



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

22 May 2026

Headteacher's Note



We've ended the term with a lovely day and a perfectly timed bake sale yesterday (complete with ice poles!), which will also be running this afternoon. Next half term is a busy one, with lots of dates already in the diary and a few more trips still to be confirmed by some year groups.

In the dates section, you'll find key events to add to your calendar. If you are able to volunteer for a trip, please let your child's teacher know.

It is National Sports Week beginning 6th July, and our sports days will take place during this week. All events will start at 9.30am on the following dates:

- 6th July – Reception
- 7th July – Years 3-6
- 8th July – Years 1-2
- 9th July – Nursery

We're looking forward to seeing you at our events over the coming term. Have a wonderful half term break and see you back in school on Monday 1st June.

Reading Recommendation



In this week's assemblies, we explored Walk to School Week and watched a short video about why walking, biking and scooting to school can make such a positive difference. The children discussed the benefits they already knew, including reducing pollution, easing traffic around school and saving energy, and we also talked about how being active helps our physical health, boosts our mental wellbeing, and sets us up for a calm, focused start to the day.

We then thought about other moments in our daily routines when we can build in movement, such as walking to the park, helping at home, playing outside or choosing active games at breaktime.

My reading recommendation this week is a non-fiction book by Joe Wicks, *Fitter, Healthier, Happier*. It's full of simple ideas for staying healthy, with clear illustrations and easy-to-read facts that children can read independently or share with an adult.



Key Dates



Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | Half term

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th June | Year 6 Residential

Friday 12th June | Year 1 open classroom, 9.15am

Friday 19th June | Year 2 open classroom, 9.15am;
Bring & Share event, 3.30pm

Friday 26th June | Year 5 Chestnut class assembly, 9.15am

Friday 3rd July | Year 5 Sycamore class assembly, 9.15am

Tuesday 7th July | Reception & Year 2 trip to Southend seaside/aquarium

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July | Parent evenings

Wednesday 15th July | Year 6 performance

Thursday 16th July | Year 6 Prom

Friday 17th July | Last day of term, 1.30pm

Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 18th May 2026:

Reception - 89.3%
Year 1 - 95.8%
Year 2 - 92%
Year 3 - 96.6%
Year 4 - 94.7%
Year 5 - 94.4%
Year 6 - 96%

Well done to Year 3 and 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. Whole school attendance has been a little lower this week before the half term holidays at **94.3%**.

Today parents will receive the usual end of term attendance report for each child by email. These reports are simply intended to keep parents informed about their child's attendance so far this year so no follow up is needed.