



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

15 May 2026

Headteacher's Note



Our Nursery stay & play sessions have been running successfully for a couple of weeks. A reminder that these are open to children aged 2-4 years, especially those who do not currently attend nursery. Please help us spread the word - it's a free session every Tuesday at 1.00-2.00pm, open to the community! A huge well done to Year 6 for approaching SATs week with calm focus and maturity. Thanks to one of our parents who sourced local donations from shops, the children enjoyed a hearty breakfast before their tests. They now have plenty to look forward to this term, from days out and the residential to their Year 6 production.

Don't forget to note the dates for our bake sale and Bring and Share events. Posters with details will be displayed around school to keep everyone informed. Hopefully we will see a turn in the weather next week with things warming up. Enjoy the weekend.

Key Dates



Monday 18th May | Class photos

Tuesday 19th May | Year 5 Sycamore library visit

Wednesday 20th May | Year 5 Chestnut library visit

Thursday 21st May | Year 5 Maple library visit; Bake Sale; Parent Forum

Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, 9.15am

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | Half term

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June | Year 6 Residential

Friday 12th June | Year 1 open classroom, 9.15am

Friday 19th June | Year 2 open classroom, 9.15am

Friday 26th June | Year 5 Chestnut class assembly, 9.15am

Friday 3rd July | Year 5 Sycamore class assembly, 9.15am

Reading Recommendation

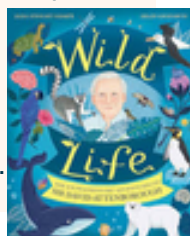


Recently, Sir David Attenborough celebrated his 100th birthday, and as a national icon, we felt it was only right to celebrate his remarkable achievements in our assemblies this week. Sir David has spent more than 70 years bringing the wonders of nature into our homes, and has had a massive impact on the natural world. For children who would like to learn more, the BBC has a brilliant page with fun facts, a quiz and a short video about him:

<https://bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/sir-david-attenborough-quiz>

This week's reading recommendation is the book we shared in assembly: Wild Life: The Extraordinary

Adventures of Sir David Attenborough by Leisa Stewart Sharpe. It's packed with fascinating facts about Sir David's life and is a great way for children to explore his adventures and lifelong passion for nature.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 11th May 2026:

Reception - 93.8%

Year 1 - 99.5%

Year 2 - 97.2%

Year 3 - 100%

Year 4 - 97.4%

Year 5 - 92.1%

Year 6 - 93.1%

Well done to Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. A special well done to our Year 3 pupils who were in school for every session this week!

Whole school attendance was **95.9%**.