COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 11 – NOVEMBER 2026

Attendance Champions
Week 11

1st Place – Year 6: 100%
2nd Place – Year 2: 96.43%
3rd Place – Year 3: 94.17%
4th Place – Year R: 94%
5th Place – Year 1: 93.16%
6th Place – Year 5: 87.62%
7th Place – Year 4: 84.48%

Fireworks

It was wonderful to see so many families at our fireworks event last Saturday. It was a fantastic evening, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

A huge thank you must go to the Friends for organising and running such a wonderful event, as well as to the staff who generously gave their time to help. All your hard work, commitment and effort are hugely appreciated!

Reflection

As the busy Christmas season approaches, it can be easy to get caught up in all the preparations and forget the importance of simply spending time with one another. The greatest gifts we can offer are often our time, kindness and attention. Let us make space in our busy lives to pause, connect and enjoy the people around us.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Thank you for your donations for the mufti day today; these will make lovely gifts for our Elfridges event which is taking place in the last week of term.

Christmas is beginning to arrive at Coulsdon, with the children practising their Nativity songs and receiving their Christmas cards designs. The Friends Committee are organising some lovely events, beginning with our Christmas Fair on Thursday. Please look out for the information they are sending home.

There was also a wonderful atmosphere at St John's on Saturday afternoon during their Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see the community coming together to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Year 1 Trip to the Wintershall Nativity

On Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to St Aidan's School to visit the Wintershall Nativity crib. The children experienced a magical, live retelling of the Nativity story and were thrilled to meet and pet real donkeys and sheep!

Everyone had a fantastic afternoon, and each child even came home with a goody bag filled with small gifts to help them remember the different characters they met.

A huge thank you to all of our amazing Year 1 parent volunteers who kindly gave up their time to keep the children safe and make the afternoon such a memorable success. Please see the photos overleaf.

Mrs Parker

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Pupil Press Report

Reception have had an incredible week meeting police officers and paramedics. They have learnt how to arrest people and what to do if someone is hurt. They even had the opportunity to sit inside a police car and turn the lights and siren on!
They have all loved wearing the outfits, learning what they're for and what it does. The police jacket even had a walkie-talkie!
Reception have had such a fun week and Daisy Chain, the nursery from next door even got in on the fun too! I would like to say a special thank you to the paramedics and police who came this week and the planners of this special week for reception – Well done Mr Edwards and team.









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Cup Match Report

On a chilly autumn evening, the eagerly anticipated cup clash between Gresham and Coulsdon got underway, with Coulsdon immediately taking control of proceedings. Coulsdon dominated possession in the opening stages, thanks to the skill, flair and creativity of Ted, Buddy and Dylan. Gresham were left feeding off the scraps as Coulsdon dictated the tempo and looked the more dangerous side. Up front, Oscar proved to be a real thorn in the Gresham defence, using his strength and physicality to win the majority of aerial battles. Buddy was causing problems throughout, regularly skipping past challenges and gliding towards goal. He came agonisingly close to opening the scoring in the first half after peeling away from the right wing, only to see his effort narrowly miss the target.

The introduction of the electric Ethan added another dimension to Coulsdon's attack. His close control, rapid acceleration and ability to glide past defenders created immediate problems. One particularly impressive run saw him set up Buddy, whose shot was saved. The rebound fell kindly to Ted, who attempted an audacious bicycle kick, only to see it narrowly miss the bottom corner. It was a moment of real quality that deserved a goal. With Ted increasingly dominating the midfield battle, Coulsdon continued to press forward. In the second half, he unleashed several low, powerful efforts, but the Gresham goalkeeper managed to keep them out.

At the other end, Gresham struggled to make any meaningful progress. Their attempts to launch counter-attacks were repeatedly snuffed out by the commanding defensive partnership of Jack and Will. Whenever Gresham threatened to get anywhere near goal, Will was typically on hand to put in a robust, well-timed challenge. Alongside Jack, he ensured that Gresham's forwards had very little joy throughout the evening. Coulsdon continued to search for the breakthrough and came particularly close when Calum nearly capitalised on a goalkeeping mistake, but unfortunately couldn't quite get on the end of it.

As the clock ticked down, it looked increasingly likely that the match would be heading towards a draw and extra-time. However, football can be cruel. In the dying embers of the game, a Gresham winger attempted a speculative effort that looked destined to fly out for a throw-in. Instead, the ball somehow fell perfectly into the path of their striker, who made no mistake in burying it into the bottom corner. Nathanial produced a heroic dive in an attempt to keep it out, but there was little he could do.

Man of the Match: Will

Full time: Gresham 1–0 Coulsdon.