



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

19 December 2025

Headteacher's Note



As we reach the end of a very busy term, I want to begin by thanking parents and carers for your continued engagement with the school and for attending our events.

Over the last week, Reception and Nursery delighted us with their Christmas concerts, and Year 1 and Year 2 performed a wonderful Nativity. The children did an amazing job, and we know their families will be incredibly proud of them. A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and LSAs, whose hard work and creativity made these events possible.

A big thank you too to all the Year 5 children who attended the Winter Concert at Caterham High School this week. We were thrilled that so many children participated and sang so well under the bright stage lights. The staff at Caterham were very complimentary about our children's behaviour and talent. We are very proud of you all - well done!

Key Dates



Tuesday 6th January | Start of Spring term

Monday 12th January | Arc Theatre - Prevent workshop for Years 5 and 6; Parent forum 9.00-9.45am

Thursday 15th January | Year 5 History trip to Redbridge Museum

Friday 30th January | Year 1 Willow class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

Friday 6th February | Year 1 Ash class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February | Half term

Monday 23rd February | INSET Day - no school for pupils

Reading Recommendation



With Christmas just a week away, my reading recommendation is a festive classic for children of all ages: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore.

This well-known poem follows a family on Christmas Eve as they settle down for the night, only to be awakened by the arrival of St Nicholas. It paints a vivid picture of his sleigh, his reindeer and his visit, capturing the excitement and wonder of Christmas Eve. I'm sure many of you would instantly recognise the famous opening lines, which have become part of Christmas culture across the world:

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all
through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse*

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable break, whatever your plans may be.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 15th December 2025:

Reception - 87.41%

Year 1 - 93.18%

Year 2 - 97.4%

Year 3 - 94.44%

Year 4 - 90.87%

Year 5 - 93.56%

Year 6 - 92.47%

Well done Year 2 for achieving the school's target of **96%**. Whole school attendance: **92.93%**

Today, we sent out a general attendance report for each child by email. These reports are simply intended to keep parents informed about their child's attendance so far this term. Please let the office know if you did not receive your child's report.