



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

13 March 2026

## Headteacher's Note



It was wonderful to see so many parents and children at our drop-in gardening club this week. Together, they transformed the beds in the edible garden, clearing the weeds and giving the space a real lift. One child was delighted to discover a turnip growing in one of the beds!

We really value our parents' engagement, and a reminder that the session is open to any parent and child who would like to join us each Thursday after school.

Looking ahead to next half term, Nursery and Reception will have their Stay & Play sessions, Years 3 and 5 will hold their open classroom sessions, and our Year 4 classes will be sharing their class assemblies. Dates for all of these events will be shared next week.



## Reading Recommendation



On 8<sup>th</sup> March each year, we celebrate International Women's Day - a global event that recognises the achievements of women and highlights the ongoing work needed to ensure equality for all. It is an opportunity for children to learn about inspirational women from around the world and to reflect on the values of fairness, respect, and perseverance.

In our Key Stage 2 assembly, we watched a video and discussed why International Women's Day is marked and why it remains important today. In Key Stage 1, we shared the story Journey to the Stars, which tells the life of Kalpana Chawla, the first Indian woman to travel into space. Her journey showed perseverance - one of our Gilbert Colvin values - as she worked towards her dreams despite facing many barriers, including those linked to her gender.



## Key Dates



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 2 Pine library visit

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 1 Ash library visit

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** | Parent Forum 9.00-9.45am

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** | Rocksteady concert, 1.30pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** | Nursery Stay & Play 9.15am

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 3 class assembly 9.15-9.45am **DATE CHANGE**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** | Rocksteady concert, 9.30am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 5 open classroom, 9.15-10.00am; end of term - school finishes at 1.30pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** | Start of term

## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

Reception - 92%

Year 1 - 95.3%

Year 2 - 97.3%

Year 3 - 95.4%

Year 4 - 98%

Year 5 - 95.1%

Year 6 - 94.9%

Well done to Years 2 and 4 for meeting the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **95.5%**