



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

26 June 2026

## Headteacher's Note



We have experienced exceptionally hot weather this week, and we want to thank all parents and carers for your flexibility with the early pick-up arrangements. Closing early is always a last resort, and this decision was made after consultation with other local headteachers and the local authority. Any postponed trips or school events will be rescheduled, and we will update families as soon as new dates are confirmed. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Bring & Share event last week. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together and enjoying the fantastic food you brought in. We hope to continue running these events termly. We are also excited to share that our End of Year Celebration/Summer Fair will take place after school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. A brilliant team of staff and parents is working hard behind the scenes, but if you would like to volunteer, please let the office know - all help is very welcome.

## Key Dates



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 6 Space trip; West Hatch transition visit; Year 1 Willow trip to library  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** | Year 6 Enterprise Evening, 3.30  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** | Reception Acorn library trip  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** | Year 5 Sycamore class assembly, 9.15  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** | Sports Days  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** | Chestnut cornet concert, 11.30am  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** | Reception & Year 2 trip to Southend seaside/aquarium  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** | Parent evenings  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** | Rocksteady concert, 2.15pm  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** | End of Year Celebration/Summer Fair from 3.30pm  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 performance; Year 3 Cedar recorder performance, 9.30am  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 Prom; Rocksteady concert, 10.00am

## Reading Recommendation



Windrush Day was marked on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a moment to remember the Windrush Generation and the enormous contribution they made to shaping modern Britain. It is an important reminder of the diversity, resilience and rich cultural heritage that continue to strengthen our school community and our country.

Our recommended read this week is John Agard's Windrush Child. This lovely picture book follows a young boy's journey to England, capturing both the challenges and the hope of starting life in a new country. It provides a great way for children to access and learn about this important part of British history.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026:**

Reception - 91.1%  
 Year 1 - 89.2%  
 Year 2 - 86.5%  
 Year 3 - 98%  
 Year 4 - 85.4%  
 Year 5 - 87.5%  
 Year 6 - 79.1%

Attendance has been a little low overall this week because of the extremely hot weather, with only one year group meeting our 96% target: Year 3 with 98%.