



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

18 September 2026

Headteacher's Note



It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher event this week. For anyone who wasn't able to attend, the presentation, along with this term's learning information, will be available on the website's class pages very soon.

Clubs sign-up opens today. Details were shared in last week's newsletter, and booking instructions were sent via Arbor earlier. We hope to begin clubs next week; if any club has a different start date, we will let parents know.

A reminder from our PE team about uniform: children should only be wearing stud earrings, and any religious jewellery should be removed or covered during break times and PE. Our full uniform policy is available on the [school website](#).

I'm very much looking forward to holding our first Parent Forum next Friday. We'll be discussing this year's school priorities and our new Experiences Pledge, and I'm keen to hear parents' feedback.

Key Dates



Friday 25th September | European Day of Languages/Bring & Share event 3.30pm; Parent Forum - School Priorities, 9.05am

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

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



Earlier this month, schools around the world marked International Literacy Day, a reminder of how vital reading is in helping children develop curiosity, confidence and a lifelong love of learning.

We are delighted to share that Gilbert Colvin has been awarded £1,500 of funding through the Tesco Stronger Starts blue-token scheme to help us create our very own library space. In addition to this, we will soon receive 500 brand new books, and we have already begun selecting furniture to make the space welcoming, inspiring and accessible for all pupils. We look forward to sharing our plans with families as this exciting project develops.

This week's reading recommendation is *A Library* by Nikki Giovanni, which is a beautiful celebration of the way books transport us to new places, spark imagination and open emotional worlds.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 14th September 2026:

Reception - 94.0%

Year 1 - 92.8%

Year 2 - 99.0%

Year 3 - 96.3%

Year 4 - 95.2%

Year 5 - 97.6%

Year 6 - 90.3%

Attendance dipped slightly this week, largely because some of our Year 6 pupils were sitting their 11+ exams today. We wish all those children the very best.

Whole school attendance was **95.2%**.



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 sign up for today. 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 25th September, 10.00am

Friday 2nd October, 9.30am

Friday 9th October, 9.30am

Friday 16th October, 9.30am

Friday 23rd October, 9.30am

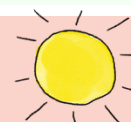
Friday 6th November, 9.30am

Friday 13th November, 9.30am

Friday 20th November, 9.30am

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