



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

9 January 2026

## Headteacher's Note



Welcome back after the winter break; I hope everyone had a restful holiday. We have lots of events coming up this term, so please check the key dates section of the newsletter and the school calendar.

Parents' Evening will take place in the final week of the half-term and is a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child is getting on at school. If you need to speak with your child's teacher at any other time, you can catch them on the playground at pick-up or arrange a meeting through the office.

For families with children starting Reception in September 2026, please submit your application by 15th January, making sure your first-choice school is listed as number one. The office can help with any admissions questions.

Finally, please ensure children come to school in a warm, waterproof coat - the next couple of weeks look to be particularly cold! Have a lovely weekend.

## Key Dates



**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** | Arc Theatre - Prevent workshop for Years 5 and 6

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** | Year 5 History trip to Redbridge Museum

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** | Reception Open Classroom 9.00-9.45am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** | Parent forum 9.00-9.45am

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January** | Year 1 Willow class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** | Level 2 Bikeability Year 6

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** | Year 3 Pizza Express trip

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** | Year 1 Ash class assembly 2.45-3.15pm

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** | Parents' Evening

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** | Half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** | INSET Day

## Reading Recommendation



This week, the School Council met to discuss how we can all help keep our school site tidy. While some litter blows in from neighbouring streets, we have also noticed that snack and sweet wrappers are being dropped at pick-up time. To support our efforts, please give your child a gentle reminder to take any rubbish home or use one of the bins in the playground if they are having a snack after school.

Looking after our environment is everyone's responsibility, and this week's reading recommendation links to that theme: *Old Enough to Save the Planet* by Loll Kirby. We have shared this book in assembly before - it celebrates real children around the world who take small but powerful actions to protect the planet, showing that anyone can make a difference.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026:**

Reception - 91.81%

Year 1 - 93.75%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 93.58%

Year 4 - 91.23%

Year 5 - 95.92%

Year 6 - 92.46%

There were not any year groups that met the school's target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance: **92.69%**