

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 23 – MARCH 2026

Attendance Champions Week 23

- 1st Place – Year 5: 99.57%
- 2nd Place – Year 3: 97.69%
- 3rd Place – Year 2: 97.31%
- 4th Place – Year 6: 95.86%
- 5th Place – Year R: 95%
- 6th Place – Year 1: 94%
- 7th Place – Year 4: 92.92%

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in school this week, with many wonderful activities. It was especially nice to have some good weather - hopefully warmer, sunnier days are on their way!

I thank you all for your efforts on World Book Day - I unfortunately was not able to be here, but I know the children had a great time and looked fabulous in their costumes. A big thank you to you all and also to Miss Bennett for organising the activities.

Next week we are looking forward to Science Week - I am sure this too will be enjoyed by all and be inspirational.

Thank you again for all your support, I wish you all a lovely weekend.

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday. The children arrived at school in a variety of costumes ranging from Stick Man to Dog Man to wicked witches to cosy pyjamas. Throughout the day the children carried their books with them everywhere as they knew the Reading Ambassadors would ring the school bell at different times and this was their signal to stop and read. Here are some quotes from the children:

“I enjoyed reading my favourite book in my cosy clothes” -

Joshua Year 6

“I really enjoyed stopping children during their lessons to read” Ava Year 6 (Reading Ambassador)

Betsy said “I liked dressing up”

All of Year 2 really enjoyed dropping everything and reading.

Year 1 said “We loved reading all day!”

Elsie in Year 4 said “Everyone looked amazing!”

Harper in Year 3 said “I loved the fun activities”

In Reception, Jack said “It was fun for mummies and daddies to come into class and read with us in the morning”.

Year 4 trip

On Wednesday, children in Year 4 visited Chertsey Museum to support their learning on Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They handled various artefacts and carried out many activities, from writing with a quill and ink, to becoming archaeologists themselves and exploring a skeleton! Elsie said, "It was fun making the Viking swords and we got to wear Viking tunics".

Josie said, "I liked the Abbey tour and following the clues that were in the bags".

Barnaby said, "My best part was playing the 3-in-a-row Anglo-Saxon game and also playing knucklebones".

Throughout the day, the children were eager to learn and their enthusiasm for learning shone through - well done, Year 4!

Tissue Plea!

All classes would be very grateful for donations of tissues. The hayfever season has started and alongside the usual coughs and colds, we are going through them very quickly! Thank you for your support.

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School Attendance

Every day counts...



Good attendance helps with...



Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.



Social Skills

Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.



Routine & Responsibility

Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.



Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



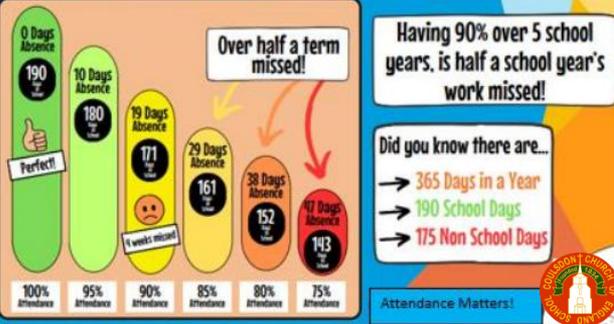
Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.



Debating Workshop

On Wednesday, a group of children in Years 5 and 6 visited Oasis Academy to take part in a Debating Workshop. They were given some tips on debating: speak clearly, maintain eye contact, don't mumble and try to keep your hands away from your face. Betsy and Sophia in Year 5 said, "We liked debating who to throw out of the hot air balloon!" Ava in Year 6 said, "I carried on debating with one of the teachers about the use of technology for children". Well done to all of the children who represented our school beautifully and thank you to Mrs Coombe who escorted the children and supported them there.

Reflection

In this world which can sometimes be busy and not always be filled with good news, we all sometimes need moments to relax, to think and to contemplate. Prayer is a wonderful way to achieve this, as is reading. This week I have chosen a quote linked to World Book Day.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book".

Dr Seuss