

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 16 – JANUARY 2026

Attendance Champions Week 16

- 1st Place – Year R: 100%
- 2nd Place – Year 1: 96.67%
- 3rd Place – Year 3: 96.3%
- 4th Place – Year 4: 95.83%
- 5th Place – Year 5: 94.44%
- 6th Place – Year 2: 91.67%
- 7th Place – Year 6: 90.67%

Reflection

As we start a new year, we remind the community of the values that we hold dear to us.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law".

Galatians 5:22-23

By instilling these values and holding them dear in all that we do, we grow together in mind, body and spirit to provide a world where all members of the community can live life in all of its fullness.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful break over Christmas and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. There were so many lovely events in the run up to Christmas, and we are looking forward to another term of busy learning, good progress and opportunities to grow in mind, body and spirit. The children have returned to school, settled well and are beginning their new topics with enthusiasm, which is lovely to see.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is always a priority in school to make sure that every child is safe, happy and able to learn. We work closely with families and outside agencies when needed, because keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

One of the most effective levels of support is early help, so if you ever have any worries about your child's safety or wellbeing, or find that you need some support, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff - support is always available, and asking for help is always welcomed. Although you can speak with any member of staff, our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Garratty, Mrs Lambe and Mrs Wyatt.

Wintry Conditions

Although we seem to have missed the snow today, I would like to ask that if we do have another cold spell where there is ice/snow in the playground, please do not let children run around on the ice or throw snowballs. We will endeavour to clear a safe path and we want to avoid any accidental injuries as much as possible.

Please also be aware of the dangers of walking on icy ponds as ice can appear stronger/thicker than it actually is. There are unfortunately annual accidents on frozen ponds each year, some of them with very serious consequences.

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Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair which was held in November. The funds raised for the school totalled £584! This will be spent on a full set of 30 new dictionaries for classes as well as specific books chosen by each class teacher to enhance the learning in each class.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All of the extra-curricular clubs begin next week. If your child is interested in any of the externally-led clubs, please contact the organisers directly. There are still spaces available on most of them. The information flyers can all be found on the school website.

Staff Update

I wanted to share with you that Mrs Leckey, one of our wonderful teaching assistants, will be leaving us on January 30th to take on a new, exciting role in a different setting.

Mrs Leckey is a very popular member of staff and has helped many children through ELSA sessions and 1:1 support. By being approachable and well loved, her calm, caring personality has provided support to children in so many ways.

We are grateful for all she has done for the children and staff at Coulsdon, and although she will be missed, we wish her the very best in her new role and in the future.

We will be reviewing our ELSA offer and will let relevant families know of any changes.

Please see overleaf for a few photos of the staff pantomime



The staff perform a bhangra dance for the children (badly!)



The evil Queen in disguise presents Snow White with a poisoned apple



Snow White takes a bite of the poisoned apple and falls down dead.



The dwarves are distraught and try to resuscitate Snow White



Prince Charming arrives just in time to deliver true love's kiss and save Snow White!



The evil Queen is not very happy when the man in the mirror tells her that her plan has failed.



Prince Charming and Snow White live happily ever after. ❤️