



Gilbertstone Primary School October 2025 Newsletter



Wishing you all a wonderful half term break!

As we reach the end of October, we want to thank everyone for their wonderful support this term. The generosity shown through your donations to our harvest festival collections has been truly heartwarming and will make a real difference to those in need. Thank you, Mrs Loxton and Miss Evans, for leading our assemblies, and to the children and choir for their amazing singing!

It's been a fantastic start to the new school year. It is lovely to see so many children enjoying our sports clubs and choir sessions, we have enjoyed celebrating your child's successes at parents evening and in our achievers assemblies and seeing their special pieces of work

A special mention goes to our Year 2 class, who recently presented their assembly on 'monarchs'. The children showcased their history learning brilliantly, impressing us all with their knowledge and confidence.

We are lucky to have such a supportive school community!
We wish you all a restful half term break!

Dear Mrs Draper.....

As you retire from your role as Learning Mentor at Gilbertstone Primary, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible legacy you leave behind!

For over 25 years, you have been a pillar of strength, compassion, and integrity - supporting children, families, and staff with unwavering empathy and care. Your presence has touched countless lives and helped shape the heart of what makes our school such a special place to work, learn, and play. You will be deeply missed by us all. Your contribution has been immeasurable, and your kindness and wisdom will continue to inspire us long after you've left the building. Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling retirement—may it be filled with relaxation, adventure, and all the happiness you so richly deserve.

With love and best wishes,
From all of us at Gilbertstone Primary.



Rugby Tournament

During our Autumn term, twelve children across years 5 and 6 were picked to go to a 'Rugby festival' that was organised by the local team, 'Moseley Rugby Club'. The children did a range of activities throughout the morning, learning key skills that are needed in rugby such as passing, moving with the ball, attacking and defending. In the afternoon, the girls had the opportunity to apply these skills to friendly matches with other schools. Miss Salisbury was extremely proud of everyone who participated as they showed true determination, resilience and incredible teamwork.

They all really enjoyed the day and Miss Salisbury will be looking at hosting a boys tournament very soon.



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 3 November	Children return to school
Monday 10 November	Walk around for prospective Reception 3.45pm
Tuesday 11 November	Year 5 trip to Think Tank
Wednesday 12 November	Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
Tuesday 25 November	Flu Vaccinations Rec - Y6
Thursday 27 November	Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
Monday 1 December	3P to visit Church
Monday 2 December	3C to visit Church
Tuesday 9 December	Red Reception Christmas Workshop
Wednesday 10 December	Green Reception Christmas Workshop
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 18 December	Party day and Christmas disco
Friday 19 December	Break up for Christmas
Monday 5 January	School closed for training day
Tuesday 6 January	School closed for training day
Wednesday 7 January	Children return to school



Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property at the moment. To help us return items quickly, please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Thank you for your support!

School Meals

Please can we remind you that your child has the option for either school meals or packed lunch and not a combination of both. We ask that whatever their choice is, they stick to it for at least a half term at a time. If they do want to change from packed lunch to dinners or vice versa, you **MUST** contact the office. Our menus are on the school website for you to view. Thanks!

Late pick up from school

We would like to remind you of the importance of collecting your child promptly at the end of the school day. Our school day finishes at 3.15pm, and it is essential that all children are picked up on time.

Late collection can cause distress for children and disrupt staff schedules, as teachers and support staff often have other responsibilities after school. Ensuring timely pick-up helps us maintain a safe and organised environment for all students.

If you anticipate being late, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements. For repeated late collections, we may need to review procedures to ensure the well-being of your child.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe and running smoothly.



Marble Jar rewards

Well done to the following classes who have earned a marble jar awards - Red group who have chose a sparkly sticker, 2L & Red Group had parachute games, 1W and 3P enjoyed a non uniform day, 6S, 6M, 2B, 3C and 5I all had forest school play and 4S and 1P played with the games boxes. Well done children for all of your hard work to earn the rewards!



Halloween Disco

Our Halloween disco was a fabulous event, the children all looked wonderful in their costumes! A huge thank you to Mrs Brameld who worked so hard to organise the event and to all of the staff who supervised and joined in with the dancing! Your efforts made it a safe, fun, and memorable experience for everyone.

