



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

5 December 2025

Headteacher's Note



Unbelievably, there are only two weeks left until the end of term! A reminder that school will finish on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents at a number of events before the end of term, including the Christmas Fair and Christmas concerts. Full dates and times can be found in our Key Dates section. We are especially excited about the Christmas Fair today and would like to thank all the parents who have worked so hard to organise it - from wrapping presents in the foyer to approaching local businesses for raffle prizes. Your efforts are hugely appreciated. We are confident it will be a tremendous success and raise valuable funds for the children.

Next week, there will also be an opportunity to get festive early with our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of £1, and all funds raised will go to [Save the Children](#).

Key Dates



Monday 8th December | SEND coffee morning 9.15-10.15am; Rocksteady concert 2.15pm

Tuesday 9th December | Reception Christmas concert 9.15-9.45am

Wednesday 10th December | Nursery Christmas concert 9.15-9.45am; Christmas Lunch; Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December | Rocksteady concert 10.00am

Friday 12th December | Year 5 Open Classroom 9.15-10.00am

Monday 15th December | Year 6 visit to The Globe

Tuesday 16th December | Key Stage 2 visit to Holy Trinity Church for a Christmas concert

Wednesday 17th December | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 9.15am (Year 2 parents/carers invited)

Thursday 18th December | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 9.15am (Year 1 parents/carers invited)

Friday 19th December | End of term, 1.30pm

Reading Recommendation



Next Wednesday is Human Rights Day, an international day marked on 10th December to mark the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. It is a chance to reflect on the importance of fairness, dignity, and equality for all people.

To celebrate, my reading recommendations this week and next will focus on books that help children understand and explore the theme of human rights. Children have also been invited to design a poster to mark the occasion. In next week's assembly, we will share the book *Every Child a Song*, which beautifully illustrates what every song needs to survive, and what every child needs to thrive - linking directly to children's rights.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 1st December 2025:

Reception - 85%

Year 1 - 92.09%

Year 2 - 92.55%

Year 3 - 97.3%

Year 4 - 93.21%

Year 5 - 94.4%

Year 6 - 93.39%

Well done Year 3 for achieving the school's target of **96%**. Whole school attendance: **92.92%**

Our attendance has been lower than usual recently. This is due to a number of factors, including increased illness in some year groups, term-time absence abroad, and pupils who have left the school but remain on our register. It is important that children attend school as regularly as possible, as good attendance supports their learning, progress, and wellbeing.