5%

Year 6 - 96%

well done to Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of 96%.

Whole school attendance was 95.8%.