



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

12 June 2026

## Headteacher's Note



Our Year 6 children have had a fantastic few days at Gilwell, taking part in activities such as zipwiring, climbing and even pizza-making. Parents have already received photos, and we will share a gallery on the school website next week so families of younger pupils can see the kinds of experiences on offer. Early next week, parents and carers will receive information about our RSHE consultation linked to the revised statutory guidance coming into force in September 2026. We encourage all families to take part, share their views, and attend our RSHE-focused meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. Finally, we have a parent governor vacancy following the end of a governor's term of office. A separate email with details on how to apply will be sent on Monday. Becoming a parent governor is a valuable way to support the school and contribute to its ongoing development. If you have any questions, please speak with me directly.

## Key Dates



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 2 open classroom, 9.15am; Bring & Share event, 3.30pm  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 1 trip to Hainault Forest  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** | Year 5 Chestnut class assembly, 9.15  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** | Year 5 Sycamore class assembly, 9.15  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** | Reception & Year 2 trip to Southend seaside/aquarium  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** | Parent evenings  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 performance  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** | Year 6 Prom  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** | Last day of term, 1.30pm

## Reading Recommendation



In our assemblies this week, we celebrated Dinosaur Day, a fun opportunity for children to explore the world of prehistoric life. Dinosaur Day is all about helping children learn how scientists piece together the past from fossils and discoveries made over the last two hundred years. We watched a video featuring a palaeontologist who explained how new findings often challenge what we thought we knew, showing the children that science is always evolving.

The pupils were bursting with dinosaur facts and loved sharing their knowledge with each other. There are so many brilliant books, both stories and non-fiction, that support this interest. This week's reading recommendation is 'Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Palaeontologist' by Linda Skeers, a great book that introduces children to one of the most important fossil hunters in history.



## Attendance



### Attendance w/b Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026:

Reception - 92%  
Year 1 - 94.8%  
Year 2 - 91.5%  
Year 3 - 93.8%  
Year 4 - 97.1%  
Year 5 - 99.0%  
Year 6 - 96.7%

Well done to Year 4, 5 and 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. Whole school attendance this week was **95.3%**.