

NEWSLETTER

A message from this week's editor: Miss Hosken

It may have been a drizzly, dark week this week but the children have been shining in school! I have seen some amazing learning in music this week around the school, with lots of singing and use of instruments. Year 3 put on a great show in their class worship today, displaying brilliant learning and confident speaking. Also, a huge well done to Year 6 who have worked exceptionally hard in their mock SATs this week; you should all be very proud of yourselves. In our worship sessions we have looked at the Lord's Prayer in more detail and used our oracy skills to unpick the meaning behind each line. It was great to see our oracy skills across the school becoming such a strength and supporting our children in their confidence and finding their voice.

Don't forget, next Friday (13th) is an INSET day, so the school is closed.



SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire
C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

This week in collective worship, we have been looking closely at the The Lord's Prayer. It is the most famous prayer in the world and has been translated to 1437 languages! It is the prayer Jesus taught his friends, that is why it is called the Lord's Prayer- it is the prayer that Jesus has given us. We looked at each phrase and unpicked what each part is telling us.



Star of the week

Nursery - Varleen
Reception - Ridham
Year 1 - Stefania
Year 2 - Huria
Year 3 - Isabel-Rose
Year 4 - Daleyza
Year 5 - Ryan
Year 6 - Comfort

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 3 - 98.64%
2nd - Year 4 - 98.64%
3rd - Year 6 - 98.36%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Shhh! Did You Hear That? Inspired by our reading of *What the Ladybird Heard*, our little Explorers went on a "Listening Walk" across the school this week. Just like the quiet ladybird, we didn't say a word—we just listened! tap-tap-tap of keyboards, rring-rring of the telephones, recording every whistle, hum, and bang we heard.



Nursery children have been busy learning the /t/ sound in phonics and spotting it in words. They explored hands on experiments with ice, touching, melting, and talking about temperature changes. Inspired by our story *Frog in Winter*, the children made frogs in different ways, using paint, collage, and modeling materials, showing creativity, curiosity, and growing confidence through playful, purposeful learning. Together they shared ideas, took turns, and celebrated their discoveries proudly on our Explore and Learn display.



Reception have loved the book *'Frog in Winter'* and learning makaton for 'frog', 'winter', 'white' and 'snow'. They used joining and cutting techniques to create their own paper frogs and exploring addition in Maths with 'bouncy counters' jumping into lilly pads. They have also been exploring doubles and singing their doubles song together.



This week, Year 1 have been busy building replicas of houses from the time of the Great Fire of London. The children developed their Design and Technology skills by planning, building and joining materials carefully, while also talking about the historical events and why the fire spread so quickly. They showed fantastic creativity and curiosity, making thoughtful links between the past and their own models.



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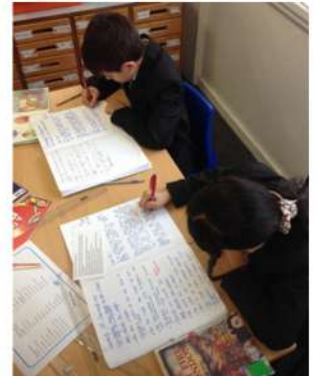
In Science, Year 2 have been looking at how strong and absorbent different types of paper are. We found that cardboard was the strongest and tissue paper was the weakest and a paper towel was the most absorbent and tissue paper was the least absorbent.



On Wednesday, Year 3 took part in an exciting interactive workshop all about fossils. They thoroughly enjoyed making their own fossils and learning about dinosaurs. This morning, the children hosted their class assembly and impressed everyone with their knowledge of Pompeii and volcanoes.



During English lessons, Year 4 have written a persuasive letter to Roz, the main character in our class reader, 'The Wild Robot.' They ensured they included the key features of a persuasive letter.



This week, Year 5 have been researching about the most influential people in Ancient Greece at the time: Cleisthenes, Plato, Socrates and Pericles. Each pair had a person to find out what they did, how they changed Athens and the lasting effect they had on the world. Each pair had key vocabulary to focus on and summarise what they found.



This week, Year 6 have completed their final round of SATs practice papers. The children also enjoyed taking part in a science experiment using voltmeters in order to discuss the effects of power supply.



PUPIL VOICE

"I loved dancing at the Valentines disco!"

Myles - Early Years

"The best part of the day was when we saw the fossil with crystals inside it. I really liked it!"

Reshae- Year 3

"I enjoyed linking my letter to the text. Roz is a likeable character so it was easy to persuade her to stay on the island."

Juwareya - Year 4

"I enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and their famous philosophers like Plato."

Amine - Year 5



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 6

12th February - Last day of half term

13th February - INSET day - school closed to pupils.

Half term

16th to 20th February

Week 1

23rd February - First day of term

25th February - 3:30-6pm - Parents evening

26th February - 3:30-6pm - Parents evening

Slots for parents evening are live, please make booking to meet your child's Class Teacher. Book Fair will be run during these parents evenings as it was in Autumn term.

Week 2

2nd & 3rd March - 1-3pm - ASC Advisory Teacher workshop for Parents of children with Autism - diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis
These sessions will be held in the Resource Base - please complete attendance form sent via email

5th March - World Book Day
8-8:30am - Stories at Breakfast
More details below

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Breakfast Club needs to be booked via Teachers2Parent app.

PTA Valentines Disco



IN OTHER NEWS



Star of the Week

Photo of children some of our children who were awarded Star of the Week.

Well done to all the children who were awarded certificates today.



Reminder of timings of the school day

Parents are reminded that the school gates close **promptly at 8:45am** on morning drop off. Any children who arrive after this time need to go through Main Reception as stated in our Attendance Policy.



Colnbrook Primary vs Wraysbury Primary KS2 Girls

On Tuesday, KS2 girls played a tough match against Wraysbury Primary's squad.

Both teams played very well, especially in the wet conditions. The final score wasn't in our favour but we are extremely proud of the squad who didn't let this knock their spirits.

Final score Colnbrook 1 - Wraysbury 5.
Well done girls, we are very proud of you!



St Thomas Service

Sunday 8th February service will be held at St Thomas Church, Vicarage Way at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to this service.



Message from the School Office

If your child has had any medical changes these need to be communicated to the school office so that details can be updated. This includes changes in medications, allergies or intolerances. These need to be provided in written form which can be sent to school email: mail@colnbrookprimary.com

World Book Day

5th March 2026

What to wear?

Discuss with your child on the book character and costume they wish to have. Costumes do not need to be bought, they can be easily made with what you have at home.

Winners from each year group will be presented with a book!

Stories at Breakfast

Parents and families are invited to join our staff in the hall for Stories at Breakfast! Come and enjoy a special morning sharing a story with your child and starting the day together.

Pastries for parents will be provided.



Book swap

Does your child have books at home which they have outgrown?
Would they love some new stories to enjoy?

Rowling House have the solution! On World Book Day, we will be running a Book Swap on Wednesday 25th February. Children will be able to bring up to 3 books to swap for something new to read

Lets share the joy of reading!



✦ More activities on World Book Day



Read Around

Children will be able to sign up to hear the staff's favourite books during the day! ✦

Story in a Jar or Box

On the success of last years competition, Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to create a Story in a Jar or Box. Entries need to be in by 23rd February. Winners will receive a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair during Parents Evening.



Volunteer readers

Rowling House is excited to invite parents and carers to become Parent Volunteer Readers. A letter was sent home this week on behalf of Rowling House by our House Captains, Angel and Isla, with further details.

If you are interested, please email **mail@colnbrookprimary.com** and a member of the school office team will be in touch.

We look forward to welcoming volunteers to support our readers! ✦