

# COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 5 – OCTOBER 2025

## Attendance Champions Week 5

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 1: 99.67%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 2: 98.52%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year R: 98%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 5: 97.78%
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 4: 97.08%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 3: 95.52%
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Year 6: 91.38%

## Mental Health Day

Friday 10th October is Mental Health Day, and this year we will be supporting the charity "Young Minds".

On this day, we would like to invite all children to wear a yellow accessory with their school uniform, such as a hairband, socks, a cap etc. We will also be collecting cash donations if any parents would like to make a contribution for this charity.

Thank you for your support.

## Reflection

As Jono said in church, God knows us so well that he even knows how many hairs we have on our head at all times. It is comforting to know how important we are to God and how much love he has for us.

**"Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."**

Luke 12.7

## Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many families at the BBQ on Saturday. The music was great and everyone seemed to be having fun. Thank you to the Friends Committee and everyone who volunteered to make the day happen.

We also held a Harvest service at St Johns led by Jono. The children really enjoyed the service and singing and all behaved impeccably. A huge thank you to the adults who helped the children walk to and from the church. Thank you also for the wonderful donations of food items which I will be taking to the Purley Food Hub next weekend - your generosity will make a huge difference to people needing support.

I hope you all have a nice weekend.



## Old Bradmore Green Library

Please can you make sure the children are showing respect and demonstrating expected behaviour around the old library. We are keen to work closely with our new neighbours and make sure they can work with minimal interruptions and that their property is not moved. Thank you.

## **Calling All Parents and Carers – Support Your Young Writer in the BBC 500 Words Competition!**

At Coulsdon C of E we love encouraging our children to become authors and to create their own wonderful worlds for others to discover. As part of this, we're incredibly excited to share that the **BBC 500 Words** competition is back – and we'd love to see our pupils take part in this fantastic opportunity to get creative with writing!

### **What is 500 Words?**

This annual competition, run by the BBC, invites children aged **5–11** to write an original story of **no more than 500 words**. It's a brilliant way to encourage imagination, develop writing skills, and build confidence in self-expression.

### **Why Take Part?**

- The children would have the chance to **win incredible prizes**
- Winning stories are read by **celebrity narrators** and broadcast on the BBC
- It promotes a **love of storytelling** and supports literacy in a fun and engaging way
- Finalists get to attend a **special awards ceremony**

### **How You Can Help:**

- Talk to your child about ideas for their story
- Encourage them to write freely – spelling and grammar aren't judged, it's all about creativity
- Read their story together and help them submit it online via the **official BBC 500 Words website**
- Make sure the story is **entirely your child's own work**

**Entry Deadline:** 7th November at 9pm

### **In School Support:**

If your child would like additional help, please encourage them to speak to their teacher – we're here to support every step of the way.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to be part of something special and to celebrate their creativity on a national stage. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

For more details, visit: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words)

Thank you for your support – and happy writing!

Mrs Lambe