



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

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Headteacher's Note



We've finally reached the end of the school year, and because this week has been such a busy one, the newsletter is jam packed with news!

On Tuesday we held a wonderfully successful summer fair and I would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible staff and parents who worked so hard to bring it together in such a short time. Your support and teamwork made it a fantastic event and we raised over £2000! On Wednesday, we enjoyed the Year 6 play, which the children performed brilliantly three times in one day. Thank you to their teachers, who have worked tirelessly to support them.

Pupils have now met their new teachers for September, and there is already a lovely sense of excitement building for the year ahead. At the same time, we are saying some sad goodbyes. Miss Nabi, Miss Dawson, Miss Cross and Miss Uddin, who have been with us for the past two or three years, are moving on to new adventures. Thank you for everything you have brought to our school - we will miss you greatly.

We are also saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Wilmot, who begins her maternity leave in September. We can't wait to meet our newest Gilbert Colvin staff baby in the autumn.

And of course, we are waving goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they finish their final days with us. We wish each of you the very best of luck as you move on to your new schools - you will always be part of our Gilbert Colvin family.

Wishing all our families a restful, happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Have a Great Summer!



Key Dates



Friday 17th July | End of term, 1.30pm early collection

Monday 7th September | First day of Autumn term

Monday 14th September | 'Meet the Teacher' class event, 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October | Parents' evenings

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October | Half Term

Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 13th July 2026:

Reception - 78.9%

Year 1 - 93.3%

Year 2 - 93.6%

Year 3 - 96.3%

Year 4 - 94.6%

Year 5 - 90.5%

Year 6 - 92.9%

Well done to Year 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of 96%. Whole school attendance was 92.9%.

Today, parents will receive a general attendance report for each child by email. These reports are simply intended to keep parents informed about their child's attendance this year.



Summer Fair - Thank You!



Thank you all for attending and making our Summer Fair a success; we hope you all enjoyed yourselves! We also wanted to say a massive thank you to all those that volunteered at the Summer Fair. We honestly could not have done it without you. Whether you were managing a game stall, or helping to clear up at the end, your hard work made the entire day run smoothly. The event was a fantastic success, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces in our community and we are thrilled to have raised over £2,000 for resources for the school!!

Finally, a special thank you to all the businesses who donated so much to help us raise money for the school:

- Lidl Newbury Park, Nisa Local, Veemart, Tesco Barkingside, Poundplus, Cakes & Bakes Barkingside
- Vibe Recruitment (the supply teacher agency we work with)
- Italibean Kitchen - A local business catering company who donated all the money to the school!

After School Clubs



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.

Following this week's fantastic Rocksteady concerts, children will have the chance to sign up again for next year. Information is available on the attached poster.

We are also organising our after school clubs. To help more children take part, we are reducing the cost of each session from £6 to £3. Our drop-in Gardening Club and Pupil Premium Reading Breakfast Club will continue to be free. Clubs for next term already include Arts & Craft, Lego, Singing & Drama, Book Club, Debate Club, Cricket and Football, and we are looking to add more sports clubs to the programme. If you have suggestions for new clubs or any feedback, please contact the school office - we always welcome your ideas.

This Week in Pictures: Summer Fair

