



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

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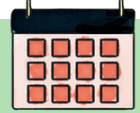
5 September 2025

## Headteacher's Note



Welcome back to a brand new school year! It's been lovely to see the children returning with such energy and enthusiasm. As part of our start-of-term routines, we've been reminding pupils about our school rules and expectations, including what positive learning behaviours look like. In assembly, we set an individual goal for the year ahead and talked about how we can all contribute to a calm, focused and respectful learning environment. We also revisited the importance of wearing school uniform. Uniform helps create a sense of belonging and ensures that children aren't under pressure to wear expensive or branded fashion items. We reminded pupils that some types of jewellery - such as hooped earrings - can pose a safety risk, especially during PE and active play. A reminder of our full uniform policy is available on the [school website](#).

## Key Dates



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** | Year 1 and 2 Wellgate farm visit to school

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** | 'Meet the Teacher' parent event 3.30-4.30pm

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September** | Reception/Year 6 flu vaccinations

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** | EYFS/Year 1 drama workshop

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** | Individual school photos

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** | Parent evenings

## Reading Recommendation



As we begin a new school year, it's a great time to explore stories about change, confidence, and trying something new. This term, we recommend "Ruby's Worry" by Tom Percival, a story we have read in past assemblies.

This story follows Ruby, who notices a worry that starts small but begins to grow. It's a gentle way to talk about feelings and how sharing them can help. It's ideal for children adjusting to new routines or environments.

Tom Percival is a UK author whose books support children's emotional wellbeing in a simple and relatable way. This book is ideal for our younger pupils.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025:**

Reception - 96.51%

Year 1 - 90.91%

Year 2 - 90.37%

Year 3 - 92.65%

Year 4 - 90.78%

Year 5 - 96.21%

Year 6 - 93.39%

There were not any classes this week that achieved the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 92.72%



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Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while shopping for items online.

Look at ways you can support our school on our [fundraising website page](#).

## Fundraising



We are always looking for simple, effective ways to raise extra funds to support our school and enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. One easy way you can help - at no cost to you - is by signing up to [easyfundraising.org](http://easyfundraising.org).

It's quick and free to use. When you shop online with thousands of popular retailers (including Amazon, M&S, Argos, and more), a small donation is made to the school every time you make a purchase - at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is:

- Sign up using our unique school link [here](#).
- Start your shopping via the easyfundraising website or app.
- The school receives a donation automatically from the retailer!

Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while doing your usual online shopping. An easyfundraising poster is attached to this newsletter with more information and a QR code to make signing up even easier. Thank you!

## School Admissions

A reminder to all families that applications are now open for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2026. If you have a child due to start school or transition to secondary next year, please ensure you submit your application by the published deadline.

For families considering Reception entry, we will be holding a series of open mornings this term. These are a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff, and learn more about our Early Years provision. Dates and booking details will be posted on the school website.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

## Healthy Snacks



Finally, a reminder about snacks and hydration. Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to enjoy at breaktime, but we kindly ask that this does not include sweets, chocolate or crisps. Healthier options such as fruit, plain rice cakes, or breadsticks help to maintain energy levels and support concentration throughout the morning. Choosing nutritious snacks also encourages positive eating habits and reduces the risk of sugar-related dips in focus or mood.

We also encourage all children to stay well hydrated during the school day. Drinking water regularly supports brain function, physical wellbeing, and helps children feel alert and ready to learn. Pupils are welcome to bring a named water bottle to school each day, which they can refill as needed. Thank you for helping us promote healthy choices and a positive learning environment.