

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 7 – OCTOBER 2026



Attendance Champions Week 7

- 1st Place – Year 1: 99%
- 2nd Place – Year R: 98%
- 3rd Place – Year 2: 97.86%
- 4th Place – Year 3: 97.2%
- 5th Place – Year 6: 95.42%
- 6th Place – Year 5: 95.24%
- 7th Place – Year 4: 94.33%

Harvest Festival: The Attitude of Gratitude

We had a lovely Harvest Service at St John's on Thursday morning. A huge thank you to Jono for leading the service and to Luke and James for providing the music. It was a joyful occasion, filled with thanksgiving, reflection and a wonderful reminder of the importance of gratitude. It was wonderful to hear the children sing with so much energy and I thank them for their excellent behaviour and participation - especially to the Year 6 children who shared some readings. A big thank you also, to the parents who helped us walk the children to and from the church. Thank you so much for your generous donations of non-perishable food items for Purley Food Hub. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and will help support local people and families who may be facing difficult times. If you would still like to contribute, there is plenty of time to do so. Please send any additional donations into school next week.

Reflection

“Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

With just one week to go until half term, I can't believe how quickly the time has flown by! I am looking forward to accompanying Year 6 on their residential trip to PGL next week and I will share information about our adventures when I get back. Please read the updates below for this week, and have a wonderful weekend.

Road Safety: Working Together to Keep Our Children Safe

Last week, there was an accident involving a car and one of our children near the pond. Thankfully, the child was okay, although understandably a little shaken. It was a distressing incident for everyone involved, and it has highlighted once again the importance of making the roads around our school safer for our children and families. We regularly teach road safety in school, but education alone is not enough. We urgently need a safe crossing point on this stretch of road to help protect the children and families who use it.

This week, I met with the staff at Daisy Chain, and we agreed to work together to raise awareness of the issue and push for improvements. Rather than launching two separate petitions, we have decided to support Daisy Chain's petition so that we can bring our efforts together and gather as many signatures as possible.

I have also written to Croydon Council to express my concerns about the dangers of this road, particularly the frequent speeding of vehicles so close to a primary school and nursery.

I will, of course, keep you updated on any progress. In the meantime, please do sign the petition and encourage your friends, family and wider community to do the same. Every signature helps to demonstrate how important this issue is to our school community. If you have concerns about road safety in the area, I would also encourage you to contact Croydon Council and make your voice heard.

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Year 2 Movers & Shakers Day

Adding to our amazing week of Harvest, Year 2 had a day to dress up as their favourite Mover and Shaker. We had astonishing astronauts, marvellous Mary Annings and some fabulous Rosa Parks. "I'm dressed as Mary Anning because I like that she digs up fossils." Mia-Thalia. "I love painting so I came as Van Gogh!" Zoe. Those Movers and Shakers sure are amazing! I just want to thank the parents for the time and effort into these amazing costumes. They're fabulous!

Reported by Betsy Bennett Y6



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Pupil Press by Betsy Y6

This week, the whole school celebrated Harvest Festival with the community at St John's Church. The service was led by Jono and Luke with the addition of some Year 6 pupils who not only read from the Bible but shared their own poems and prayers. Here are two of their poems:

HARVEST

Harvest is here,
Autumn leaves fall,
Red, orange and brown leaves fall on
the floor,
Very big pumpkins being picked now,
Ears of corn there for popping popcorn,
Sweet, lovely people spreading lots of
joy,
Tasty food now for all.

By Buddy Y6

THE MAGIC OF HARVEST

The magic of harvest shines so bright,
As the kind Lord guides us to light,
Orange leaves fall to the ground,
Crunching as boots make a sound.

The magic of harvest is so fun,
It wants to make you do a hum,
Donating food to those in need,
Everybody is ready to lead.

Let us dance through the trees,
So show how much your family means,
The magic of the harvest shines so bright,
As the kind lord leads us to the light.

By Harriet Y6