



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

6 March 2026

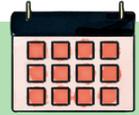
## Headteacher's Note



A quick reminder about school uniform. We understand that some families may be in an 'in-between' stage when children have recently grown out of items, but we do ask that all pupils follow the uniform policy. Children should wear black shoes or trainers and a blue jumper or cardigan in school colours (with or without the school logo). We have a pre-loved uniform section in school, and non-logo items are available at low cost from major supermarkets. If there are any difficulties in purchasing uniform or shoes, please speak to us — we will always do our best to help. Still on the topic of uniform, a reminder that, for safety reasons, children should only wear stud earrings, and these must be removed on PE days. We have noticed an increase in hoop earrings, necklaces and bracelets, which are not permitted. If a child is wearing unsafe items during PE, they will not be able to take part in the lesson.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Key Dates



**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 1 Willow library visit

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 3 Elm library visit

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** | Reception library visit

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 2 open classroom, 10.45-11.50am

**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; Year 3 class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

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

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** | Year 5 open classroom, 9.15-10.00am

## Reading Recommendation



We celebrated World Book Day yesterday, and it was wonderful to see so many children dressed as their favourite literary (and a few non-literary!) characters. Photos will be shared in the next newsletter! I joined in too, dressed as the apple from *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle - a story I love so much that I have at least five different versions of it at home.

My recommendation this week is the very simple edition of the book (*All About the Very Hungry Caterpillar*) that focuses on key words and images. It's a brilliant introduction for younger readers or for children who find accessing longer text more challenging. It also works brilliantly as a prompt for retelling the story, whether verbally or in writing, helping children build confidence and familiarity with the narrative.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 2nd March 2026:**

Reception - 92.62%

Year 1 - 98%

Year 2 - 97.5%

Year 3 - 99.71%

Year 4 - 95.36%

Year 5 - 96.4%

Year 6 - 94.73%

Well done to Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for meeting the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **96.31%**