



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

16 May 2025

## Headteacher's Note

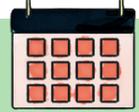


This week has been a busy one with the Year 6 SATs taking place, and we're incredibly proud of how well our pupils have handled the pressure. They've shown great resilience, focus, and determination - well done to all of them! Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting events planned for the rest of the term for our Year 6s, including rehearsals for our end-of-year play. There are also some key dates coming up that parents may want to add to their diaries:

- Sports Days:
  - Reception – 16th June
  - Key Stage 1 – 17th June
  - Key Stage 2 – 18th June
  - Nursery – 20th June
- Parents' Evenings – 9th and 10th July
- Year 6 Performance – 16th July

All these dates and more can be found on our [school calendar](#) on the website.

## Key Dates



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** | Class Photos

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** | Year 5 Chestnut Library Visit

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** | Reception Open Classroom  
@9.15am

Year 5 Sycamore Library Visit  
Year 6 Park Trip

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** | End of term

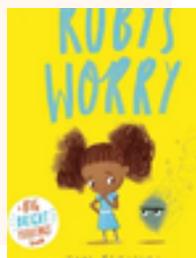
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** | First day back after half term

## Reading Recommendation



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and we've been exploring this important topic in our assemblies. The theme this year is community, and we've been talking with pupils about what it means to be part of a community and how we can support each other.

As part of our discussions, we read Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival—a story about a young girl named Ruby who discovers a worry that won't go away. The more she tries to ignore it, the bigger it grows. But when Ruby finally talks to someone about her worry, it begins to shrink. This led to thoughtful conversations about how sharing our feelings with someone we trust can help us feel better.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 12th May 2025:**

Reception - 93.91%

Year 1 - 93.56%

Year 2 - 95.00%

Year 3 - 96.48%

Year 4 - 96.9%

Year 5 - 98.69%

Year 6 - 97.78%

Well done to all of our Key Stage 2 classes, whose attendance figures are above the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 95.6%



## 'Be Yourselfie Day'



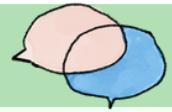
'Be Yourselfie Day' Fundraising Event - £1 per child  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May

Our school councillors have recognised the need to support children in the playground at playtimes who may be feeling lonely or a little overwhelmed in a busy environment. They would like to raise money to purchase a 'buddy bench' where children can sit and be seen. Play leaders and school councillors would then offer support, helping to find friends and initiating ideas for games.

Our fundraising event, 'Be Yourselfie Day', will be next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, Children can dress in non-uniform if they bring £1.00. All additional donations would be very welcome.

There will also be a fundraising bake sale on the main school playground at 3.30pm on this day. Thank you for your support.

## My Nametags



We're pleased to partner with [My.Nametags](http://www.mynametags.com), a company that creates durable, personalised name labels for clothing, lunchboxes, stationery, and more. These labels help reduce lost property - and even better, they support our school!

When you order through [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and enter our school ID 33628 at checkout, 24% of your total purchase will be donated back to our school.

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](#).

## Our Nursery Setting

