



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 17 January 2025



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

A reminder to parents to please make sure that children are using school book bags to carry their books to school. Unfortunately there is not enough room in the classrooms to store rucksacks.

Thank you to all the parents who attended this morning's Parent Forum. We had a productive discussion about homework, covering what we set at Gilbert Colvin, evidence-informed research on the impact of homework on pupils' academic progress, and some top tips for supporting learning at home. We also gathered valuable feedback from parents about homework, which will be shared with staff for further consideration. The presentation notes and a summary of the meeting will be sent to you shortly via a separate School Ping. Thank you again for your engagement and support!

KEY DATES

Thursday 23rd January
Reception and Year 6 National
Child Measurement Programme



Monday 27th January
Year 6 Road Safety Session

Tuesday 28th January
Year 6 Library Visit

Wednesday 29th January
Year 5 Chestnut Library Visit

Thursday 30th January
Year 5 Sycamore Library Visit

READING RECOMMENDATION

In this week's assemblies, we talked about Energy Saving Week, a national event aimed at raising awareness about the importance of saving energy and reducing environmental impact. We talked about where energy comes from, the different ways we use it, and why it's important to save energy in the home.

Our reading recommendation for this week is *Old Enough to Save the Planet* by Loll Kirby. This inspiring book shares real-life stories of children who have led change in their communities to protect the environment. It encourages children to think about the small actions they can take to make a big difference for the planet.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b Monday 13th January 2025:

Reception - 89.76%
Year 1 - 97.34%
Year 2 - 95.72%
Year 3 - 91.73%
Year 4 - 96.77%
Year 5 - 91.84%
Year 6 - 94.64%

Well done Year 1 whose attendance figures have leapt up this week to 97.34%. The school's target is 96%.

Whole school attendance: 93.70%