



Gilbert Colvin
Primary School



NEWS

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen

1 May 2026

Headteacher's Note



Last week, I sent a letter to parents outlining Gilbert Colvin's proposal to join the Strive4 multi-academy trust (MAT). If you missed it, the letter and an accompanying FAQ sheet are available on the [Latest News](#) page of our website.

The next Parent Forum on 8th May will focus on what joining a MAT could mean for our school and the potential benefits for our community. I am very happy to answer questions or hear any views during this informal consultation stage. I also plan to hold an additional after-school forum, and I will confirm the date next week.

We're pleased to share that our school is now included in the Tesco blue-token scheme, helping us raise funds for our school library. If you're shopping in participating stores, please take a token and vote for our school - thank you! Have a great Bank Holiday Weekend, and see you back at school on Tuesday.

Key Dates



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

Tuesday 19th May | Year 5 Sycamore library visit

Wednesday 20th May | Year 5 Chestnut library visit

Thursday 21st May | Year 5 Maple library visit

Friday 22nd May | Year 4 Maple class assembly, 9.15

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | Half term

Reading Recommendation



This week in our assemblies, we explored International Dance Day, celebrated each year on 29th April to recognise the cultural and creative importance of dance. We read *When Langston Dances* by Kaija Langley, a story about a young boy who dreams of becoming a ballet dancer. Langston is inspired by the dancers he sees on stage, and with the encouragement of his mother and dance teacher, he begins to pursue his passion - even when others make assumptions about what boys should or shouldn't do.

The story helped us talk with the children about gender stereotypes and the courage it takes to follow your dreams, especially when they challenge expectations. We also reflected on why dance matters: it allows us to express emotions, celebrate culture, build confidence, and connect with others without needing words.



Attendance



Attendance w/b Monday 27th April 2026:

Reception - 94%

Year 1 - 95.4%

Year 2 - 94.9%

Year 3 - 98.3%

Year 4 - 92.1%

Year 5 - 96%

Year 6 - 96.6%

Well done to Year 3, 5 and 6 for meeting the school's attendance target of **96%**.

Whole school attendance was **95.2%**.

Attendance has risen this year, which is great to see. Our current figure is **95.8%** for pupils who are of compulsory school age.