

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 34 – JUNE 2026

## Attendance Champions Week 34

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 5: 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 4: 99.17%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 2: 98.52%

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 98.21%

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year R: 97%

6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 1: 94%

7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 90%

### IMPORTANT UPDATE RE. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From the start of the 2026/2027 academic year, free school meal eligibility will expand to include all children from households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings. This means that many more families will become eligible for the first time under the expanded FSM criteria. We will be sending out further guidance regarding these changes, including a Google form to complete if you think your child may be eligible. We will work with the LA to check eligibility and confirm whether your child can receive free school meals.

For those families already in receipt of free school meals, from September 2026, eligibility will be based on your current circumstances and you will need to complete the online form. Going forward, eligibility for free school meals will need to be re-checked by the school every year.

Further information and guidance will be sent out next week.

### Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families

Thank you for making such a great effort for Crazy Hair Day - the children looked amazing and it provided a very colourful day at Coulsdon! Please look out for the photos in next week's Chronicle.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and I wish you a lovely weekend.

### Year 5 Visit to Whitgift School

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic two-day visit to Whitgift School this week, where they took part in activities including fencing, Mandarin lessons, science experiments and stop-motion animation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with stop-motion animation proving especially popular. We are grateful to Whitgift School for hosting us and are very proud of the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm shown by our pupils throughout the visit. Thank you to all the adults who helped make the trip possible.

### Reflection

We were pleased to be joined by Malcolm and Luke this week. Malcolm spoke about trust and how we trust in others all the time and can also trust in God. Luke led the school in song with live music and movement. We are lucky to have them both supporting our school and I thank them for their time and commitment.

**"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."**

Psalm 56:3

### Key Stage 1 Phonics Adventure

Well done to the children in Years 1 & 2 who took part in a phonics adventure this week with Mrs Lambe. They all tried their absolute best and were very enthusiastic about taking part. We are very proud of them all.