



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# Newsletter 501

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## NSPCC Number Day

Our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated NSPCC Number Day in style! Children and staff embraced the theme by dressing up in fantastic digit costumes and cosy onesies, filling the school with colour, creativity, and lots of smiles.

Hassan led a whole school assembly talking about the important work the NSPCC do and children learnt and recited the Childline number! The children were reminded the Safeguarding Leads for Gillespie are Mark and Lyn and they are always available.



Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of maths challenges, putting their number skills to the test. Activities included problem-solving games and practising number bonds, with everyone showing great enthusiasm and determination. Learning was truly brought to life as children combined maths with teamwork and fun.



The day was full of laughter, energy, and a real sense of togetherness, all while supporting an important cause. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were proud to raise money for the NSPCC, helping to support children across the UK.

Donations can still be made online by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gillespienumberday26>



### Class photos

Next week children will have their class photo taken the morning of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. We ask that children are wearing full school uniform for the photo. Parents will receive a proof card to register with Vancols and a notification email from them will be sent when the photo is available to view and order online.

### Children's Mental Health Week Stop, Understand and Consider

Next week we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week by inviting all staff and children to wear yellow or green on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – colours representing MH awareness week.



### Thank you

Last week I was overwhelmed by the kindness of parents in receiving wonderful gifts. This week I was even more overwhelmed by the wonderful messages, photographs and videos I received in the E-card from so many of our parent and pupil community, past and present! I will treasure this. I am inspired and encouraged to redouble my efforts looking to the future to continue to improve Gillespie school for all our community.



## Attendance

Class	Attendance WB 02/02/26
Reception	95.33%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.67%</b>
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	96.33%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.27%</b>



Attendance Cup  
Winner  
WB 02/02/2026

**Year 1!**

## Important dates

<b>WKBG 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Class photos (full school uniform)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Wear yellow or green for Children's MH week
<b>WKBG 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<i>Half term</i>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Chinese New Year and Ramadan begins
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	End of term (school closes 1pm)

Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen, Headteacher

## Community Page

\*Family Barn Dance at Elizabeth House 07/02 – CANCELLED \*



### Tales from the doctors' library: family storytelling & crafts

Tuesday 17 February 10am – 12.30pm

**Join professional London storyteller Vanessa Woolf** for a colourful interactive storytime with music, props and even smells!

Plus, our 'Patterns, pages and prints' crafts activity room will be open to have a go at printing your own patterns, creating moving diagrams, making bookmarks, colouring fabulous pictures and more!

Tickets: £8 per child

Two-for-one offer available now!

For access information and how to get here, please visit the website [history.rcp.ac.uk/visit-us](http://history.rcp.ac.uk/visit-us)

Or contact us [history@rcp.ac.uk](mailto:history@rcp.ac.uk)

**To book, visit**



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Recommended for children aged 5 - 11 but all are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult but accompanying adults can attend free.

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october gallery

# FAMILY ART DAY

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS  
AT OCTOBER GALLERY

**SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY**  
10AM - 12PM

**SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**  
10AM - 12PM

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH**  
10AM - 12PM

FREE  
DROP-IN  
FOR ALL  
AGES


