



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER



Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 14 March 2025

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Earlier this week, I shared the report and outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, where the school was graded Good in all areas. We are incredibly proud of this result, which reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and the wider school community. The full report is now available on our website and can be read [here](#).

This term, we have continued our visits to the local library, which have now become a regular part of our school calendar. The children love exploring the wide range of books and developing their love of reading. We encourage parents to take their children to the library outside of school too - it's a fantastic way to give them access to even more books and inspire a lifelong love of reading!

We have revised the date of our PTA AGM once again to accommodate the end of Lent and Ramadan. A hard copy of a letter will be sent home at the beginning of next week. If you're interested in becoming a member of the PTA or would like to attend the AGM on the suggested dates, please fill in the form and return it to the school. Your involvement would be greatly valued.

KEY DATES

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March
Dr Bike in school



Tuesday 18th March
YR Apple Library Visit

Wednesday 19th March
Y1 Willow Library Visit

Friday 21st March
Parent Forum: Parental Engagement, 9.15-10.00am

Tuesday 25th March
YR Acorn Library Visit

Wednesday 26th March
Y5 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 4th April
End of term 1.30pm

Tuesday 22nd April
Start of summer term

Thursday 24th April
KS2 TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) Day

READING RECOMMENDATION

This week, Reception had a very special visitor - Miss Nabi's pet tarantula, Rosie! The children were fascinated to see Rosie up close, and other classes also had the chance to meet her (from a very safe distance!).

To tie in with Rosie's visit, Reception read "Aaaarrgghh! Spider!" by Lydia Monks - a funny story about a spider who just wants to be part of a family but keeps scaring everyone away! It's a great way to help children see spiders more positively and understand the good they do by keeping pests like flies and mosquitoes under control.

I also read "Aaaarrgghh! Spider!" to Blossom Class this week - it's always a hit! Re-reading books is brilliant for young children's language development, helping them build vocabulary and confidence in retelling stories.

A big thank you to Miss Nabi (and Rosie!) for such an exciting visit - it's not every day you get to meet a tarantula at school!



ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b Monday 10th March 2025:

Reception - 96.4%
Year 1 - 96.4%
Year 2 - 98.1%
Year 3 - 95.6%
Year 4 - 95.8%
Year 5 - 94.9%
Year 6 - 96.9%

Well done to more than half of our year groups: your attendance was above the whole school target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 96.2%