



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 21 March 2025



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

This morning, we held our monthly Parent Forum, and we'd like to thank all the parents who attended and shared their thoughts. Notes from the meeting will be sent to all parents separately.

If there is a specific topic or aspect of school life you'd like to discuss, please feel free to send your suggestions to the school office via email.

Looking ahead, we plan to expand our parent workshops, including sessions led by external providers on important topics that impact pupils, such as mental health and well-being. Stay tuned for more details!

A reminder to all parents: if you're interested in becoming a member of the PTA or would like to attend the AGM on the suggested dates, please fill in the form sent home at the beginning of this week and return it to the school by Monday 1st April. Your involvement would be greatly valued.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 25th March
YR Acorn Library Visit (CANCELLED)



Wednesday 26th March
Y5 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 4th April
End of term 1.30pm

Tuesday 22nd April
Start of summer term

Thursday 24th April
KS2 TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) Day (DATE CORRECTION)

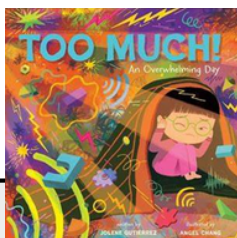
Friday 2nd May
Parent Forum @9.15 plus an additional online session will take place at another time, TBC

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May
Key Stage 2 SATs Week

READING RECOMMENDATION

In this week's assembly, we talked about Neurodiversity Celebration Week, which highlights the strengths and talents of individuals who think and learn differently. In our Key Stage 1 assembly, we read *Too Much* by Jolene Gutierrez, a story about a young girl who experiences the world in a big, bold, and sometimes overwhelming way. Through her journey, she learns to embrace her unique way of thinking and feeling.

For more information and resources on neurodiversity, visit [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](https://www.neurodiversitycelebrationweek.org/), which offers helpful guides, activities, and support for parents.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b Monday 17th March 2025:

Reception - 93.15%
Year 1 - 92.96%
Year 2 - 98.03%
Year 3 - 96.52%
Year 4 - 95.04%
Year 5 - 95.32%
Year 6 - 93.10%

Well done to Years 2 and 3: your attendance was above the whole school target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 94.93%

BREAK TIME SNACK GUIDANCE

We encourage pupils in Years 3 to 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. Please avoid snacks with nuts in them.

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

Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with free fruit at break time, so they do not need to bring a snack from home.

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

