

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 30 – MAY 2026

Attendance Champions Week 30

1st Place – Year 4: 97.92%

2nd Place – Year 2: 97.69%

3rd Place – Year R: 97.50%

4th Place – Year 1: 97.08%

5th Place – Year 3: 96.15%

6th Place – Year 5: 95.65%

7th Place – Year 6: 90.95%

Musicians in Reception

Our Reception children have absolutely loved exploring the drum kit this week! From tapping out simple rhythms to creating their own energetic beats, the children have shown great enthusiasm, confidence and creativity during music sessions. It has been wonderful to see them developing their listening skills, coordination and teamwork while having so much fun expressing themselves through music. The drum kit has quickly become a favourite activity, bringing lots of smiles, excitement and fantastic performances from our youngest musicians.

Reflection

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me".

Philippians 4:13

Notes from the Deputy Head Teacher

Dear Families,

At Coulsdon, we are so proud to be a caring and nurturing community where every child is valued and supported to be their very best. We believe that when children are respected and encouraged, they truly flourish – not only in their learning, but in their confidence, friendships and sense of belonging.

Each day we see kindness, cooperation and curiosity shining through our classrooms and playground. We want to make sure that each child's unique strengths are recognised and celebrated, and that each child knows they have an important part to play in our school community. Caring for one another is at the heart of everything that we do – and enables the children to grow into happy, successful learners who make a positive difference to the world.

We are thinking about this in particular this week as our Year 6 children prepare for their SATs. We want to remind them that SATs are an opportunity for them to show some of what they have learned, but they do not measure the kindness, creativity, determination, humour, teamwork and resilience we see in them throughout the year. We are encouraging every child to do their best, believe in themselves and remember how capable they are. Thank you to our families for their continued support and encouragement – together we can help the children approach the week with confidence and positivity. As part of this, we would like to share a poem written by Lucie Welch (please see overleaf)

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lambe

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Poem for our Year 6 Children

So Year 6, the time has finally come,
The dreaded SATs are here.
But this is what you've worked for
Since you moved up in to this year.
These tests will tell us what you've learned,
And what you can recall,
But there's a million things,
The SATs won't tell us at all.
They won't tell us how you dance,
Or draw, or sing, or run,
Or tell us just how great you are,
At any other things you've done.
The SATs don't measure super-ness,
Or how kind or brave you are,
They're just a way of helping to see,
All you've learned so far.
So all we ask of each of you,
Is to try the best you can,
But no matter the score you'll get,
We'll always be your fan!
You've worked your socks off this year through,
And now the time has come
By this time next week, you can say,
Phew, the SATs are done.
So rest up, eat lots and get some sleep,
So you're ready and raring to go,
To show those SATs tests who's the boss,
And show them what you know!
But remember that when they're over,
It doesn't matter how you've done,
Because you are wonderful, brilliant and fab,
And you'll be amazing in your lives to come!
Believe in yourself. You are all amazing!

Multiplication Tables Check

In preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this June, daily, short-burst practice at home will make a huge difference in building speed, confidence, and fluency, which supports overall math skills. Regular, consistent practice makes a huge difference. Recommended, enjoyable tools for daily practice include Times Table Rock Stars, Hit the Button, and the official MTC practice site.

Online Safety

Early use of digital technology can boost language skills, social development, and creativity in children. But it also carries the risk of exposure to online harm. See how you can help your child stay safe and happy. Parents may find this link useful <https://www.internetmatters.org>. The site has a wealth of information to support keeping your children safe online.

Musician of the Month – May

Our musician of the month is Kishori Amonkar, one of India's most celebrated classical singers. The children will be listening to her expressive performances and exploring how she used music to convey emotion and tell stories. They will hear the rich sounds and traditions of Indian classical music and it will help broaden the children's understanding of music from around the world.