

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 26 – MARCH 2026

## Attendance Champions Spring Term

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 3: 96.88%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 5: 96.53%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 1: 96.45%

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year R: 96.34%

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 2: 94.76%

6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 4: 94.68%

7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 93.71%

## End of Term Easter Service

It was so lovely for our school community to come together today for a special Easter Service at St Johns Church, marking a meaningful time of reflection and celebration. The service was a wonderful opportunity for the children, staff and families to gather and think about the message of Easter. The children sang beautifully throughout, filling the church with joyful voices and a real sense of togetherness. It was a lovely way to end the term and celebrate as a community. Thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard at bringing the service together. It is really appreciated!

## Reflection

We leave you at the end of the spring term with this message that Jesus gave us:

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’”

John 11:25

## Notes from the Deputy Head Teacher

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, we take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved across our school community. This term has been filled with curiosity, creativity and determination. From exciting classroom projects to new skills learned and challenges overcome, our children have shown a wonderful enthusiasm for learning that continues to inspire us all. We are incredibly proud of every pupil for their hard work, resilience and positive attitude. Each step forward, no matter how small, is a success worth celebrating. Our classrooms have been full of energy and discovery and it has been a joy to see confidence growing alongside knowledge.

We would also like to recognise our dedicated staff, whose passion, commitment and imagination make learning both meaningful and enjoyable. Their tireless efforts ensure that every child feels supported, encouraged and inspired each day. It is thanks to their hard work that our school remains such a vibrant and nurturing place to learn.

As we approach the Easter break, we are reminded of the themes of hope, renewal and new beginnings. We hope this holiday brings rest, joy and time to spend with loved ones.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and happy Easter.

Mrs Lambe

## Friends Rainbow Raffle

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends Committee for organising the Rainbow Raffle, and to the parents for your kind donations. The boxes looked beautiful and there were some very excited children receiving their gifts yesterday afternoon in school!

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### **Year 3 Pizza Express Trip**

Yesterday, our Year 3 children enjoyed a delicious school trip to Pizza Express, where they had the opportunity to learn all about how pizzas are made. The children took part in a fun hands-on workshop, carefully preparing their own dough, adding toppings and watching their creations come to life. It was a wonderful experience that combined learning with creativity, while also encouraging independence and teamwork. The children represented our school beautifully, showing excellent behaviour throughout the visit, their behaviour was even commended by members of the public. They absolutely embraced the experience – and of course, they thoroughly enjoyed tasting their scrumptious pizzas at the end! Thank you to Mrs Patel for organising the trip.

### **Geography Y4/5 Quiz**

We are also pleased to share the news of our children's participation in a recent Geography Quiz, held at Caterham School, where they represented our school with eagerness and fortitude. Competing against fourteen schools, the children embraced the challenge, answering a wide range of questions that tested their knowledge of the world around them. We are so pleased that they achieved seventh place. While the competition was strong, our children showed great perseverance, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout. They demonstrated a real love of learning and curiosity about different countries, cultures and environments. Most importantly, they supported one another, tried their very best and represented our school with excellent behaviour and respect. Taking part in events like this is a fantastic experience, helping to build confidence and broaden knowledge and we are so proud of how they rose to the challenge. Thank you to Mr Edwards for organising and accompanying the children on this trip.

### **De Stafford Year 5 Maths Competition**

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about a recent Maths Competition held at a local secondary school. A group of our children had the exciting opportunity to represent our school, putting their problem-solving skills, teamwork and mathematical thinking to the test against other talented young mathematicians. Throughout the event, our children demonstrated remarkable determination, resilience and enthusiasm. They approached each challenge with confidence and supported one another brilliantly, truly embodying our school values. Their hard work and preparation paid off as they achieved an outstanding second place overall – an incredible accomplishment in such a competitive environment. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them. Not only did they showcase their mathematical abilities, but they also represented our school with excellent behaviour, sportsmanship and positivity. They should feel very proud of what they have achieved and we look forward to seeing their confidence and skills continue to grow. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Coombe for escorting the children to the competition.

### **Year 5 Whitgift Trip**

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 5 children had the pleasure of attending a concert at Whitgift School. They were treated to a phenomenal performance by the talented students, showcasing a wide range of musical styles and instruments. The concert was both inspiring and engaging, giving our children the opportunity to experience live music in a new setting. They listened beautifully and represented our school with excellent behaviour throughout. We hope it has sparked a continued love of music and performance. Thank you to Mr Johnson for organising the trip.

