



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER



Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 29 November 2024

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

This week, the Senior Leadership Team reviewed the parent survey comments and compiled a summary of the main themes which you can find on the second page of the newsletter. A more detailed response will follow, addressing areas for development and outlining any planned actions.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Parent Forum this morning! The presentation about the school development plan, along with other topics discussed, will be shared with parents soon. I look forward to welcoming even more of you at the next Parent Forum in the new year, where the focus of our discussion will be on homework.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 3rd December
Year 6 Globe Theatre Trip

Thursday 5th December
Year 4 Redbridge Museum Trip

Friday 6th December
Year 3 Open Classroom (9.15-10.00am)

Tuesday 10th December @9.15am
Nursery Christmas Concert

Wednesday 11th December
Reception Christmas Concert @9.15am
Year 3 Synagogue Trip

Thursday 12th December
Year 1 Nativity Performance @2.15pm
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December
Year 2 Nativity Performance @9.15am

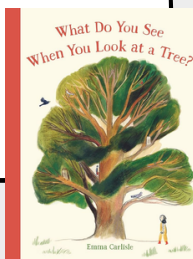
Friday 20th December - 1.30pm
LAST DAY OF TERM



READING RECOMMENDATION

In this week's assembly, we celebrated National Tree Week - the UK's largest annual celebration of trees! This special week marks the start of the winter tree-planting season, with thousands of trees planted across the country. Did you know our school site is home to over 80 trees? To honour this, the School Council voted to rename our classes after different types of trees, and they even selected the names themselves!

This week's reading recommendation ties in perfectly with our theme: *What Do You See When You Look at a Tree?* by Emma Carlisle - a beautifully illustrated picture book that invites readers to see trees in a whole new way.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 25th November 2024:

Reception - 88.20%

Year 1 - 90.43%

Year 2 - 91.34%

Year 3 - 92.19%

Year 4 - 95.47%

Year 5 - 97.54%

Year 6 - 95.13%

Well done Year 5 for achieving our target attendance of 96%.

Whole school attendance: 92.99%

PARENT SURVEY FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Summary of Best Things About the School

Parents highlighted several strengths of Gilbert Colvin Primary School:

- **Leadership and Management:** The new headteacher and senior staff have created a welcoming and supportive environment.
- **Staff and Teaching:** Teachers and staff are approachable, supportive, and dedicated to students' success. The nursery staff received particular praise.
- **Environment and Community:** A safe, friendly, and inclusive atmosphere fosters collaboration and happiness among students and parents.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Clubs, assemblies, and themed days such as Number Day, World Book Day, and Glow Day, are enjoyed and well-loved.
- **Communication:** Parents value clear communication and consistent feedback about their children's progress.
- **Facilities:** The outdoor space, playgrounds, and edible garden were highlighted as positive features.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Parents appreciated the multicultural approach and inclusive environment for all faiths and communities.

Summary of Areas for Development

Parents identified key areas for improvement:

- **School Meals and Facilities:** Improve food quality (ensure meals are hot and sufficient) and hygiene in toilets. Enhance outdoor facilities for activities.
- **Communication:** Provide better updates on events, more curriculum information, and involve parents in decision-making about RSHE topics.
- **Clubs and Activities:** Increase the variety and affordability of after-school and breakfast clubs. Offer more trips, competitions, and physical activities.
- **Curriculum:** Introduce language classes, interactive learning methods, and more creative assignments. Provide more individualised homework and learning plans.
- **Safety and Supervision:** Strengthen playground supervision, ensure better security around toilets, and promote anti-bullying initiatives.
- **Facilities:** Invest in new equipment such as ICT tools and new chairs, and improve ventilation and air quality.
- **Parental Involvement:** Increase opportunities for parental input and feedback, e.g., through a "You Said, We Did" board.