



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

19 September 2025

Headteacher's Note



It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school on Monday for our Meet the Teacher event. Thank you for such a strong turnout. For anyone who wasn't able to attend, class presentations will be shared next week via the class pages on our website.

We're looking to refresh some of our games equipment for the playground and lunchtime club. If you have any suitable items in good condition, such as board games, giant Jenga, colouring books/pencils, or giant chalks, we'd be very grateful for any donations. Your support is always appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to all children and families who have followed our uniform expectations this term, particularly by removing unsafe jewellery and switching colourful or white trainers for black school shoes. If any families are experiencing challenges with this, please don't hesitate to contact us - we're happy to help.

Key Dates



Friday 26th September | 'Bring and Share' event at 3.30-4.30pm, European Day of Languages

Friday 3rd October | World Teachers' Day - non-uniform fundraising event

Friday 10th October | Year 6 Elder class assembly 9.15-9.45am

Monday 13th October | Individual school photos

Tuesday 14th October | Year 5 library visit

Wednesday 15th October | Year 6 Oak library visit

Thursday 16th October | Bake Sale at 3.30pm
Year 6 Elder library visit

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

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October | Parent evenings

Friday 24th October | Year 5 Tower Bridge visit

Reading Recommendation



In Monday's assemblies, we marked the International Day of Democracy by revisiting one of our core British Values: democracy.

The older children explored the history of voting rights - particularly the long struggle for women to gain the vote - and reflected on how far we've come, and why it is important to live in a country where all of our voices are heard.

In Key Stage 1, we read this week's reading recommendation, *If I Were Prime Minister* by Trygve Skaug, an imaginative book that encourages children to think about kindness, leadership, and making a positive difference. Pupils then shared what helpful things they would do if they were prime minister for a day.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 15th September 2025:

Reception - 90.69%

Year 1 - 97.21%

Year 2 - 94.22%

Year 3 - 96.13%

Year 4 - 95.89%

Year 5 - 96.14%

Year 6 - 91.96%

Well done Years 1, 3 and 5 for achieving the school's target of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 94.55%



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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. These are a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff, and learn more about our Early Years provision. 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!