

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 19 – JANUARY 2026

Attendance Champions Week 19

- 1st Place – Year R: 100%
- 2nd Place – Year 4: 97.92%
- 3rd Place – Year 1: 97.33%
- 4th Place – Years 2 & 5: 93.85%
- 6th Place – Year 3: 93.33%
- 7th Place – Year 6: 92.07%

Attendance

We have launched a new attendance drive in school and are celebrating classes with the best attendance for the week in our Commendation Assembly each Friday. Although we are aware that sometimes children cannot come in because of illness, we want to highlight the importance of attending whenever it is possible to do so. Here are some facts and figures on attendance:

- 90% attendance equals half a day of school missed every week
- One school year at 90% attendance equals 4 whole weeks of lessons and schoolwork missed
- There is a direct correlation between low student attendance and future employment prospects

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of the Chronicle.

As always, the children have had a super week and have continued to impress teachers with their effort and progress in lessons.

Year 5 had a successful trip to the allotments as a part of their Geography topic 'Sow, Grow & Farm', where a local allotment owner talked to the children about the plants, fruits and vegetables he grows. This is a great local trip, and the children's behaviour was fantastic. I am sure they got a lot out of it which they can use in their learning.

A Fond Farewell

We were sorry to see Mrs Leckey leave us today, but we are so grateful for all she has done for the children at Coulsdon C of E. Mrs Leckey has been an amazing member of staff who consistently demonstrates so much love and care for the children and has helped them in many ways. She has supported their learning in class to help the children find success and she has also helped many children through her ELSA work. The impact on the school community is much appreciated and we thank her for all of her hard work, compassion and kindness which have helped the children to flourish.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Reflection

This week we talked about the greatest thing we would wish for if we were offered the chance. Initially many were linked to fame and fortune, but after reflecting on David's life, who is known to be very wise, we considered personal attributes that we could wish for, such as courage, kindness, determination, patience and empathy.

"Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them"