



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

30 January 2026

## Headteacher's Note



Our next parent forum will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February, and this session will focus on our curriculum. Over the past couple of years, we've made improvements to what and how we teach, and we're excited to share some of the strategies we've introduced to enrich your children's learning. We'll also talk through the thinking behind some of the programmes of study we use, as well as a few developments currently underway - including plans to share helpful links to support learning at home. We'd love you to join us for a hot drink, a biscuit, and an open discussion. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attached is our monthly safeguarding newsletter, which highlights Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. Inside, you'll also find a range of useful links to support children's mental health, along with guidance to help families navigate the growing use of AI safely and confidently.

## Key Dates



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** | Level 2 Bikeability Year 6

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** | Year 4 Hazel violin concert for parents 10.15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** | Nursery open classroom 9.00-9.45am

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** | Parent forum 9.00-9.45am;  
**Date Change** Year 1 Ash/Willow class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** | SEND coffee morning with the Educational Psychologist - Focus SEMH

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** | Parents' Evening

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** | Half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** | INSET Day

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** | Children return to school

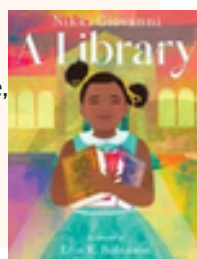
## Reading Recommendation



On Monday, we marked the International Day of Education in our assemblies by reading 'A Library' by Nikki Giovanni. This poem celebrates the joy of reading, and the way books can transport us into new worlds and open doors to knowledge.

Together, we reflected on how fortunate we are to have access to education and to be able to come to school each day. We talked about why learning matters, and how, without education, we wouldn't have the skills to read, explore ideas, or enjoy wonderful spaces like the library.

Our pupils visit Fulwell Cross Library once a term as part of our commitment to nurturing a love of reading. Families can also access the library together outside of school time, giving children even more opportunities to discover new books and develop their interests.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**

Reception - 82.67%

Year 1 - 92.14%

Year 2 - 93.27%

Year 3 - 92.37%

Year 4 - 90.17%

Year 5 - 93.27%

Year 6 - 93.04%

We have seen a higher level of sickness across the school this week. There were no classes that met the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **91.43%**