



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

10 October 2025

Headteacher's Note



Thank you for your generosity! Last week's non-uniform day raised nearly £200, and our School Council will be choosing which outdoor games to purchase for the playground.

Next Thursday, we're holding a bake sale to raise funds for our library. If you're able to donate cakes or savoury goods, we'd be incredibly grateful. We'll be setting up on the playground from 3pm so do come along if you'd like to lend a hand.

To continue supporting our pupils, we're introducing a voluntary donation option for families. As we don't have an established PTA, our fundraising capacity is limited. With school budgets tighter than ever, we're committed to enriching children's learning by ensuring they have access to the best possible resources.

Please see the attached letter for details on how to donate. Every contribution makes a difference and of course, donations are entirely voluntary.

Key Dates



Monday 13th October | Individual school photos;
Cycle to School Week (13th - 17th October)

Tuesday 14th October | Year 5 library visit

Wednesday 15th October | Year 6 Oak library visit
Reception Stay & Play 9.00-9.45am

Thursday 16th October | Bake Sale at 3.30pm
Year 6 Elder library visit; Nursery Stay & Play 9.00-9.45am

Friday 17th October | Year 6 Oak class assembly 9.15-9.45am; Glow Day

Monday 20th October | Year 6 Healthy Lifestyle assembly and Reception/Year 6 parent session

Tuesday 21st October | Year 4 Guildhall visit

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October |
Parent evenings

Friday 24th October | Year 5 Tower Bridge visit
End of term, 3.25pm

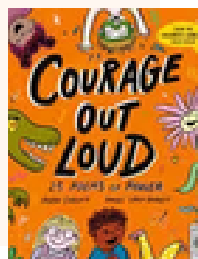
Reading Recommendation



Today is World Mental Health Day, and in this week's assemblies we explored the importance of looking after our mental health - just as we do our physical health. Pupils shared ideas about how we can support one another, including talking about our worries, being kind, and standing by our friends.

We also acknowledged that speaking up about our feelings often takes courage, and that being brave doesn't always mean being loud - it can mean asking for help or saying how we really feel.

As part of our discussion, we read "Saying No" from *Courage Out Loud* by Joseph Coelho. The poem reminds us that it's okay to say no sometimes, and that setting boundaries is one way we can take care of our mental wellbeing.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 3rd October 2025:

Reception - 91.33%
Year 1 - 95.68%
Year 2 - 97.38%
Year 3 - 94.87%
Year 4 - 97.41%
Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 98.14%

Well done Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 for achieving the school's target of 96% for the second week in a row.

A huge well done to Year 5 for achieving 100% attendance! That means every Year 5 child was in school this week!

Whole school attendance: 96.77%



My Nametags



We're pleased to partner with [My Nametags](#), a company that creates durable, personalised name labels for clothing, lunchboxes, stationery, and more. These labels help reduce lost property - and even better, they support our school!

When you order through www.mynametags.com and enter our school ID 33628 at checkout, 24% of your total purchase will be donated back to our school.

Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while shopping for items online.

Look at ways you can support our school on our [fundraising website page](#).

Fundraising



We are always looking for simple, effective ways to raise extra funds to support our school and enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. One easy way you can help - at no cost to you - is by signing up to easyfundraising.org.

It's quick and free to use. When you shop online with thousands of popular retailers (including Amazon, M&S, Argos, and more), a small donation is made to the school every time you make a purchase - at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is:

- Sign up using our unique school link [here](#).
- Start your shopping via the easyfundraising website or app.
- The school receives a donation automatically from the retailer!

Every little helps, and it's a great way to support the school while doing your usual online shopping. An easyfundraising poster is attached to this newsletter with more information and a QR code to make signing up even easier. Thank you!

School Admissions

A reminder to all families that applications are now open for Reception and Year 7 places for September 2026. If you have a child due to start school or transition to secondary next year, please ensure you submit your application by the published deadline.

For families considering Reception entry, we will be holding a series of open mornings this term - the next one is on **Monday 13th October at 9.30-10.15am**. These are a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff, and learn more about our Early Years provision. More dates and booking details will be posted on the school website.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Healthy Snacks



We encourage pupils in Years 3-6 to bring a healthy and nutritious snack for break time to help maintain their energy and focus throughout the school day. Chocolate, sweets, and crisps are not permitted - any of these items brought in will be sent home. Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are provided with free fruit at break time, so they do not need to bring a snack from home. Nursery and Reception children who are aged 3 and 4 are provided with free milk every day.

Healthy Snack Ideas:

- Fresh fruit (e.g. apples, bananas, grapes)
- Vegetable sticks (e.g. carrot, cucumber, pepper)
- Plain rice cakes or oatcakes
- Cheese cubes or a small portion of plain popcorn

Thank you for supporting our commitment to promoting healthy eating habits!