



Gilbertstone Primary School April 2026 Newsletter



Update for April...

April has been a wonderful month of learning beyond the classroom, with pupils across the school enjoying enriching experiences that have brought their learning to life. Our Year 5 pupils had a valuable visit to the Gurdwara, deepening their understanding of Sikhism and supporting their Religious Education learning. The children showed great respect and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and reflecting carefully on what they had learned. In Year 1, pupils took part in a vibrant Chinese Lion Dance workshop as part of their Geography topic. The energy, colour and movement of the session captured their imagination and helped them explore different cultures in an engaging and memorable way. Meanwhile, Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the Black Country Living Museum, where history truly came alive! Seeing how people lived and worked in the past helped to strengthen their understanding of local history and provided a rich context for their classroom learning.

Just a reminder to all that school is closed on **THURSDAY 7 MAY** as school is being used for voting. Thanks

SATS week commences Monday 11 May

As SATs week approaches, we are so proud of how hard the children have worked. Please help them to feel calm and confident by ensuring they are well rested, enjoy a good breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day. A positive start makes a big difference.

Thank you for your continued support!



Sports Days 2026

Year group	Date	Time
Year 6	Monday 1 June	1.30pm
Year 5	Monday 8 June	1.30pm
Year 4	Monday 15 June	1.30pm
Year 3	Monday 22 June	1.30pm
Year 2	Monday 29 June	1.30pm
Year 1	Monday 6 July	1.30pm
Reception Red	Monday 13 July	1.30pm
Reception Green	Monday 13 July	2.15pm

Children must wear their school PE kit on their sports day. They will need a water bottle in school and if the weather is hot, they might need a hat and also have suncream put on earlier in the day. We hope that there won't be any disruptions due to the weather, however, if there are any issues, we will let parents know as soon as possible before their planned sports day. Parents are very welcome to come along and give their support, we are expecting the event to last around one hour. Children will be expected to go back to class after so that they can be dismissed at the usual time.

Dates for your diary... so far!

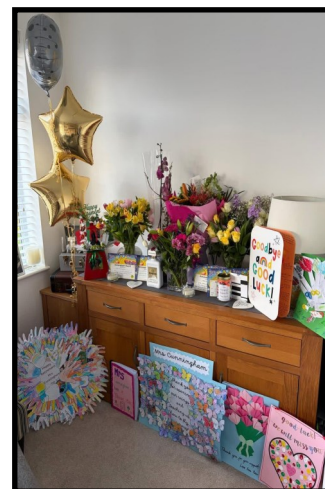
Please note these dates are always subject to change and it is not a definitive list. Thank you!

Date	Event
Monday 4 May	School Closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 May	Year 2 Morris Dancing Workshop
Thursday 7 May	School Closed for Voting Day
Friday 8 May	David Attenborough's 100th birthday celebrations
Monday 11 May	SATS week starts in school
Wednesday 20 May	National Numeracy Day for whole school
Friday 22 May	Break up for Whitsun holiday
Monday 1 June	Children return to school
Monday 1 June	Year 6 Sports Day 1.30pm
Monday 8 June	Year 5 Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 11 June	Year 1 trip to Belgrade Theatre
Monday 15 June	Year 4 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 16 June	Reception Induction Meeting for September 2026
Wednesday 17 June	Year 5 Sound of the musicals workshop
Thursday 18 June	Year 3 trip to Bosworth
Monday 22 June	Year 3 Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 June	International Dance Workshops as part of Arts Week
Monday 29 June	Year 2 Sports Day 1.30pm
Monday 29 June	Music concert for Choir, Violin and Guitar 8.50am
Monday 6 July	Year 1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Friday 10 July	School reports out to parents
Monday 13 July	Reception Sports Day Red at 1.30pm & Green at 2.15pm
Monday 13 July	Year 6 Production 4.15pm
Tuesday 14 July	Year 6 Prom 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 July	Parents can drop in to speak to teacher about report 3.30pm - 4.30pm. (3C will be on Tuesday 14 July)
Thursday 16 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 8.50am
Friday 17 July	Break up for Summer
Monday 20 July	Training Day - school closed

We are increasingly concerned about unsafe parking and driving outside the school gates. Illegal stopping, double-parking, and parking on yellow lines or pavements create serious risks for children, families, and staff, particularly at busy drop-off and pick-up times. These actions reduce visibility, block pedestrian access, and make it harder for children to cross the road safely. We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately and to follow local traffic regulations at all times. Please avoid stopping where it is not permitted, do not block driveways, and take extra care to look out for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles. If possible, consider parking a short distance away and walking the remainder of the journey. By working together to drive and park safely, we can help prevent accidents and ensure that the area around our school remains safe for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation. and continued support.

Thank you so much for the thoughtful gifts, cards and kind messages. I am truly grateful and will forever be thankful to be part of the Gilberstone family!

Mrs Cunningham



Year 6 Projects

Thank you to Year 6 for all of their amazing projects about famous people depicted on bank notes. We have been blown away by your presentation and information and all of the hard work you have put into the projects.

