

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

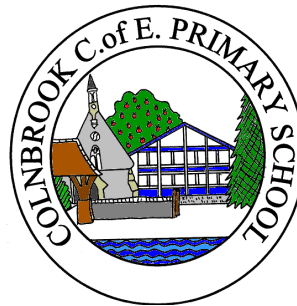
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Newsletter

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Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Resilience**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have closed 2024 with a few more festive events, kicking off with Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and parties in classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their jumpers, with a few very creative homemade festive jumpers! All children liked sitting together to enjoy their Christmas meal with their classes especially where they got to pull crackers, wear Christmas hats and share jokes. They then were entertained with class parties, where they had some choices about how to spend the afternoon. Our Christmas service was confidently led by Year 3 and 4 pupils, which was very informative as well as entertaining. The end of term assembly celebrated achievements of attendance, hard work and even progress in specific subjects. Congratulations to all winners.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and we will see you in January 2025!

Mrs A Bharj

Assistant Headteacher

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Worship Section

This week we have continued with the theme of advent and extended our discussions to thinking and reflecting on how Christmas is celebrated across the world. We also explored how Christmas is a time to carry out traditions and how these change over time. We finally reflected on what we are grateful for, especially cherishing time with loved ones.



Church Section

We hope you will be able to join us for some of these events. On Sunday 22nd December there is a communion service at 11:00am followed by refreshments.

On Christmas Eve at 4pm we have a crib service. This is a family friendly time

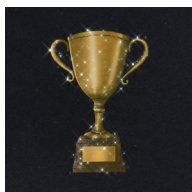
with children taking part in telling the Christmas story. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. At 11:30pm on Christmas Eve there will be Midnight Mass.

On Christmas Day there will be an 11:00am communion service.



End of term attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the end of term award for attendance with the average of 97.95%!



Teachers2Parents

Trips for Spring term for all classes have been uploaded onto the app. Payments can be made. Please ensure permissions for trip are completed. Packed lunches will be required for all trips.

Lunches for Spring term have also been uploaded and ready to book. Please ensure you pre book your lunches no later than 24 hours before. Please ensure any arrears for lunch charges are paid in full before Spring term begins.

Our Christmas round up



Our choir were invited to Windsor Castle to sing in St George's Hall last Friday. Pupils stood in front of the magnificent Christmas tree in the hall and sang a variety of Christmas carols which they have been practising. Mrs Hanrahan was told by several members of the public how impressed and beautiful the children sang. Well done to all the children in our choir.



Last Friday the children who had received Star Award and the previous weeks winners enjoyed their treat. The children had a brilliant time decorating and eating their biscuits! We look forward to seeing what ideas our School Council come up with for Star Treat reward for Spring term.



On Wednesday the children had a very merry day in school. Not only was it our Christmas jumper day, the children also enjoyed their Christmas lunches together followed by their class parties. Class teachers were creative with the festive activities and games for children to enjoy.



Our Christmas round up continued

Yesterday the whole school attended Christmas service St Thomas Church, which was lead by Reverend Thomas. Children from Year 3 and Year 4 narrated and acted the story of the Nativity.

The whole school was also involved with singing hymns which everyone has been practising for the whole of the second Autumn term. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended yesterday to be part of the service.



This morning Celebration Worship was very positive, where end of term awards and achievements for attendance were handed out across our school. Class teachers nominated children from their classes, then a collective decision was made to allocate the final winners, who were presented with trophies. The other children who were nominated received a personal postcard from Mrs Bharj.



Writers of the Term Award - 1st - Cayla-Claire Dennison - Year 5, 2nd - Hanna Skalniak - Year 1, 3rd - Wesley Kimunya - Year 6

Mathematician of the Term Award - 1st - Ahad Xa - Reception, 2nd - Jonny Orr - Year 1, 3rd - Meral Adb-El Hady - Year 3

Reader of the Term Award - 1st Mahnoor Mubbshar - Year 2, 2nd Nermin Mao - Reception
3rd Isla Leka - Year 5

Values Award Cup - Aaron Orr - Year 3

Congratulations to all our children who received awards today and this term. Keep up the good work, we are so very proud of you all.

Calendar dates

January diary dates	
23rd December to 6th January 2025	Christmas break - school will be closed
7th January 2025	First day back for Reception to Year 6 children
8th January	Nursery opens
16th January	Year 5 Swimming lessons begin - 10 weeks course
21st January	Year 4 trip—Henley River & Rowing Museum
23rd January	Year 2 trip —Woolley Firs
24th January	9:00-9:30am - Year 4 Class Assembly—parents welcome
28th January	Year 6 trip - Eton College

February diary dates	
5th February	Year 3—Rocks & Fossils workshop
7th February	Reception—Zoolab
10th to 12th February	PTA Valentines Discos—more details to follow
13th February	End of term
14th February	INSET day - no school
17th to 21st February	February half term
24th February	School opens— all children in Nursery to Year 6
28th February	Year 3—Class Assembly - 9:00-9:30am—Parents welcome

March diary dates	
5th March	15:30-17:30 - Parents evenings—details to follow
6th March	World Book Day—details to follow 15:30-17:30 - Parents evenings—details to follow
14th March	9:00-9:30am - Year 2 Class Assembly—parents welcome
17th-21st March	Wellbeing Week—details to follow
20th March	Mobile Farm visit Nursery class