



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

24 April 2026

Headteacher's Note



It was wonderful to see so many parents join us yesterday for our World Book Night reading session. Your children absolutely loved having you in school. The after-school book sale was also very well attended, and several books were donated to us, which will be added to our library. Our pyjama day also raised money for the library - £137.50! Our sensory room has now had a refresh and is open again for pupils who access interventions there. The new equipment was purchased using funds donated by our families, so thank you for your continued support. With the return of the nicer weather, we are planning a 'Bring and Share' community event on Friday 15th May. We invite parents to contribute a dish if they can - ideally a cultural dish that reflects our wonderfully diverse school community - and then we will enjoy the food together.

Key Dates



Friday 1st May | Year 4 Hazel class assembly, time tbc
Monday 4th May | May Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 7th May | Polling Day - school open for Nursery and Year 6 only
Friday 8th May | Parent Forum, 9.00-9.45am
Monday 11th May | Year 6 SATS Week
Friday 15th May | Year 3 trip to Redbridge Museum; 'Bring & Share' community event, 3.30pm
Monday 18th May | Class photos
Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, time tbc

Reading Recommendation



This week in assembly, we explored the real story behind St George's Day, which falls on 23rd April. Children were quick to recall the well-known legend of George defeating the dragon and rescuing the princess, but many were surprised to learn the true history. St George was not a knight, but a Roman soldier from an area in modern-day Turkey, who stood up for his religious beliefs and was ultimately killed for refusing to give them up. We reflected on how this links to our Gilbert Colvin value of Courage, and how standing up for what we believe in, especially when it is difficult, is an important part of building character.

Our reading recommendation this week also celebrates courage: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf, a story about a group of children who show courage and kindness when a new classmate arrives as a refugee.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 20th April 2026:

Reception - 95.7%
Year 1 - 94.5%
Year 2 - 95.1%
Year 3 - 99.4%
Year 4 - 96.4%
Year 5 - 94.4%
Year 6 - 95.2%

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance was **95.7%**.