



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

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Headteacher's Note



Welcome to our new-look school newsletter! We're excited to share this updated design with you, which features our new school logo. We hope you enjoy the refreshed layout and find it easier to navigate and read.

Next week, we will be marking a special occasion - 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe and VE Day. To commemorate this, we'll be holding a school picnic on the field, and after school, we'd love you to join us for a Bring & Share celebration where families can come together and contribute dishes from different cultures to enjoy. Finally, a gentle reminder about school footwear. In some of our older year groups, pupils have started comparing branded, non-uniform trainers. To help promote equality and reduce unnecessary pressure, we ask all children to wear plain black shoes or trainers. Thank you for your support.

Key Dates



Tuesday 6th May | Year 6 Residential Meeting @3.45pm

Thursday 8th May | VE Day Commemorations/ Bring & Share @3.30pm

Friday 9th May | Parent Forum: Online Safety @9.15am (online at 14th May @4.00pm)

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May | Key Stage 2 SATS Week

Monday 19th May | Class Photos

Monday 20th May | Year 5 Chestnut/Sycamore Library Visit

Tuesday 21st May | Reception Open Classroom @9.15am

Thursday 22nd May | Nursery Open Classroom @9.15am
Year 4 Maple Library Visit

Reading Recommendation



This week marked Pumfrey's first official day at school! To help our younger pupils prepare for his arrival, I led an assembly where we talked about Pumfrey's likes and dislikes, and how we can show him kindness and respect in our school environment.

We finished the assembly with a lovely story - 'Ruffles and the Cosy Bed' by David Melling - a book featuring a character with lots in common with Pumfrey! For our older pupils, I recommended 'I, Cosmo' by Charlie Sorosiak, a story told from the perspective of a loyal dog who wants nothing more than to keep his family together.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 28th April 2025:

Reception - 93.76%
Year 1 - 94.22%
Year 2 - 97.28%
Year 3 - 98.36%
Year 4 - 97.6%
Year 5 - 95.79%
Year 6 - 97.14%

Well done Years 2, 3, 4 and 6, whose attendance figures are above the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 96.28%



Online Safety



Online safety remains an important and ever-relevant topic, especially with the many ways children connect and communicate digitally. The National Online Safety (NoS) organisation offers excellent resources for parents, including clear, easy-to-read leaflets on popular apps and websites. These guides include key information, tips for parents, and recommended age ratings. Several parents have mentioned that their children regularly use WhatsApp and Snapchat, both of which have a minimum age requirement of 13. We encourage all parents to take an active role in monitoring their child's online activity and to have regular conversations about digital safety. Attached to this newsletter are two NoS leaflets for your reference. I will also be hosting this month's Parent Forum on Online Safety this Friday and online, on 14th May.

I warmly encourage you to attend either or both sessions to stay informed and ask any questions you may have.

Fundraising



We are always looking for simple, effective ways to raise extra funds to support our school and enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. One easy way you can help - at no cost to you - is by signing up to easyfundraising.org.

It's quick and free to use. When you shop online with thousands of popular retailers (including Amazon, M&S, Argos, and more), a small donation is made to the school every time you make a purchase - at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is:

- Sign up using our unique school link [here](#).
- Start your shopping via the easyfundraising website or app.
- The school receives a donation automatically from the retailer!

Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while doing your usual online shopping. An easyfundraising poster is attached to this newsletter with more information and a QR code to make signing up even easier. Thank you!