



Newsletter

Welcome back!

I hope everyone has had a lovely half term and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. I am ever hopeful that the second spring term will bring warmer weather and see the end to the winter bugs.

We have another very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting learning opportunities and events for our children to enjoy!

A reminder that our school website is: -

<https://www.stgilbertspointon.co.uk>

ATTENDANCE

Being late adds up

This chart shows how being late each day adds up with minutes equalling learning days lost.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Legal implications of being late to school

If children are late after registration has closed this will give them an unauthorised mark, this is a **U code**.

A U code is given as the child or young person wasn't present at the time of registration – they were absent.

Schools will actively discourage lateness and be alert to patterns of late arrival – they will act as appropriate.

Legal action can be taken against parents regarding unauthorised absence marks (e.g. U code), it is therefore encouraged that parents ensure their child is on time.

Every minute counts!

INCLUSION

Come along to our coffee morning, enjoy a chat and meet other parents, this is a great opportunity to share experiences and offer support. Members of the SEND and Inclusion Team will be available to give advice and signpost to support services that are available.

Additionally, it will enable us to speak with you to see what additional support we can offer.



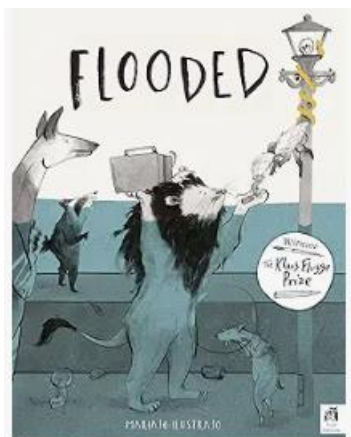
Our next coffee morning at St Gilbert's is Tuesday 4 March at 9am

SEND

If you have any concerns about your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher as a first port of call. However, if you would like to discuss this further, then please make an appointment with our SENDCo, Mrs S. Ogden by telephoning the school.

Tel: 01529 240465

READING AND ENGLISH - WORLD BOOK DAY



This year on World Book Day (Thursday 6 March) we will be celebrating nighttime reading. All children are invited to come to school wearing their comfiest pyjamas, onesies, and dressing gowns to enjoy a day full of activities.

Children are more than welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with their classes. There will be a range of activities throughout the day based around the book *Flooded* by Mariajo Ilustrajo.

MATHEMATICS

Maths at both schools continues to flourish and there is now a Times Tales Rock Stars battle across both schools to see which class can win.

Mathematician of the month is still doing well with the last children eager to win and show off their certificates. Remember that all children can be the mathematician of the month so keep working hard at home.

MUSIC

Rehearsals are taking place for our Whole School Production. Act II Theatre company will be working with children across the school from Reception to Year 6 to bring you a fantastic performance of *Much Ado About Disco*, a 70's twist on a Shakespearian classic.



Tickets will soon be available for afternoon and evening shows on

Wednesday 2 April - afternoon show

Thursday 3 April - afternoon and evening show

Children will need to attend all performances.

We ask all to bring in 70s inspired costumes and bright clothing.

Please can all costumes be in school by Thursday 27 March 2025 in a named bag.

SPORTS

This month, some of the children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Pinchbeck where they took part in a Cross Country event, competing against a number of other schools from the local area. The children should be very proud of how they represented the school and how they gave their all to an event that they have never competed in before, especially as it was very cold and muddy!

The Year 3 and 4 Kurling League is still running and we are currently sitting in joint first. Elite will be visiting us lots this term to take scores and the children will be able to compete against the other schools.

This term we also have Bikeability to look forward to for the children from Badgers class, a visit from The Lincolnshire Football Association to carry out some coaching with the children and the start of swimming lessons for the older children.

PARENT VOLUNTEER GROUP

Our staff and parent volunteers are busy planning some lovely fundraising events to celebrate Easter.

We are bringing back Easter squares which proved very popular last year, amongst other exciting activities for your children to get involved in.

More information to follow soon!

COMIC RELIEF



This year we have some exciting events planned for Comic Relief on 21 March – details to follow soon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council have been working hard alongside Pointon Parish Council to address issues around the village that the children have identified.

We have been creating posters and writing letters to gain support for a new bin to be provided to reduce litter around the school.

Some of our school councillors were fortunate enough to meet our local MP at the Houses of Parliament on the 26 February and plan on contacting him about this issue.

We are still working towards our Global Neighbours accreditation and are continuing with our work on spreading kindness.

SCIENCE



We are excited to be taking part in British Science Week shortly.

It is run by the British Science Association across the whole country. It is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

Each year there is a new theme for British Science Week, and for 2025 it's 'Change and adapt'. As British Science Week enters its fourth decade, it's a great time to think about how the world is changing and how we can adapt to those changes. That is why our focus will be 'Climate change'. We will have a live virtual lessons with some amazing scientists and activities in the classroom across the week. Please have a look at the links below to delve deeper into our main topic.

[What is climate change? A really simple guide - BBC News](#)

[What Is Climate Change? | NASA Climate Kids](#)

FLAG FEN VISIT

The children from Red Squirrels enjoyed their visit to Flag Fen last half term.

They became archologists for the day where they used a variety of excavation tools and techniques to dig and record genuine archaeological finds. They sat in a Bronze Age round house and were told a traditional prehistory story around a fire.

Key Dates



February

24 February	Start of Spring Term 2
26 February	Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip
27 – 28 February	Bikeability (Badgers)

March

5 March	Duxford Trip (Badgers)
6 March	Football Sessions Year 5 and 6
6 March	World Book Day
10 March	Science Week
17 March	School Photographer – Class photos
20 March	Lincoln Castle Trip Years 1 and 2
21 March	Comic Relief
26 March	Parent Consultation meetings

April

2 April	Whole School Production
3 April	Whole School Production
4 April	End of Spring 2
23 April	Start of Summer Term 1
24 April	Swimming Lessons Start (Badgers)

