



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

9 May 2025

Headteacher's Note



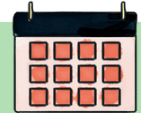
Yesterday, we commemorated VE Day with a range of activities across the school. The children took part in class-based sessions exploring the significance of Victory in Europe Day, before heading outside to enjoy a picnic and playtime on the field in the afternoon.

After school, we hosted a VE Day-themed Bring & Share, which was brilliantly attended by our parent community. It was lovely to see so many families coming together, sharing food, and enjoying the spirit of the occasion.

A huge thank you goes to Miss Morris for coordinating the day's events, and to the rest of the VE Day team - Mr Endacott, Mr Wilson, and Miss Wilmot - for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

We are also extremely grateful to our parents for their generosity and delicious food donations - thank you!

Key Dates



Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May | Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Wednesday 14th May | Parent Forum: Online Safety @4.00pm (online)

Monday 19th May | Class Photos

Monday 20th May | Year 5 Chestnut Library Visit

Tuesday 21st May | Reception Open Classroom @9.15am

Year 5 Sycamore Library Visit

Thursday 22nd May | Nursery Open Classroom @9.15am

Year 4 Maple Library Visit

'Be Yourselfie' Non-Uniform Day/Bake Sale @3.30pm

PTA Meeting - Summer Fair Planning @3.45pm

Reading Recommendation



As our Year 6 pupils approach their SATs, we understand that this can be a time of increased pressure and anxiety. Encouraging mindfulness is one way to help children manage their emotions and stay calm and focused during this busy period.

This week, we're recommending 'Breathing is My Superpower' by Alicia Ortega.

In 'Breathing is My Superpower', young readers learn how simple breathing techniques can help them stay calm, focused, and in control of their emotions - even in stressful moments like SATs. Appropriate for children aged 6-10, it's a gentle and empowering way for your children to build emotional resilience and develop mindfulness strategies.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Tuesday 6th May 2025:

Reception - 91.85%

Year 1 - 92.22%

Year 2 - 93.29%

Year 3 - 95.23%

Year 4 - 95.83%

Year 5 - 97.37%

Year 6 - 97.55%

Well done Years 5 and 6, whose attendance figures are above the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 94.79%



Year 6 SATS & Parent Forum



Next week across the country, children will be doing Key Stage 2 SATS (statutory tests in English and Maths). Our Year 6 team has worked hard to prepare the children but have not placed unnecessary pressure on them or had 'extra SATS lessons'. It is important for pupils in Year 6 to learn subjects across the curriculum and apply their English/Maths skills cross-curricularly. Parents, please make sure that your child attends school all week and arrives on time. They should also have breakfast before they come to school and a good night's sleep. We wish all of our brilliant Year 6 children the very best of luck!

Thank you to parents who attended today's Parent Forum on online safety. A reminder that a second session on the same theme will take place on Wednesday 14th May at 4.00pm, lasting approximately 45 minutes. Please email the school office to register your interest, and login details will be sent to you directly on the day.

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](https://www.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:

1. Sign up using our unique school link [here](#).
2. Start your shopping via the easyfundraising website or app.
3. 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!

VE Day Picnic and Bring & Share

