



Gilbertstone Primary School March 2026 Newsletter



Update for March...

As we step into April, it's wonderful to see the first signs of spring; the lighter days, fresh blossoms, and the beginning of new life.

This month, we have the joy of celebrating two important festivals: **Easter** and **Eid**. Both occasions remind us of hope, kindness, reflection, and togetherness. We hope our families enjoyed their Eid celebrations and to all our families preparing for Easter, we wish you a peaceful and joyful celebration.

These moments of cultural and religious celebration enrich our school, giving our pupils the chance to learn from one another and appreciate the diverse community we are so proud of.

Mrs Cunningham retiring



After an incredible 27 years of dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment, we say a fond and heartfelt farewell to Mrs Cunningham, our much loved Learning Mentor. From the very beginning, Mrs Cunningham has been at the heart of the Gilbertstone Family. She has supported children, staff, and families with kindness, patience, and a belief in every child's potential. Her door has always been open, her listening ear always ready, and her guidance always thoughtful and full of wisdom. Over nearly three decades, her impact has reached far beyond the classroom. She has helped children grow in confidence, supported families through challenges, and been a trusted colleague to so many members of staff. The calm reassurance she brings, the sense of belonging she creates, and the positive relationships she builds have shaped the school in ways that will be felt for years to come. Mrs Cunningham's work has touched hundreds, if not thousands of lives, and the Gilbertstone community is stronger, kinder, and more connected because of her. She has given not just her time, but her heart, and we will forever be grateful. As she begins this new chapter, we wish her happiness, good health, and all the joy she truly deserves. May retirement bring her rest, adventure, laughter, and the chance to enjoy everything she has given to others for so long. Thank you, Mrs Cunningham, for your remarkable service, your dedication, and your love for the Gilbertstone Family. You will be deeply missed!



Science Week

We celebrated **Science Week** with the inspiring theme "**Curiosity: What's Your Question?**" Throughout the week, children were encouraged to wonder, explore, and investigate the world around them in many exciting ways. A highlight of the week was the **Science Sublime Workshop**, where **Alan the Scientist** brought science to life with hands-on demonstrations and captivating experiments. The children were fully engaged—asking brilliant questions, making predictions, and having lots of fun while learning. Each day offered new opportunities for discovery through **fun, practical science activities**, giving children the chance to explore concepts, test ideas, and enjoy the magic of scientific thinking.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Easter Bonnet Parade this week. Our reception children all looked so cute in their bonnets and sang so beautifully for their audience! Thank you for the time taken to make such wonderful bonnets.



Donations

If you have any spare grey or black school trousers we would really appreciate them. Also, we are short on socks and pants so if you do have any that your child may have grown out of we are grateful. Thankyou.

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 13 April	Children return to school
Wednesday 15 April	Year 4 Mayan Workshop
Tuesday 21 April	Year 5 Gurdwara Trip
Thursday 30 April	Year 1 Chinese Lion Dance Workshop
Thursday 30 April	Year 2 Black Country Museum Trip
Monday 4 May	School Closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 May	Year 2 Morris Dancing Workshop
Thursday 7 May	School Closed for Voting Day
Monday 11 May	SATS week starts in school
Friday 22 May	Break up for Whitsun holiday
Monday 1 June	Children return to school
Thursday 11 June	Year 1 trip to the theatre
Wednesday 17 June	Year 5 Sound of the musicals workshop
Thursday 18 June	Year 3 trip to Bosworth
Thursday 2 July	Year 6 trip to Umberslade
Monday 13 July	Year 6 Production
Tuesday 14 July	Year 6 Prom 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Friday 17 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 8.50am
Friday 17 July	Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 July	Training Day

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful entries in the design an egg competition. With so many fantastic eggs it was so hard to pick a winner but we are delighted to announce the following children won a prize -

**Year 1 = Evni Year 2 = Samuel Year 3 = Harriet
Year 4 = Zarnish Year 5 = Charlotte Year 6 = Lyla**



Year 5 Assembly

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Year 5 assembly all about the Ancient Greeks! The children all looked amazing in their costumes and performed wonderfully well. We hoped you enjoyed learning all about the Greeks and thank you once again for your support with the costumes and learning the lines!

Workshops

To complement the children's learning and the curriculum, we have had more fabulous workshops in school this term. Year 3 took part in an Egyptian Workshop and Year 6 enjoyed an Indian Dance Workshop. Thank you to all of our parents for their contributions to help support the workshops. Without your support we are not able to financially accommodate them so we do appreciate your help.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that **Mrs Lyndsey Hawes** has joined our Governing Body as our new **Parent Governor**. Lyndsey brings great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to supporting our school community. We are very much looking forward to working with her and benefiting from the experience and perspective she will bring to the role. Welcome on board, Lyndsey, and thank you for volunteering your time to help make a difference for our children and families.

Marble Jar Awards

Well done to all of the classes who have filled their marble jars and enjoyed their chosen reward! 1W & 1P have had a wristband. 2L have had play on the trim trail and 3P enjoyed parachute games. 4K are having a non uniform day and 4S have chosen extra play. 6S have decided on an extra art session. Well done to all of the children for working so hard!

