



# Gilbertstone Primary School

## February 2026 Newsletter

### Update for February....



February has been a wonderfully busy and enriching month in school, filled with exciting opportunities that have brought our curriculum to life. Our Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed an inspiring Animal Encounters workshop, giving them the chance to see and learn about a range of fascinating creatures up close. Year 5 were fully immersed in history during their Ancient Greece workshop, stepping back in time to explore the people, culture and traditions of this remarkable civilisation.

Some of our pupils also had the fantastic experience of representing the school at the Youth Athletics event at the Utilita Arena, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. In addition, the whole school marked Safer Internet Day, taking part in important learning about staying safe, respectful and responsible online.

As we move through this busy term, I would also like to extend our warmest wishes to all families observing Ramadan. *Ramadan Mubarak* to you and your loved ones.

### Mrs Cunningham retiring



We would like to let you know that **Mrs Cunningham**, our learning mentor, will be leaving us at the end of this term, with her final day being **Wednesday 25th March**. She has been a wonderfully supportive and caring presence in our school, and her work has made a real difference to so many children.

Mrs Cunningham will be preparing and speaking with the children she works closely with over the coming days, ensuring they feel supported and ready for this transition. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school community, and we wish her the very best in her next chapter.

### Year 1 Projects



This week, our Year 1 classroom has been bursting with excitement as the children's fantastic toy projects have arrived in school. Linked to their History topic on old and new toys, the children have created an incredible range of models, displays and imaginative designs.

We are absolutely loving the creativity on show – from beautifully crafted traditional toys to inventive modern designs, each project reflects real effort, thought and enthusiasm. The children have been so proud to share their work, and it has already sparked wonderful discussions about how toys have changed over time.

A huge well done to all our Year 1 children (and supporting adults!) for such inspiring work!

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

# Dates for your diary... so far!

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 March	Science Week Workshop
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Friday 6 March	Science Week Workshop
Friday 13 March	Year 6 Strictly Ballroom Workshop
Tuesday 17 March	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents 8.50am
Thursday 19 March	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
Friday 20 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 23 March	Reception Easter Bonnet Parade
Wednesday 25 March	Year 5 Class Assembly 8.50am
Friday 27 March	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 13 April	Children return to school
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
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 Umberlade
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

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our February Parents' Evening. We were delighted with the excellent turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many of you in school celebrating your child's achievements. We hope you enjoyed looking through their work and seeing the progress they have made this year.

A big thank you to ABM Caterers, who were on site showcasing some delicious food samples for families to try, and to Lode Heath Secondary School for sharing information about the opportunities and support they offer.

We are also very grateful to Mrs Gothard for running our school book fair. Thanks to your fantastic support, we have raised a considerable amount of commission, which will be used to purchase new home readers for the children.

Comic Relief red  
Nose Day is on  
**FRIDAY 20  
MARCH.**



We are not doing any formal fund raising in school but children are more than welcome to wear any 'Red Nose Day' merchandise e.g noses, head bands etc. Any donations to the charity can be made via this link - <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

## Marble Jar Awards

Well done to all of the classes who have filled their marble jars and enjoyed their chosen reward! 1W & 1P have used the trim trail. Green reception have all had a wristband whilst Red Reception enjoyed the games box. 5S had a forest school play session and 5I chose extra play. 2D have had an art session and 6S had laptop time. Well done to all of the children for working so hard!

