

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 1 – SEPTEMBER 2026



Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a great summer. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school yesterday - they settled into their new classes really well and had a lovely day reuniting with classmates and the adults in the school.

We are looking forward to working with you and to having another amazing year - please remember to let us know if you have any questions or require any assistance.

Have a lovely weekend.

A New Outdoor Learning Area for Year 1

We are delighted to share our new Year 1 outdoor learning area, created over the summer to give our children a smooth and exciting transition from Reception into Year 1. This project has truly been a wonderful community effort, and we simply could not have done it without the incredible generosity, time and support of so many people.

A huge thank you to Lawsons, who kindly donated the majority of the fencing materials and soft-play bark, and to B&Q, who provided most of the Postcrete. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and support. A very special thank you to Mr Ladbrook from Macar Homes, who helped organise and manage the project and, alongside Mr Boniface, brought together our fantastic parent volunteers. Their time, expertise and enthusiasm helped turn an idea into a wonderful new space for our children.

We would also like to thank Mr Winkworth and Mr Williams for their hard work on the fencing, as well as Mrs Lambe and her husband and Mrs Jackson for giving up their time to help. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community. If you are looking for fencing or gardening help, we would highly recommend Boni's Garden Services, part of The Boniface Group, run by Mr Boniface.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, skills, materials and support. We genuinely could not have done it without you! We are so proud of what has been achieved and can't wait to see our Year 1 children enjoying, exploring and learning in their new outdoor space.

A huge amount of thanks must go to Mr Edwards who led this initiative with vision and determination. He has worked incredibly hard to source materials and to physically transform the area for the benefit of the children. We thank you for your dedication and hard work in making this area which will enhance the provision for the children at our school. Please see the photos overleaf.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity to meet the teacher and see the children's new classes on Tuesday after school. We are running two sessions, 3.30pm - 4.00pm and 4.00pm - 4.30pm. This will be an opportunity to find out about the curriculum and expectations for the year group.

All of the information will be emailed to parents, so please don't worry if you can't attend.

Reflection

This week we reminded the children about our vision and why we work so hard to provide opportunities for the children. Whether academically or creatively, it is important to try new things, show resilience when making mistakes and to be ambitious. By providing the best well rounded education, we aim for children to have the opportunity to live life to the full.

"That they shall have life, life in all its fullness."

John 10.10

