



Friday 1st May 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

International Food Evening

A big thank you to all the families who joined with us to celebrate the wonderful and diverse cultures that represent the community of Gillespie school. We had a lovely warm and windy, chilled evening. As ever, the array of food from delicious Welsh cheese cakes to mellifluous Bengali cuisine, followed up with a colourful dessert selection was marvellous. A big shout out to all the parents who helped us tidy at the end of the event, your help was most appreciated and Pete our premises manager said it was the tidiest it had ever been after a school event.



Headlice

We have several cases of headlice reported in classes across the school. We recommend ALL families check their child's hair over the long Bank Holiday weekend and treat where necessary, with follow up treatment 7-10 days later. Children with long hair should have this tied up when at school.



Attendance

Class	Attendance WB 27/04/26
Reception	95.37%
Year 1	96.28%
Year 2	96.12%
Year 3	96.17%
Year 4	94.81%
Year 5	97.71%
Year 6	96.26%
Total	96.1%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 27/04/2026
Year 5!

Important dates

Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 5th May	4:45pm Parent Panel choosing a secondary school
WB Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs week
WB 25th May	Half term
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 8th July	Sport's Day

Class Assemblies

Fridays at 10am, top hall

Year Group	Date Set
Year 4	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Year 2	Friday 5 th June 2026
Year 5	Friday 12 th June 2026
Year 1	Friday 19 th June 2026
Year 3	Friday 26 th June 2026
Year 6	Friday 10 th July 2026

Wishing families a wonderfully long Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen, Headteacher

Spring Reading List



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parent panel

choosing a secondary school

Tuesday 5 May 2026
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Top Hall, Gillespie School

FOR GILLESPIE
PARENTS WITH
CHILDREN IN Y3
AND ABOVE

Join us for a panel discussion
with local parents on their
experience choosing a
secondary school for their child.

Submit questions in advance to
Rachel on 07764500177 or
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