

Horizon Schools Federation

Newsletter

April 2026

Welcome back!

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and have enjoyed the spring sunshine!

As we have only just returned to school, we have a few updates and reminders which we would like to share as we look forward to a very busy summer term ahead!!

Thank you
for your
continued
support!
- Mrs Foston



Parent Governor

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to Leanne Mansell, who is joining our governing body in the role of Parent Governor and offer our thanks for her commitment to our federation.

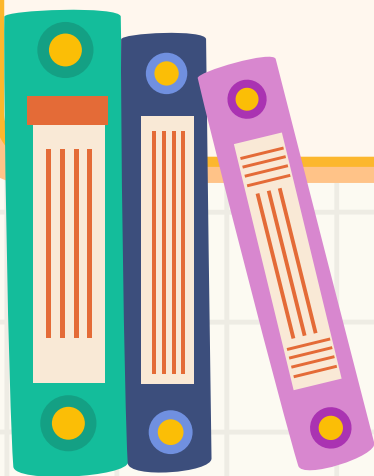
Equally we would like to thank all parents who expressed interest in the role and share our appreciation for their support.



Office News

With the Summer Term looking to be very busy as always, we kindly ask that you keep an eye on your emails to ensure you don't miss any important information. Don't forget our websites hold lots of useful information including PE and Forest School days.

If you have any questions regarding your Arbor Parent Portal, please contact your school office.



Attendance

What to do if your child is unable to attend school.

Frequent absence will inevitably impact on your child's learning, both academically and socially. If your child is unable to attend school, you must contact the school office before 9am. You can leave an email or voice message to inform us of the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you. If we cannot contact you, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If we have not heard from you, please expect to receive a home visit from a member of staff. Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices.



Year 6 SATs Week 2026

Year 6 SATs will be taking place week commencing Monday 11th May 2026. These are external statutory tests to assess pupil progress and attainment in English and Maths in readiness for transition to secondary education. The timetable for the week will be as follows:

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3



Attendance and punctuality are extremely important- we want to be able to start the tests as soon as possible once the children arrive. All children must attend each day.

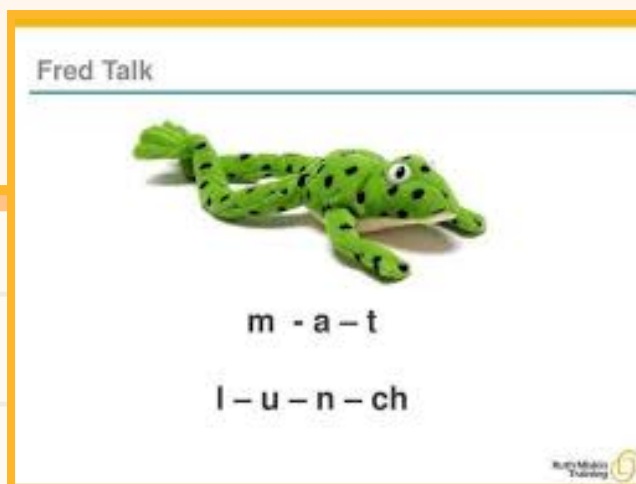
To support your child and ensure they have a good start to the day, we ask that all year 6 children arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am ready to enjoy breakfast to prepare them for the day ahead!



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will be administered during the week beginning the 8th of June. Children will be reading 40 words, 20 real words and 20 'alien' words. To prepare for this, please read with your children as much as possible and encourage them to use their Read Write Inc techniques 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word.'

Class teachers will be able to tell you if there are any sounds your child needs support with.



Year 4 Multiplication Check

In June 2026, all Year 4 children in England will take part in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The aim is to see how confidently pupils can recall their times tables up to 12×12 . Schools will complete the check during the two-week window starting Monday 1st June 2026. It is a short digital check lasting around 5 minutes where there are 25 multiplication questions, each with a 6-second time limit.

The children are able to have 3 practice questions first. There is no pass mark, and children do not retake the check. Teachers use the results to identify pupils who may benefit from extra support.

The best way to support your child at home is through regular, short practice. 5–10 minutes a day can really help! If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.





This term, music will be in the air as productions at both Donington and St Gilberts are fast approaching.

Rory from Pop Rox is back in school and if you would like your child to enrol for lessons please visit the website where you can sign up for lessons.



