



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

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Headteacher's Note



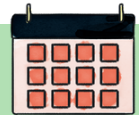
We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Meet the Teacher event on Monday. This is a good opportunity to learn more about your child's learning, class routines, and expectations for the year ahead. If you're attending with your children, please ensure they remain with you at all times during the visit.

A letter was sent out yesterday outlining key events taking place this half term. If you're able to support any of our upcoming community or fundraising activities, we'd be very grateful - your involvement makes a real difference.

Don't forget to read this month's [Spotlight on Safeguarding newsletter](#), which focuses on routines and body safety.

Finally, we've had a few queries about breaktime snacks. Please see the second page of this newsletter for guidance on which year groups may bring snacks and suggestions for healthy options.

Key Dates



Monday 15th September | 'Meet the Teacher' parent event 3.40-4.40pm

Wednesday 17th September | Reception, Year 1-6 flu vaccinations

Friday 19th September | Parent Forum 9.15-10.00am

Friday 26th September | 'Bring and Share' event at 3.30-4.30pm, European Day of Languages

Friday 3rd October | World Teachers' Day - non-uniform fundraising event

Friday 10th October | Year 6 Elder class assembly 9.15-9.45am

Thursday 16th October | Bake Sale at 3.30pm

Friday 17th October | Year 6 Oak class assembly 9.15-9.45am

Monday 13th October | Individual school photos

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October | Parent evenings

Reading Recommendation



On Monday, we marked International Literacy Day, a global initiative that highlights the importance of literacy as a foundation for lifelong learning and social development. We talked about why knowing how to read and write is important, and how it can open doors for people and provide opportunity.

In our assemblies, we shared *Here Is a Book* by Elisha Cooper, a story that traces the journey of a book from the spark of an idea in the author's mind, through the publishing process, and finally into the hands of a child. It's a celebration of the creativity, care, and collaboration behind every story.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 8th September 2025:

Reception - 90.14%

Year 1 - 90.89%

Year 2 - 93.33%

Year 3 - 96.13%

Year 4 - 93.96%

Year 5 - 96.13%

Year 6 - 94.47%

Well done Year 5 for achieving the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 93.77%



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When you order through [www.mynametags.com](#) and enter our school ID 33628 at checkout, 24% of your total purchase will be donated back to our school.

Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while shopping for items online.

Look at ways you can support our school on our [fundraising website page](#).

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!

School Admissions

A reminder to all families that applications are now open for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2026. If you have a child due to start school or transition to secondary next year, please ensure you submit your application by the published deadline.

For families considering Reception entry, we will be holding a series of open mornings this term. These are a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff, and learn more about our Early Years provision. Dates and booking details will be posted on the school website.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Healthy Snacks



We encourage pupils in Years 3-6 to bring a healthy and nutritious snack for break time to help maintain their energy and focus throughout the school day. Chocolate, sweets, and crisps are not permitted - any of these items brought in will be sent home. Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with free fruit at break time, so they do not need to bring a snack from home. Nursery and Reception children who are aged 3 and 4 are provided with free milk every day.

Healthy Snack Ideas:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes)
- Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)
- Plain rice cakes or oatcakes
- Cheese cubes or a small portion of plain popcorn

Thank you for supporting our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits!