



**Gilbert Colvin**  
Primary School



# NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

3 October 2025

## Headteacher's Note



It's been a busy week at school! Last Friday's Bring and Share was a lovely celebration of community - thank you to everyone who donated dishes and joined us, plus our parent helpers. On Wednesday, the Redbridge Art Truck visited, celebrating South Asian truck art. All pupils explored the exhibit, and some took part in workshops. Excitingly, a few of our children's designs were even featured on the truck! We marked National Poetry Day yesterday with class-based poetry activities, and today we celebrated World Teachers' Day early with our Dress as a Teacher day. There were some great outfits and I even spotted a mirror image of myself, complete with Pumfrey in hand! Thank you for your generous donations. Funds raised will go towards new playground games.

Next up: our Bake Sale on Thursday 16th October. We'll be selling donated cakes and savoury treats to raise money for new library books.

## Key Dates



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 6 Elder class assembly 9.15-9.45am

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** | Individual school photos; Cycle to School Week (13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 5 library visit

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 6 Oak library visit  
Reception Stay & Play 9.00-9.45am

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

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 6 Oak class assembly 9.15-9.45am; Glow Day

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 6 Healthy Lifestyle assembly and Reception/Year 6 parent session

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** | Year 4 Guildhall visit

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** | Parent evenings

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** | Year 5 Tower Bridge visit

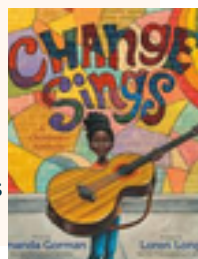
## Reading Recommendation



In this week's assemblies, we explored the theme of change, the kind we can make in ourselves, in our school, and in our wider community. We read 'Change Sings' by Amanda Gorman, a powerful and uplifting poem that celebrates the idea that even the smallest voices (including children's!) can lead to big change. It was a fitting choice, marking both National Poetry Day and the beginning of Black History Month.

The poem reminds us that change isn't just something we wait for - it's something we create through kindness, courage, and action.

At the end of the assembly, children were asked to think about one small change they could make to help someone else. Whether it's a kind word, a helping hand, or standing up for what's right, every act of change matters.



## Attendance



**Attendance w/b Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025:**

Reception - 90.48%

Year 1 - 95.52%

Year 2 - 97.86%

Year 3 - 95.88%

Year 4 - 97.59%

Year 5 - 96.77%

Year 6 - 96.18%

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

Whole school attendance: 96.08%



## 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](http://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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!