



Gilbertstone Primary School December 2025 Newsletter



We wish you a merry Christmas!

As we approach the end of a busy and exciting term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful learning experiences our pupils have enjoyed, say thank you to the dedicated team of staff that make all these things happen, and share what's ahead for 2026.

This month has been full of enriching activities across the school! Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Cadbury World, linking their Geography topic on Rainforests to the journey of cocoa from bean to bar.

Year 5 explored science in action during their visit to the Thinktank Museum, supporting their learning on Materials. Our Reception classes enjoyed creative Christmas Arts and Crafts workshops with parents, and a special visitor - thank you Santa! Year 3 visited the local church as part of their RE curriculum, deepening their understanding of faith and community.

We also celebrated cultural diversity with a vibrant Diwali assembly, reminding us of the importance of inclusion and respect.

Looking forward to next term, we have even more exciting opportunities planned!

Our Young Voices Choir will be performing at a major event, an unforgettable experience for our budding singers. Year 3 will be taking part in Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop, celebrating culture and creativity through dance. We will be holding our Spring Term parents evenings, another opportunity to celebrate your child's successes.

As we approach the final week, we will be enjoying our Christmas assemblies, Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day (in aid of Save the Children) and our Christmas party too!

Thank you for your continued support in making these experiences possible.
Wishing all our families a peaceful Christmas break and best wishes for a happy 2026.

Christmas raffle for scooter!

We have a fabulous scooter up for grabs in our Christmas raffle! Tickets are available from the school office for £1.00 a strip and you have to be in it to win it! There will also be some treats for other tickets drawn. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 19 December so make sure you get your tickets soon!



Christmas Gift Appeal

We are over the moon the donations that we have had for the Birmingham City Mission Appeal! The Charity came to collect the toys and were so grateful for your kindness and generosity. We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year for us all so thank you for digging deep and for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.



Rainforest Projects

Thank you so much to all of the Year 4 children who completed their Rainforest Projects! They were all amazing and really looked fabulous in our foyer. Thank you so much to our parents who supported with all of the creations!



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
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Jumper Day (children can wear own clothes and Christmas Jumper).
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 18 December	Christmas Party Day and disco 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Friday 19 December	Children break up for the Christmas holidays
Monday 5 January & Tuesday 6 January	School closed for Training Days, Monday and Tuesday.
Wednesday 7 January	Children return to school
Thursday 15 January	Year 3 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Tuesday 3 February	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 5 February	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Friday 13 February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 February	Children return to school
Wednesday 25 February	Year 5 Ancient Greece Workshop
Thursday 26 February	Rec & Year 1 Animal Workshop
Friday 13 March	Year 6 Strictly Ballroom Workshop
Thursday 19 March	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
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
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 Umberslade
Tuesday 14 July	Year 6 Prom
Friday 17 July	Break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 20 July	Training Day



Grandad's Christmas Poem 2025

Twinkling lights on houses bright
means that Christmas is near
a time for joy and peace to all
children hoping for Santa to call

The Elves are busy loading the sleigh
let's go Rudolph, show us the way
excited children await the day
to open their presents and games to play

Over hills and valleys they go
finding houses covered in snow
then Santa, so quick in houses he goes
how he does it, no one knows

Children awake, oh what a surprise
gifts have appeared before their eyes
Mums and Dads prepare the dinner
everyone's happy, we're on to a winner

What a great day, now it's time for bed
Santas long gone, with an empty sled
so thanks everyone, far and near
Santa will surely be back next year!



Thank you so much

Can we just take this opportunity to thank all of our families for the contributions for workshops, dress down days and extra curricular activities in school. Without your support we cannot hold as many events so we really do appreciate your valuable contributions.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

