

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 35 – JUNE 2026

Attendance Champions Week 35

- 1st Place – Year 3: 98.66%
- 2nd Place – Year 5: 98.37%
- 3rd Place – Year 2: 96.30%
- 4th Place – Year R: 96.25%
- 5th Place – Year 4: 94.79%
- 6th Place – Year 1: 93.10%
- 7th Place – Year 6: 91.81%

International Day

It was wonderful to see the children dressed in outfits representing different countries on Wednesday. They took part in a range of activities from Tour de France in Year 3 to making Inukshuks in Year 5. There was also traditional dancing; a carnival parade and some extra language teaching.

Thank you to Mrs Patel and the staff for organising such a great day, celebrating the diversity in our school.

Mary Secole

Year 1 children were lucky to be visited by Mary Secole on Thursday. The children learned about her life and were able to take part in re-enactments and drama activities which really helped bring history to life. I am sure some of the knowledge will stay with the children and hopefully they will share what they have learned with you.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in school with a very successful International Week which brought lots of variety to the classes.

The weather is forecast to be hot next week, so on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the children can wear their PE kits to school if they would like to. Please make sure the children have hats, sun cream already applied and a refillable water bottle.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Year 5 Sleepover

Last Friday night the children in Year 5 had a sleepover in school. They went to the park, ate fish and chips, watched a movie (and some football!) and slept over in the classrooms. Although the children were very well behaved, I am sure some of them may have been very tired for the rest of the weekend! A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to stay with the children and make it possible.

Reflection

We were blessed with another visit from Malcolm and Luke this week for our assembly. Malcolm spoke about how Christian life is like a race. Sometimes it is like a long marathon and sometimes a quick sprint. Even when they feel tired or things get tough, God wants them to keep putting one foot in front of the other and help others along the way.

"Let us run the race that is before us and never give up."

Hebrews 12:1

A Taste of Spain! Olé!

Coulsdon CofE was filled with vibrant music, incredible dancing, and delicious aromas this week as we welcomed a very special guest! Señora Trijueque Albarran, who taught the children Spanish last academic year, spent the afternoon with Year 4, immersing the children in the rich culture, traditions, and flavours of Spain.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the energetic flamenco dancing. The children learned about the history of this passionate Spanish dance form before trying out the steps themselves. There was immense excitement as pupils got the chance to dress up in stunning, traditional flamenco dresses that she had brought in for them to try, whilst practising their rhythmic handclaps (*palmas*) and dramatic footwork.

The cultural journey did not stop on the dance floor. After working up an appetite, the children took part in a fantastic food-tasting session. They sampled a wide range of authentic Spanish delicacies including traditional treats and savoury bites. It was wonderful to see so many children being brave and trying new flavours!

Thank you to our wonderful visitor for bringing Spanish culture to life so beautifully. It was an unforgettable afternoon that has truly inspired our young linguists and global citizens.

Join Our After-School Club!

We are delighted to remind families that our after-school club is available for pupils throughout the week. The club is run by Mrs Webb and offers:

- A safe and supervised environment
- Fun activities including arts and crafts, games and outdoor play
- Opportunities for children to socialise and develop new skills
- Flexible childcare support for working families

Places are available, and we would love to welcome more children to join us. If you would like further information or wish to register your child, please contact the school office.