

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 18 – JANUARY 2026

Attendance Champions Week 18

- 1st Place – Year 1: 97.33%
- 2nd Place – Year 2: 96.54%
- 3rd Place – Year 3: 95.42%
- 4th Place – Year 6: 94.83%
- 5th Place – Year 5: 93.46%
- 6th Place – Year 4: 90.83%
- 7th Place – Year R: 87.5%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are having a big focus on presentation and handwriting this week and it was great to see the children concentrating so hard on their letter formation and handwriting in all lessons, not just English.

We will continue to monitor and reward great effort in their handwriting – well done everyone for all of their hard work.

I wish you all a safe and happy weekend.

A Rocksteady Music School Assembly

The children were treated to a special musical assembly on Tuesday when a company called Rocksteady Music visited. The children and staff were shown a range of instruments, had an opportunity to sing and were inspired by the range of sounds on display. The children and staff were very excited about it, and we are hoping children are inspired to be more musical.

Barnaby (Yr4) said, "I really enjoyed it. It was amazing! I really liked it when the electric guitar turned into a rock guitar!"

Kal (Yr2) "I enjoyed watching the teachers perform in a band."

Joash (Yr2) "I really liked the pop songs. It is my favourite genre."

Tilly (Yr4) "I loved the songs and different instruments. I feel really inspired!"



Reflection

'Asking for help isn't giving up,' said the horse. 'It's refusing to give up.'

From The Boy, The Fox, The Mole and The Horse by Charlie Mackesy

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School Council & Faith Ambassadors

I have the joy of working with these groups of children to ensure that the voice of the children is heard.

School Council: We meet on alternate Thursdays at lunchtime to discuss any topics, questions and concerns which the children might ask to be brought to the discussion. Each of the councillors wrote a speech about how they would like to represent their class, and they were then voted in by their peers. At the end of each meeting, feedback is given to the rest of the class by their councillor.

Our current focus is 'Eco-Council' and we are working together to increase awareness of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. The school councillors are Arthur & Freya (Y2), Jack & Edie (Y3), Ethan & Erin (Y4), William D & Lily (Y5) and Phoebe & Olivia (Y6).

Faith Group: The children's Faith Group is open to anyone in KS2 who feels that they would like to support the school with deepening their understanding of spirituality, RE and Collective Worship, all of which are important in the life of Coulsdon C of E as a church school. Recently, the children have written a School Prayer which we will be sharing with everyone next week.

The faith ambassadors are Emi & Lucy (Y4), Scarlett, Sasha & Harriet (Y5) and Sophie, Freddie P, Ezra & Louis (Y6)

Miss Tansley

Beyblades

Unfortunately, some children have been bringing Beyblades into school this week. Can I please ask parents to make sure that this does not happen as they lead to arguments and cause a distraction. We are also unable to ensure that they are kept safely at school. Thank you for your support with this.

Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities Team

The new Bradmore Green Communities Hub is opening on the site of the old Bradmore Green Library next week. Please see the information below about the EPEC parenting group which begins on Tuesday. Their information flyer is also attached.

"We are a peer led model team with CAMHS offering parenting support. Our manuals are based in connection and relationship building for children and their parents with positive behaviour strategies.

We have been commissioned by Croydon council to offer parenting groups and for this term will be running a group close to your school - at Bradmore Green community hub (the old library has been repurposed).

Key points about EPEC groups:

- Universal wide-open door - suitable for all parents in contact with their children
- Run by parent for parents. Parent group leaders have completed a level 3 training course
- Supported by practitioners and clinicians from South London and the Maudsley
- Non-judgemental space to explore what it means to be a parent and how to achieve your goals
- A family does not need to be experiencing challenges to attend. It is about supporting family life for all.
- Confidential space for parent to reflect on family life and experience suggested parenting strategies (safeguarding requirements are discussed at the start of the group)

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