



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

27 June 2025

Headteacher's Note



With the warm weather set to continue, we'd like to remind families to make sure that children come to school wearing sun cream, a sunhat, and bringing a non-glass water bottle for playtimes. With temperatures expected to exceed 30°C on Monday, it's especially important that children stay hydrated - water bottles can be refilled throughout the day as needed.

July's Spotlight on Safeguarding newsletter will be sent home alongside this newsletter and is also available to read on our school website. This month's edition focuses on two important topics: supporting children through bereavement and helping them use WhatsApp safely. We hope you find the guidance helpful.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Key Dates



Monday 30th June | Reception Farm Visit (in school)

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th July | Book Fair

Tuesday 1st July | Year 6 Enterprise Stalls 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July | Reception Stay & Play 4-5pm

Thursday 3rd July | Primary/Secondary Transfer Day

Friday 4th July | Year 6 Southend Trip

Monday 7th July | Rocksteady Music Concert at 2pm

Tuesday 8th July | Year 6 Junior Citizens Visit

Wednesday 9th July | Year 3 Cedar Recorder Performance 9.30am

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July | Parents' Evening

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th July | Year 6 Residential at Gilwell Park

Friday 11th July | Year 5 Chestnut Cornet Performance for Parents at 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th July | Year 6 Performance

Thursday 17th July | Rocksteady Music Concert at 9.30am

Friday 18th July | End of term @1.30pm

Reading Recommendation



Each year on 22nd June, we mark Windrush Day - a time to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions of the Windrush Generation and their descendants to British society. In 1948, the Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, bringing passengers from the Caribbean who helped rebuild post-war Britain and shaped the vibrant, diverse culture we know today. To help children understand this important part of our shared history, we recommend the story book 'Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush' by Patrice Lawrence. It tells the story of a young girl learning about her grandmother's journey to Britain, offering an introduction to the Windrush legacy for younger readers.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 23rd June 2025:

Reception - 90.76%

Year 1 - 92.98%

Year 2 - 94.51%

Year 3 - 94.87%

Year 4 - 94.84%

Year 5 - 95.18%

Year 6 - 95.53%

Unfortunately this week, there are not any classes whose attendance figures are above the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 94.15%