



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

2 October 2026

Headteacher's Note



This week saw the launch of the remainder of our after-school clubs, and I am delighted that we are able to offer our children a total of 14 clubs this term, ranging from arts and crafts to badminton. Alongside these clubs, we have a wide range of enrichment opportunities taking place throughout the term that do not always appear in our key dates section. For example, many of our pupils will be representing the school in a variety of sporting events. This month, children in Years 3 and 4 will take part in a multi-school netball tournament, as well as a local league football match.

Finally, a reminder that next week is Cycle to School Week, culminating in Glow Day on Friday. Children are invited to wear their brightest clothes to help promote road safety and visibility as the days become shorter and the evenings draw in. We look forward to seeing lots of colourful outfits and supporting this important safety message.

Key Dates



5th - 9th October | Cycle to School Week, Glow Day on Friday

Monday 5th October | School photos

Wednesday 14th October | Year 3 Redbridge Museum trip

Thursday 15th October | Year 5 Sycamore library visit

Friday 16th October | Year 6 Oak class assembly, 9.15-9.45am; Bake Sale, 3.30pm

Tuesday 20th October | Year 5 Chestnut library visit

Thursday 22nd October | Year 5 Tower Bridge trip

Friday 23rd October | Year 6 Elder class assembly, 9.15-9.45am

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October | Parents' evenings

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October | Half term

Reading Recommendation



Next week, we will be marking National Poetry Week and celebrating the start of Black History Month. My reading recommendation this week is *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman, a great poem that many of the children have heard before, but one that is well worth revisiting. Its message reflects our school values of courage, integrity and perseverance, all underpinned by kindness.

Change Sings is about young people coming together to make a positive difference in the world. It celebrates hope, community and the belief that everyone, no matter their age, can play a part in creating change. Through acts of kindness, empathy and determination, the poem reminds us that even small actions can have a meaningful impact on those around us.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 28th September 2026:

Reception - 93.3%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 89.6%

Year 4 - 98.3%

Year 5 - 96.1%

Year 6 - 97.8%

Well done to Year 2, 4, 5 and 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of 96%.

The class with the best attendance was Year 2 Beech with 100%!

Whole school attendance was **95.2%**.