



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

25 September 2026

Headteacher's Note



At the start of the term, Gilbert Colvin staff reflected on the opportunities and experiences we provide for pupils and agreed to build on this by creating a Gilbert Colvin Experiences Pledge. By the end of each school phase - and by the time they leave Gilbert Colvin - every child will have had the chance to experience everything on the pledge list.

We are still refining our pledge and would really value parents' feedback. Click [here](#) to view the pledge. A final reminder to parents to sign children up for before and after school clubs. Some clubs have already begun, and we hope the remaining clubs will start next week.

For parents of children in Year 6, please remember that you must apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2027. Applications are managed by Redbridge and must be submitted via the Redbridge eAdmissions portal. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026.

Key Dates



Monday 28th September | Healthy Lifestyle Session
Reception/Year 6 parents, 10.00am

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

Monday 14th October | Year 3 Redbridge Museum trip

Tuesday 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

Reading Recommendation



In our assemblies this week, we explored the International Day of Sign Languages and began with a simple question: What is communication? Pupils thought about the many ways people communicate with each other, including through words, gestures, facial expressions, movement and sign.

We also shared this week's reading recommendation, *More Than Words* by Roz Maclean, a story that celebrates children who communicate in different ways and reminds us that connection doesn't depend solely on spoken language. After reading, the children reflected on the story and we discussed how we can make sure everyone at Gilbert Colvin feels listened to, understood and included. We talked about showing patience and recognising that people express themselves differently - and that our school community is stronger when we value all communication styles.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 21st September 2026:

Reception - 94.3%

Year 1 - 92.6%

Year 2 - 99.0%

Year 3 - 94.4%

Year 4 - 99.0%

Year 5 - 95.7%

Year 6 - 97.2%

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

The class with the best attendance was Year 2 Pine with 99.5%!

Whole school attendance was 96.1%.



After School Clubs/Music



We want all our pupils to enjoy a rich range of clubs and enrichment opportunities throughout their time at school. Every child in Years 3, 4 and 5 takes part in whole-class ensemble teaching in recorder, violin and cornet, and some pupils also learn piano with our peripatetic teacher. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, you can contact [Redbridge Music Services here](#). If enough families sign up, lessons can take place here in school. A letter with further details has already been sent home.

An email has been sent about after school clubs which parents can still sign up for. We hope for clubs to start next week. To help more children take part, we are reducing the cost of each session from £6 to £3. Our drop-in Gardening Club, Pupil Premium Reading Breakfast Club and Key Stage 2 Homework Club will continue to be free. The clubs schedule is below and may still be subject to slight change. Please note, if there is a low take-up for a club, it may not be able to run.

Reception Intake 2027



We warmly invite prospective Reception parents to visit Gilbert Colvin Primary School and discover what makes our school so special. Come and explore our welcoming environment, learn about our engaging curriculum, and see first-hand how we support and nurture every child's growth and development. We believe that every child's journey at our school is unique, and we'd love for you to be part of it. We would be delighted to show you around and share more about how we can support your child's education. Join our Headteacher for a welcome tour for prospective Reception parents.

Friday 2nd October, 9.30am

Friday 9th October, 9.30am

Friday 16th October, 9.30am

Friday 23rd October, 9.30am

Friday 6th November, 9.30am

Friday 13th November, 9.30am

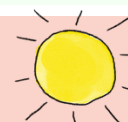
Friday 20th November, 9.30am

Friday 27th November, 9.30am

Friday 4th December, 9.30am

To arrange a tour of the school, please email Admin.GilbertColvin@redbridge.gov.uk. We look forward to welcoming you!

Autumn Clubs Schedule



Club	Organiser	Year group	Day
Football (team)	Mr Wilson	Year 5, 6	Monday, 3.30-4.30pm
Dance	Miss Pell	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday, 8.00-8.45am
PP Reading Breakfast	Miss Collins	All year groups	Tuesday, 8.00-8.45am
Homework Club	Miss Turtington	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Tuesday, 12.15-1.00pm
Arts & Crafts	Mrs Rashid	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Lego	Mrs Ionel	Reception, Year 1, Year 2	Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Badminton	Miss James	Year 5, 6	Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Netball	Ms Cohen/Mrs Idris	Year 4, 5, 6	Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm
KS2 Gymnastics	Miss Pell	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesday, 8.00-8.45am
KS1 Gymnastics	Miss Pell	Year 1, Year 2	Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Arts & Crafts	Miss Collins	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Cricket/Rounders	Mr Pallet	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesday, 3.30-4.30pm
Football	Mr Opoku	Year 3, 4	Thursday, 3.30-4.30pm
Debate	Miss Turtington	Year 5, 6	Thursday, 3.30-4.30pm
Singing & Drama	Miss Collins	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Friday, 3.30-4.30pm