## **Sports Round-Up**

### **Netball**

The netball teams had an excellent season, and the A team have qualified for the Croydon Schools Final which is taking place after Easter.

Coulsdon vs Chipstead Valley Primary (away match): A team won 17-0, B team won 14-0

Coulsdon vs Smitham (home match): A team won 11-1, B team won 7-3

Coulsdon vs St Aidan's (home match): A team drew 3-3

Coulsdon vs St Aidan's (away match): A team won 3-2

Coulsdon vs Chipstead Valley (home match): A team won 15-1, B team won 8-0

Coulsdon vs Beaumont (away match): A team won 8-0, B team won 12-0

Coulsdon vs Keston (away match): A team lost 5-1, B team won 9-0

### **Football**

The football team also had an excellent season, reaching the semi-finals of the Small Schools' Cup. Here are the results of all the matches from this term:

Coulsdon vs The Hayes (home match): 0-2

Coulsdon vs The Hayes (away match): 0-2

Coulsdon vs New Valley (home match): 0-0

Coulsdon vs New Valley (away match): 1-1

Coulsdon vs St Aidan's (semi final of the Small School's Cup) lost 2-1

### **Cross Country**

This year, children in Years 3 - 6 competed in three cross-country races at Oasis. Everyone who raced represented the school with fantastic spirit and attitude. A special well done goes to our Year 5 and 6 boys, who fielded a full team for every race and secured an impressive 2nd place overall. This is an incredible achievement for our school—well done to everyone who took part! We also had a very good turnout for the more challenging Farthing Downs Cross Country Race, held in early March, and we are very proud to announce that our Year 5 & 6 boys team came third overall, which is an amazing achievement for such a small school.

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## Blue Peter Badge Scheme

With the school holidays approaching, many families are looking for fun and affordable ways to keep children entertained. The Blue Peter Badge scheme offers children aged 5–15 the chance to gain **free entry to over 200 attractions across the UK**, including museums, zoos, and historic sites, when accompanied by a paying adult.

([bluepeter.fandom.com](http://bluepeter.fandom.com))

Applying for a badge is completely free and encourages children to get creative—whether that’s writing a story, drawing a picture, or sharing an achievement. Once awarded, the badge (along with a valid ID card) can be used again and again until your child turns 16.

To find out how your child can apply, visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

You can also explore the full list of participating attractions here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/attractions>

## 2026 Great British Schools Biathlon Championships Final

We are delighted to share that Josh, Louis and Emma in Year 6 recently took part in the 2026 Great British Schools Biathlon Championships Final, where they represented our school with determination and pride. The children demonstrated fantastic focus, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the event. They embraced the challenge, supporting one another and giving their very best in each stage of the competition. Taking part in such a prestigious national event is an amazing achievement in itself and we are absolutely thrilled for all that were involved!

## School Council and Eco-Warriors Collective Worship

This week our School Council and Eco-Warriors led a thoughtful and engaging Collective Worship focused on the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. They spoke confidently as they shared practical ways, we can all take better care of our environment, encouraging everyone to make small changes that can have a big impact. Through presentations, questions and examples, they inspired their peers to think more carefully about waste and sustainability. Their teamwork, leadership and passion for protecting our planet shone throughout and they did a great job of delivering such an important message to the whole school community. Thank you to Miss Tansley for supporting the School Council and Eco-Warriors.

## Screen Time Guidance from the Department for Education

New advice from the Department for Education has been announced today, aiming to support children’s wellbeing in the digital world. New guidance recommends that content for under fives is: slow paced; created specifically for them; is made with a clear beginning, middle and end and is simple. For under twos: avoid screens except for shared, interactive use. For two-to-fives: aim for no more than one hour a day. Solo screen time can have a negative impact: it removes a chance for interaction and play. But there are positive uses, like watching shows together and talking about what you’ve seen. There’s no substitute for face-to-face interaction with your child. It helps to develop their language and social skills.

Screen time – things to avoid:

- Screens at mealtimes and an hour before bedtime
- Having a screen on in the background
- Solitary screen time for under twos

Think about your child’s age and needs – every child is different. If you need more guidance, advice and support, visit <https://bbc.in/3PyOpfK>



