

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's Editor: Miss Hosken

What a musical and enjoyable term we have had so far! It is always lovely to see how much the children here at Colnbrook love learning through song and making music from Early Years all the way up to Year 6. Year 3 have had a blast in their recorder lessons and Year 5 have been developing their understanding of notes in their ukulele lessons. Leading hymn practice on a Thursday morning has been such a delight, hearing the joy coming from the whole school. I can't wait to hear our beautiful harvest songs in church next Thursday.



SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire
C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

As we continue through Black History Month, this week we explored the amazing story of the British nurse Mary Seacole. Mary left her home in Jamaica and made a brave journey all the way to Crimea in Europe, where she set up the 'British Hotel' to help shelter, feed and treat wounded British soldiers.



Star of the week

Reception - Christopher
Year 1 - Ava-Rae
Year 2 - Manushi
Year 3 - Hazel
Year 4 - Juwayreya
Year 5 - Georgia-Grace

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 5 - 99.22%
2nd - Year 3 - 99.14%
3rd - Year 2 - 99.11%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



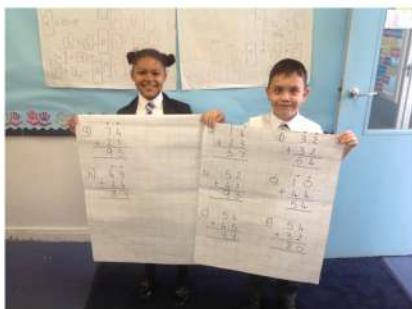
This week, Discovery class enjoyed their excursion linking with their topic of 'Our Community'. The children walked the loop of our village, including the church, quiet garden and local supermarket. We even said hello to the local postman and saw a big red bus!



Early Years explored Diwali music and learnt a song all about the celebration of lights this week. They even made their own tissue paper fireworks and waved them to the beat of the music!



In Year 1, the children wrote their own instructions in English for making pancakes. They worked independently, thinking carefully about the order of steps and the words to use. Everyone enjoyed the activity and were very proud of their writing.



Year 2 have been busy exploring more complicated addition this week, showing great enthusiasm and focus. The children enjoyed tackling bigger numbers, learning how to "carry over," and celebrating their successes together. It's been wonderful to see their excitement and growing confidence as their maths skills keep adding up!



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Year 3 are learning the Recorder. The children are getting more confident in the basics and now learning to play songs. The Eye of the Tiger is a firm favourite!



Year 4 have been learning about motifs in music. We listened to a Viking song and identified the song's motif. We pretended we were Vikings, rowing the boat in time to the drum beat.



Year 5 have had a very busy week which included a lovely trip to the quiet garden. The children used the time to share what makes them happy whilst blowing bubbles - it was beautiful to hear how much family, friends and God are valued by our children. They then wrote prayers, thoughts and wishes on leaves for the important people in their lives. Before leaving the garden, all the children found special places to return their leaves back to nature.



In Music, Year 6 have been studying songs from the Second World War. We have studied the meanings of archaic language and enjoyed the sentiments of the words. We enjoy the melodies and the upbeat nature of the songs.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 8

20th October - Flu immunisations

20th October - 3-4pm - PTA Harvest Disco - Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2

21st October - 3-4pm - PTA Harvest Disco - Year 3 & Year 4

22nd October - 3-4pm - PTA Harvest Disco - Year 5 & Year 6

23rd October - 2:15-3pm - Harvest Service St Thomas Church - **parents welcome**

24th October - Last day of term

HALF TERM

27th October to 31st October

Week 1

3rd November - INSET day - school closed to children.

4th November - First day back for all children

7th November - 9-9:30am - Year 6 class assembly

Week 2

11th November - Remembrance Day

12th November - 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening
- Hall with book fair.

13th November - 3:30-6pm - Parents' Evening
- Hall with book fair.

Please ensure you book a Parents' Evening meeting for every child with their class teacher. Any issues please contact the school office.

School trips and permissions

Trip permission forms have now been added to School Money. Emails with permissions have been sent out via Teacher2Parents. A gentle reminder that if there is no payment made and permission not given on the app, it could result in your child not going on the trip and the trip potentially being cancelled.

PUPIL VOICE

"Playing the recorder is cool."

Reshae - Year 3

"Our favourite song is the 'White Cliffs of Dover' and we'll sing it in our assembly after half term."

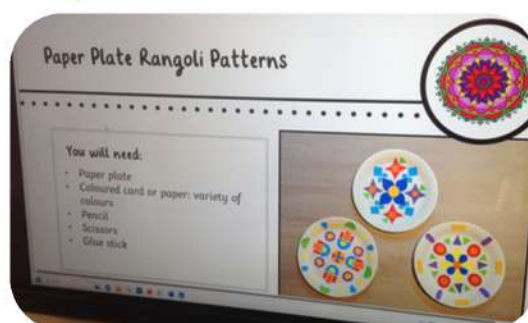
Alex - Year 6

"I learnt T & A sound in phonics."

Shruti - Reception

"F is for fish!"

Nalah - Nursery



IN OTHER NEWS



Last week, due to House Day, we did not share that Year 5 had a fantastic digital literacy workshop, which was delivered by Hark London. They told us the ways in which data could be breached. We learnt about binary code, tips and worked through sentences.



On Monday some children from Year 3 and Year 4 had a very bouncy time at Grove Academy's trampoline workshop. The children also worked on their core strength and mindfulness during yoga.



On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 both took part in a CPR session. Thursday 16th October was national 'Restart A Heart' day and Mr Hill explained to the children how learning a potentially life saving skill is very important. They were shown the basic steps for CPR and all had a go using a practice CPR doll.



During our Pause Afternoon, children from Reception to Year 6 explored and reflected on the festival of Diwali, learning about its significance in both Hinduism and Sikhism. They discovered the key differences and shared values between the two religions through thoughtful discussion and storytelling. Using mindfulness techniques and creative arts and crafts activities, the children had the opportunity to relax and express their learning in a calm, reflective space.





FREE LUNCH

Children will be provided lunch after parents attend a brief session aimed at shaping better local services.



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Family Fun Day!

Saturday

15 November 2025

10.30am-2.30pm

Salt Hill Activity Centre

Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3SS



You can choose 3 of
the activities below:

☐ Softplay

☐ For children aged 0-12

☐ Bowling

☐ Trampolining

For children aged 5+ unless
taking part in the toddler session

☐ Virtual Reality

All users must be aged 8 and over.

For more information:

Event contact: Kulvinder Dhillon

Contact number: 07395 258266



Scan to sign up by 6 November,
you must sign up to attend.
www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-tickets-1784168208139



Children must
be accompanied
by a parent/carer

www.slough.gov.uk
Slough
Borough Council

IN OTHER NEWS

SNACKS & LUNCHES

🍎🥗 Healthy Lunchboxes = Healthy Bodies! 🧀🍏

Let's fuel your children's brains and bodies the right way!

Please do not pack the following items in your child's lunchbox or for breaktime snacks:

- ❌ Crisps 🍟
- ❌ Chocolate 🍫
- ❌ Biscuits 🍪
- ❌ Muffins 🥞

✅ Instead, try these healthy options:

- 🍓 Fresh fruit
- 🥕 Veggie sticks
- 🧀 Cheese cubes
- 🍞 Whole grain sandwiches
- 💧 Water or milk

Together, let's build healthy habits that last a lifetime! 💪