



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

28 November 2025

Headteacher's Note



A big thank you to all parents for donating prizes for our tombola as part of today's non-uniform fundraiser - we have been overwhelmed by your generosity.

Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from next week. We will also be collecting pre-loved children's clothes, books, and toys. Donations can be dropped off at the office and will be given away free at the Christmas Fair. Please ensure all items are in very good condition.

If donations are brought in bags, we ask that you include your name on a piece of paper inside, so that we can return anything that isn't suitable. Any leftover packaged food or items from the fair will be donated to the local food bank. Thank you again for your support.

Key Dates



Monday 1st December | Year 6 Open Classroom 2.15-3.15pm

Friday 5th December | Year 4 Open Classroom 9.15-10.00am; Christmas Fair 3.30-5.00pm

Monday 8th December | SEND coffee morning 9.15-10.15am; Rocksteady concert 2.15pm

Tuesday 9th December | Reception Christmas concert 9.15-9.45am

Wednesday 10th December | Nursery Christmas concert 9.15-9.45am

Thursday 11th December | Rocksteady concert 10.00am

Friday 12th December | Year 5 Open Classroom

Monday 15th December | Year 6 visit to The Globe

Tuesday 16th December | Key Stage 2 visit to Holy Trinity Church for a Christmas concert

Wednesday 17th December | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 9.15am (Year 2 parents/carers invited)

Thursday 18th December | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity, 9.15am (Year 1 parents/carers invited)

Reading Recommendation



To mark Parliament Week, our younger pupils read *If I Were Prime Minister*, a book that encourages children to imagine the changes they would make if they were in charge, while highlighting the importance of fairness, responsibility, and democracy. They discussed the British Values it upholds and reflected on how these apply in school life.

At the end of the week, the Secretary of State and MP for Ilford North, Wes Streeting, visited the school. He spoke with the school council and delivered an assembly, where he talked about his background and how he became an MP. The children had the opportunity to ask him questions about his role and to share what they would do if they were prime minister. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Mr Streeting, and we would like to thank him for his visit.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 24th November 2025:

Reception - 78.33%

Year 1 - 94.88%

Year 2 - 92.98%

Year 3 - 95.9%

Year 4 - 95.36%

Year 5 - 98.2%

Year 6 - 95.93%

Well done Year 5 for achieving the school's target of **96%**. Whole school attendance: **93.98%**

Our attendance has been lower than usual recently. This is due to a number of factors, including increased illness in some year groups, term-time absence abroad, and pupils who have left the school but remain on our register. It is important that children attend school as regularly as possible, as good attendance supports their learning, progress, and wellbeing.