



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

5 June 2026

## Headteacher's Note



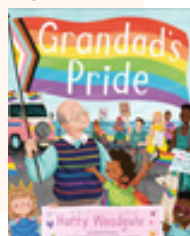
Welcome back after the half-term break - and what a relief to have some cooler weather this week. We're pleased to share that we now have a new official [Facebook page](#) where we'll post updates about what's happening in school, alongside the information already available on our website and in the newsletter. It will also help us share more about Gilbert Colvin with the wider community. You can access the page [directly here](#) or simply search 'Gilbert Colvin Primary School' on Facebook - look out for our new logo as the profile picture. Please follow and do share where appropriate. Also attached to this newsletter is the latest Spotlight on Safeguarding letter, which this month focuses on harmful sexual behaviour and attendance. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, it's well worth a look - the information is timely and offers practical advice for handling situations that families may encounter. Past issues can be found [here](#).

## Reading Recommendation



Although we did not have our Monday assemblies this week, I would still like to share a reading recommendation to mark the start of Pride Month, which is marked each June and celebrates LGBTQ+ history, culture and civil rights. It is important for children to learn about key moments in history that have helped bring greater equality for minority groups and that reflect the diversity of modern Britain. At school, we value differences, celebrate the varied backgrounds of our pupils and teach acceptance of others.

My reading recommendation this week is Grandad's Pride, a story where Milly discovers Grandad's past activism and helps him reconnect with the Pride celebrations he once loved. Together, they join their community to celebrate identity, inclusion and the importance of being yourself.



## Key Dates



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 6 Residential  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 1 open classroom, 9.15am  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 2 open classroom, 9.15am;  
 Bring & Share event, 3.30pm  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 5 Chestnut class assembly, 9.15am  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** | Year 5 Sycamore class assembly, 9.15am  
**W/b 6<sup>th</sup> July** | Sports Days (dates on last newsletter)  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** | Reception & Year 2 trip to Southend seaside/aquarium  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** | Parent evenings  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 performance  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 Prom  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** | Last day of term, 1.30pm

## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026:**

Reception - 94.7%  
 Year 1 - 96.0%  
 Year 2 - 94.8%  
 Year 3 - 96.6%  
 Year 4 - 97.1%  
 Year 5 - 94.7%  
 Year 6 - 94.8%

Well done to Year 1, 3 and 4 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. Whole school attendance has risen again this week and is at **95.6%**.