



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

16 January 2026

Headteacher's Note



A reminder to parents to remain vigilant about their child's device use. We have supported several parents and pupils who have experienced online abuse, often from peers, on platforms such as WhatsApp, Snapchat and YouTube. Although personal devices such as phones are not permitted on the school site, senior leaders and teachers are available to support families with any issues that arise outside school, as these situations often spill into school life.

Please take time to check the age ratings of apps your child is using, and be aware that some apps can be disguised as utility tools. Read our [monthly safeguarding letters](#) and look at our [website](#) for current advice. Parents, please do actively monitor what your child is doing on their device - including reviewing their conversations and interactions - and remain in control of what they can access. Mr Endacott is our named online safety lead, but all staff are available to talk if you or your child have any concerns.

Reading Recommendation



It is World Religion Day this week, offering a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many different religions represented in our school community, and we always enjoy hearing children share their experiences, traditions and celebrations.

Our reading recommendation is the picture book *Around the World in 80 Festivals* by Nancy Dickmann, which gives a colourful introduction to festivals from a wide range of cultures and faiths, showing how communities around the world celebrate important moments with music, food, dance and shared traditions. The book provides a snapshot of global celebrations and encourages children to appreciate the richness and diversity of traditions beyond their own.



Key Dates



Wednesday 21st January | Reception Open Classroom 9.05-9.50am

Friday 23rd January | Parent forum 9.00-9.45am

Friday 30th January | Year 1 Willow class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

Monday 2nd February | Level 2 Bikeability Year 6

Friday 6th February | Year 1 Ash class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

Monday 9th February | SEND coffee morning with the Educational Psychologist - Focus SEMH

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th February | Parents' Evening

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February | Half term

Monday 23rd February | INSET Day

Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 12th January 2026:

Reception - 89.93%

Year 1 - 93.69%

Year 2 - 96.46%

Year 3 - 96.67%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 97.45%

Year 6 - 93.86%

Well done to Year 2, 3 and 5 for meeting the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **94.42%**