



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

17 April 2026

Headteacher's Note



A warm welcome back to everyone after the Easter holidays. It has been lovely to see pupils returning to school, especially with the weather finally starting to feel a little warmer. Early next week, we will send out our usual beginning-of-term letter, which includes key information about school communication and processes. Very little has changed, but we hope it will serve as a helpful reminder.

We've started the term with our usual flurry of activity and plenty to celebrate. Yesterday, the football team took part in a tournament and performed well, finishing fourth in their league. Also, our Year 6 book club attended the Redbridge Book Awards and were lucky enough to meet authors, hear inspirational talks about being writers, and see the winning authors accept their awards. In Monday's assembly, we will announce the winners of the competitions organised by the awards team.



Key Dates



Tuesday 21st April | Year 1 Willow visit to library

Thursday 23rd April | World Book Night

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

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

Monday 4th May | May Bank Holiday - school closed

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

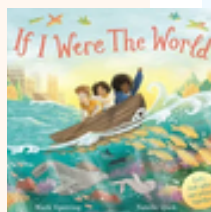
Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, time tbc

Reading Recommendation



Next week, we will be marking Earth Day. In both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies, we explored what Earth Day is and why it is recognised. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how each of us can help reduce the future impact of climate change and the simple changes we can make at home and at school.

My reading recommendation this week is the book I shared with the younger children, 'If I Were the World'. The story imagines what it would be like if we ourselves were the Earth, encouraging readers to think about how we would want our planet to be treated and the kind of world we would hope to create.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 13th April 2026:

Reception - 92.4%

Year 1 - 96.3%

Year 2 - 91.9%

Year 3 - 97.9%

Year 4 - 94.4%

Year 5 - 95.5%

Year 6 - 91.6%

Well done to Year 1 and Year 3 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**. Whole school attendance was **94.1%**.