



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

27 March 2026

Headteacher's Note



We ended the term with a series of events that brought parents into school. Our Thursday gardening drop-in continues to thrive, and it's been lovely to see the edible garden taking shape again. The Rocksteady concerts were a real highlight, showcasing how important it is to nurture a love of music in our children. Year 3 impressed us all with their class assembly, demonstrating the wide range of skills they've developed this term, and Year 5 rounded off the week with their open classroom sessions. Thank you, as always, for your support. Attached to today's newsletter is our monthly safeguarding update. This month focuses on supporting children to make sense of what they hear about world events - so important given the amount of information (and misinformation) they may come across. It also highlights why social media is not appropriate for primary-aged children and the role we all play in protecting them from potentially harmful online content. As ever, if you have concerns about your child's online behaviour, we are here to support you.

Reading Recommendation



We didn't hold assemblies this week because of our Rocksteady concerts, but tomorrow is Earth Hour. Earth Hour is a global event where millions of people switch off their lights for one hour to show support for protecting our planet and tackling climate change. It's a simple but powerful reminder of how small actions, taken together, can make a big difference.

This week's reading recommendation is *Firefly Song* by Colleen Paeff. It's a gentle story about a young girl who spends summer evenings catching fireflies with her grandfather. Through their time together, she learns about nature, memory and the magic of slowing down to notice the world around her. It's a lovely book to share at bedtime and a great way to start conversations about the natural world.



Key Dates



Monday 13th April | Start of term; Year 6 catch-up swimming starts; Year 4 pedestrian training

Thursday 16th April | Football league matches; Reading trip to Redbridge Town Hall

Friday 24th April | Year 3 open classroom, 9.15-10.00am

Friday 1st May | Year 4 Hazel class assembly, time tbc

Thursday 7th May | Polling Day - school open for Nursery and Year 6 only

Monday 11th May | Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 15th May | Year 3 trip to Redbridge Museum

Monday 18th May | Class photos

Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, time tbc

Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 23rd March 2026:

Reception - 87.9%

Year 1 - 94.3%

Year 2 - 96.6%

Year 3 - 99.4%

Year 4 - 97.6%

Year 5 - 96.9%

Year 6 - 94%

Well done to Year 2, 3, 4, and 5 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. Whole school attendance was **95.4%**.

Today parents will receive a general attendance report for each child by email. These reports are simply intended to keep parents informed about their child's attendance so far this year. Please let the office know if you did not receive your child's report.