



Friday 5th June 2026

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**SUMMER
TERM 2**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year! We have lots of exciting things planned including the summer fayre and Sport's day! We will also be hosting a 'parenting in the digital age' workshop next week in the top hall, see flyer below for details.

Multiplication Mash

Next week, children in Years 2-6 will be invited to compete in Gillespie's first Multiplication Mash at home on Times Tables Rock Stars! Log in details will be shared on Monday when the competition starts. There is a daily limit of 30 minutes and the children can only get points during these times. The competition will run from Monday - Friday with the winning class being announced in Friday's assembly. Participation in the competition is optional. Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun, interactive way for children to practice their times tables they have been learning in class.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Today Year 2 show cased their learning in their class assembly. They told us all about our local area, the similarities and differences between Gillespie and our link school in Ghana and performed a number of fantastic songs including the famous continent song to help children learn the continents of the world and some self-composed music influenced by the beautiful music of Ghana.



Attendance Matters

As we approach the end of term we remind families about the policy surrounding holidays and leave in term time. Parents and Carers are strongly urged not to book any holidays during school term time starting before 1pm on Friday 17th July 2026 or to book holidays that run into the next academic year, which begins on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

All children are expected to be in school for the whole of the summer term unless there are exceptional circumstances why they cannot be in school. A leave of absence form (from the office) needs to be completed for exceptional circumstances. If circumstances are not deemed exceptional, leave will be recorded as unauthorised!

Thank you for working hard with us to continue to improve attendance at Gillespie and the achievement of all pupils.

Class	Attendance WB 01/06/26
Reception	96.67%
Year 1	97.33%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	93.93%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96.9%
Total	96.5%



Attendance Cup
Winner
WB 01/06/2026

Year 5!

Important dates	
Tuesday 9th June	4-5pm KS1 solo concert 5-6pm KS2 solo concert
Wednesday 10th June	4-5pm Secondary transition meeting for Y4/5 parents
Tuesday 16th June	5:30-6:30pm Parenting in the digital age
Friday 19th June	Reception bake sale and uniform stall (FoG)
Saturday 4th July	Summer Fayre
Wednesday 8th July	Sport's Day
Friday 10th July	10am Year 6 Leavers show

Class Assemblies Fridays at 10am, top hall	
Year Group	Date Set
Year 5	Friday 12 th June 2026
Year 1	Friday 19 th June 2026
Year 3	Friday 26 th June 2026
Year 6 leavers show	Friday 10 th July 2026

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen, Headteacher



PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Tuesday 16th June
5.30-6.30pm
Gillespie Top Hall

What to expect:

- ◆ Feature Phone Workshop
With Kevin Tibble, Digital Literacy Coordinator, King Alfred School
→ Practical alternatives to smartphones
- ◆ Latest Insights from Our Community
→ Key findings from the Gillespie 2026 Smartphone Survey
- ◆ Real Parent Experiences
→ What worked, what didn't