

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

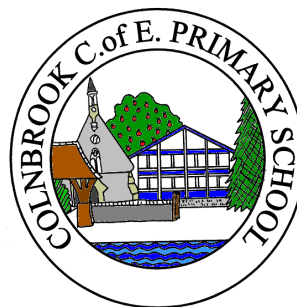
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Newsletter

17th January 2025

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: **Respect**

A message from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, all the children have been practicing using their oracy skills. They are being taught to listen and talk effectively, similar to the way literacy teaches the skills of reading and writing. Children have been given opportunities to have purposeful discussions about their learning with their peers, with the help of prompts and sentence starters. Therefore, they are able to learn through their talk! This is now happening more regularly in all lessons and the children are enjoying the benefits including giving them more confidence to share their ideas and opinions respectfully. See some the learning in classes below for more details.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to London Zoo, even the coach trip, as they got to see some of London's famous, iconic landmarks! See further down for more details. There are a few more trips coming up, so please look out for further information on the Teacher2Parent app and give consent as soon as possible please.

Mrs A Bharj
Acting Headteacher

Worship Section

This week we looked at the Christian holiday of Epiphany that celebrates the day Jesus Christ was revealed to the world. It is known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian feast day which falls on 6 January. The three wise men came to worship a new King. They were not Jewish, which symbolises that Jesus came for all people, not just those who were Jewish. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means "manifestation" or "appearance".



Attendance

Year 5	99.07%
Year 6	98.33%
Nursery AM	97.98%
Year 3	97.32%
Nursery PM	96.23%
Year 4	95.26%
Reception	94.58%
Year 2	92.67%
Year 1	90.63%

School office

Gentle reminder to parents if you would like your child to go to Breakfast Club this needs to be booked and paid online via Teachers2Parents app in advance. Any sessions not booked will be charged to your account and arrears will need to be paid.

Church Section

This week at St Thomas the service is at 9:30am. This is a relaxed short service where people sit at tables in a cafe style. There will be refreshments both before and after service and activities for the children to enjoy.



Star of the Week



Nursery - Awra
Reception - Cailynn
Year 1 - Michael
Year 2 - Sophie
Year 3 - Eesa
Year 4 - Arianna
Year 5 - Isla
Year 6 - Nihaal

Well done to all the children that were awarded certificates this week. Keep up the good work!

Look what we have been up to



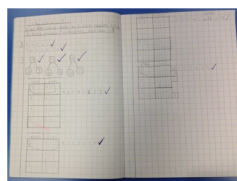
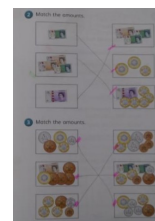
This week Discovery class have been busy learning about the Gruffalo in English lessons. They have been looking at the physical features of the characters from the story, practising our describing skills and using different resources to recreate them.



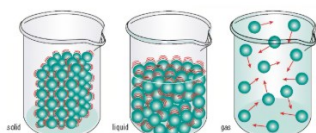
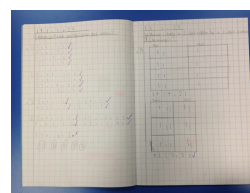
Early years have been enjoying big mark making outside this week using lots of different tools. They have also been building rockets and space stations in the Lego tray to support our Starry Night topic.



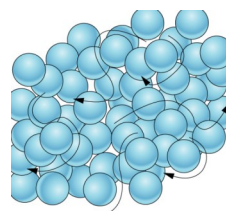
In Year 2 the children have been learning about money in Maths. They counted money and explored ways to make different amounts of money using both coins and notes.



Year 3 have been working extremely hard this week in maths during our lessons on division. They have been using place value charts in their books to support answering questions and explain their learning using oracy skills.



Year 4 have been learning about Particle Theory in Science this week and had fun pretending to be particles to discover the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They also had fun making bridges in pairs and groups in gymnastics.



Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Greek religion. They have been researching different gods and goddesses and that they are famous for. They used their oracy skills to explain clearly what they found out.



Year 6 this week put their interviewing skills to the test during English they took on the role of Shackleton, interviewing potential crew mates for his expedition. The children used a range of questions and practised using their oracy skills.



Year 1 class trip—London Zoo

Year 1 had an amazing day at London Zoo in the sunshine this week! They saw lions, monkeys, giraffes and even some baby gorillas! The children can't wait to write their Paddington goes to the zoo stories in English.



Slough Town Football tickets



Slough Town FC - Free Family Tickets - Saturday 18th January 2025

Just like last year we want to continue pushing in 2025 to grow our fanbase and engage with the local community. We would like to offer free tickets for our upcoming game against Eastbourne Borough on Saturday 18th January 2025 - 3pm KO.

Please can you share with your community this excellent offer, please do not share externally on social media.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED





Just two hours a week can make a world of difference for parents and children. In those two hours, your support could brighten someone's day. In two hours, you could transform how a mum or dad feels. In two hours, you could build a LEGO house with a child –and imagine how amazing that would feel!

JOIN US NOW

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Upcoming calendar dates for Spring term

January diary dates	
21st January	Year 4 trip - Henley River & Rowing Museum
23rd January	Year 2 trip — Woolley Firs
28th January	Year 6 trip - Eton College

February diary dates	
5th February	Year 3—Rocks & Fossils workshop
10th to 12th February	PTA Valentines Discos—more details to follow—tickets available in T2P app
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	9:00-9:30 am - Year 3 Class Assembly - Parents welcome