[Pop Rox Music School](#)

SIGN UP



The choirs at both Donington and St Gilberts are back to practicing for their summer performances later in the year.

Dates for Summer Term performances will be sent out as soon as they are confirmed.



Easter Celebrations

At the end of last term all children at St Gilberts enjoyed an exciting Easter event organised by the PTFA. The Easter Bunny even made an appearance! Children were organised into teams, each consisting of children from nursery to Year 6. They worked together in a variety of activities and had great fun! Pete's Ponds donated 80 Easter eggs, and every child received their egg at the end of the event. Thank you, Pete's Ponds! In the afternoon we held an Easter Family assembly. Children retold the story of Easter with Reverend Rock, sang songs, read poems and showed work. Thank you to all who attended.



Sports

This year's Sports Day will be held on the morning of Monday 15th June at the village playing field. More details to follow...



The children from KS2 took part in the 2026 TCS Mini London Marathon this week, where every child ran a distance of 2-miles or more. They all showed amazing resilience, perseverance and team work and were fantastic throughout!

Well done!



Whole School Production

The children are busy rehearsing for our fantastic whole school production of All for 1, 2, 3, 4!...an 80's twist on The 3 Musketeers! All children throughout the school will be involved in this and principal characters have been cast from our talented Year 6 students.

Performance Information

Performances will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May at the Pointon Village Hall. There is one performance on Wednesday 20th at 2pm and there are two performances on the Thursday 21st, the first at 2pm and the second at 6pm. It is important that your child attends all 3 performances, as all children have key roles.

For the evening performances, children will need to be at the village hall for 5.30pm so they are ready to be on stage for the performance at 6pm. Nursery children are only required to take part in the daytime performances on the days that they attend nursery.

All children need to be in bright, 80's inspired costumes which we are asking to be in school by Monday 11th May ready for rehearsals. Please can all items of clothing be clearly named as well as the bag they are brought in. Also, we do not expect costumes to be purchased especially for this, anything you already have at home will be suitable.



Tickets

We are delighted to be able to invite all parents to come and watch the performance again this year. You can book your tickets via the Arbor App from 8am on Thursday 30th April and the booking window will close on Friday 15th May. There are only 100 tickets available per show!

We are not charging for tickets, however, in order to be able to put on productions each year we will have a collection at the end of each show and would be grateful of your support.

Please be aware there is no photography or recordings permitted during the show. We will ensure plenty of photo's are taken throughout performance week.



PTFA

Thank you to our PTFA for the fantastic Easter Activities! We are looking forward to the next events, the Table Top Sale and Summer Fayre!

Table Top Sale!

Sat 16TH May | Pointon Village Hall | 11am to 2pm

£10 per table ALL WELCOME FREE Entry!

Homemade Refreshments
(Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Cakes)
Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Cold Drinks
Raffle
Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Plus Children's Arts & Crafts

All proceeds to St Gilberts Primary School
For table bookings contact Laura Smith on:
pointonschoolfundraising@aol.com or 07956651070

SALE

Important Dates - St Gilbert's

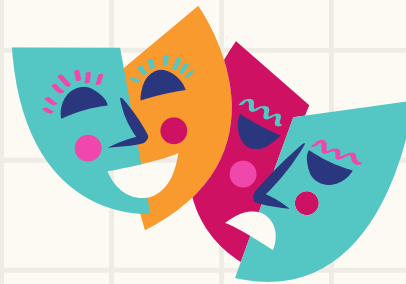
MAY

- 4th - Bank Holiday Monday
- 11th - 14th - KS2 SATs Week
- 16th - PTFA Table Top Sale
- 20th and 21st - Whole School Production
- 22nd - End of Summer Term 1



JUNE

- 1st - Start of Summer Term 2
- 4th - EYFS/Year 1 Sundown Adventureland visit
- 9th - Year 3 and 4 Topic afternoon with parents
- 1st - 12th Y4 Multiplication Checks
- 8th - 12th Y1 Phonics Screening Checks
- 2nd - Y6 Church Schools Festival
- 15th - Sports Day (am)
- 18th - Roots to Food Y6 Gala Dinner
- 26th - PTFA Non uniform and 'Bring a Bottle' day
- 26th - Summer Disco



JULY

- 2nd - PGL Parent information meeting 3.45pm
- 3rd - Summer Fair St Gilberts
- 10th - School reports out
- 22nd - End of Academic year

