



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

20 March 2026

Headteacher's Note



As we come to the end of the spring term, I wanted to share an update on the voluntary donations the school has received, all of which go directly towards resources for our pupils. This year, our priorities were to continue replenishing our library books, purchase new playground games, and add further resources to our sensory room. We're really pleased to say that this has been possible thanks to your generous contributions. The following amounts have been raised by parents:

Christmas Fair - £1210
World Teacher Day non-uniform day - £189.13
Bake sale £271.76
Easyfundraising (in total) - £319.84
Voluntary donations - £441.12

Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to find out how to donate to the school, please visit our [fundraising page](#) on the school website. Have a lovely weekend, and to members of our school community celebrating Eid, Eid Mubarak.

Reading Recommendation

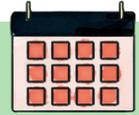


This week, is Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that aims to increase understanding and appreciation of the strengths and differences associated with neurodiversity. It is a chance for schools and communities to recognise and celebrate the many ways our brains work, and to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions around conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and more.

Instead of our usual assemblies, classes were invited to read 'Too Much' by Jolene Gutierrez, which is also this week's reading recommendation. The story follows a young girl who experiences the world intensely and feels as though sounds, textures, lights, and emotions can all feel 'too much'. The book celebrates the idea that everyone experiences the world in their own unique way.



Key Dates



Monday 23rd March | Rocksteady concert, 2.15pm
TIME CHANGE

Tuesday 24th March | Nursery Stay & Play 9.15am

Wednesday 25th March | Year 3 class assembly 9.15-9.45am

Thursday 26th March | Rocksteady concert, 10.00am
TIME CHANGE

Friday 27th March | Year 5 open classroom, 9.15-10.00am; end of term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 13th April | Start of term

Friday 24th April | Year 3 open classroom, 9.15-10.00am

Friday 1st May | Year 4 Hazel class assembly, time tbc

Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, time tbc

Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 16th March 2026:

Reception - 83.4%
Year 1 - 88%
Year 2 - 87.9%
Year 3 - 89.1%
Year 4 - 86.5%
Year 5 - 85.2%
Year 6 - 88.4%

No year groups this week met the school's attendance target of **96%**. Many of our families were celebrating Eid this week, and as a result whole school attendance on Friday was 51.3%.

Whole school attendance: 86.9%