

NEWSLETTER

Colnbrook CofE Primary School | 9th October 2026

A Message from this week's Editor: Mrs Broderick

This week, our focus has been on oracy – the art of speaking and listening well.

Throughout the week, children have been developing their confidence in speaking, learning to articulate their ideas, build on the contributions of others and engage in meaningful discussions. From partner talk and group activities to class debates and collaborative learning, pupils have been encouraged to find their voices, value different perspectives and recognise that everyone has something important to contribute.

Oracy is about more than simply speaking; it is also about listening with purpose, asking thoughtful questions and responding to others with respect. By creating opportunities for purposeful talk every day, we are helping our children become confident communicators, thoughtful listeners and independent thinkers.

You can support oracy at home by chatting together about your child's day, asking open-ended questions such as "What made you think that?" or "Can you explain your idea?", and encouraging everyone to take turns speaking and listening.

We are proud to see our pupils growing in confidence and discovering the power of their words.

Collective Worship:

This week in our Collective Worship, our focus was Black History Month. The theme this year is around Honouring Communities. We discussed what everyday heroes mean to us and the people that help in our community. We then reflected on how we ourselves can become everyday heroes by showing courage and strength in order to help our school community.

B:M 2026
HONOURING our COMMUNITIES

Star of the week

Nursery - Alexandru
Reception - Desiree
Year 1 - Tony
Year 2 - Edgar
Year 3 - Michael
Year 4 - Finley
Year 5 - Sophia
Year 6 - Praisy

Top Attendance this week

1st - Nursery PM & Year 3 - 100%
2nd - Reception - 99.17%
3rd - Year - Nursery AM - 98.36%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Adventurers

This week, Adventurers class joined Discovery for an autumn scavenger hunt in our forest school activity. We had fun finding and ticking off the things on our list. We amazed our adults with our describing skills! "Orange leaf." "Brown seed." "Bare tree."



Reception

This week in Literacy, Reception enjoyed exploring the story A Superhero Like You. We talked about the different emergency services and the important jobs that real-life superheroes do to help and keep us safe. The children discussed the roles of firefighters, police officers and paramedics, sharing what they already knew and asking lots of thoughtful questions. We also explored what makes someone a superhero, recognising that people who are brave, caring, helpful and kind can all be superheroes in their own way!

The children enjoyed talking about their own experiences and developing their vocabulary as they learned about these important community helpers.







Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time learning how to make delicious dosa with the help of Nikhil and Jay from CBeebies! The children enjoyed discovering how this popular dish is made.

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Year 2

This week Year 2 have been doing call and response in their Music lesson, Muhammad "it was quite fun and easy". We've also been looking at how technology is used in supermarkets. We did some role-play, acting like shoppers, database operators and cashiers to help us understand even better.'







Year 3

We have enjoyed our oracy sessions this week especially during Maths. We thought about the importance of the number 10 and how it is used in our world. We discussed what would happen if number 10 did not exist! We came up with interesting ideas.

Year 4

Year 4 have been investigating the different types of teeth and their uses this week. They had a great time trying different foods and seeing which teeth helped them to eat them.







Year 5



In English, Year 5 have been studying the book Cosmic.

The main character, Liam, is travelling into space, however, cannot communicate to Earth after a glitch. They acted out the scene considering the storyline from the character's perspective and used their oracy skills to clearly convey each character within their speech. This is in preparation for writing a persuasive speech from a dilemma presented within the storyline.



Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard to complete their narrative stories this week and feel rightly proud of what they have achieved. They shared their stories with a peer who provided them with useful feedback. This term, Year 6 have enjoyed the dance lessons and have developed some great moves! Some have chosen to perform in front of a friendly audience.





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Starting Secondary School in Slough 2027/28

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

It is important that you take time to read this information which outlines the application process for a year 7 school place.

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, and you live in Slough, you can now apply online for a transfer from primary (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) for September 2027.

The Citizen Portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

You will also find the ***Starting secondary school booklet*** on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of Slough secondary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

CurrentYear 6pupils - children who will be transferring from primary (Year 6) school to secondary school (Year 7) in September 2027.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2026. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 31 October 2026.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You MUST submit an application with any required documents/ supplementary forms on time.
- Your child MUST meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- NO automatic transfer from a primary into a secondary school.
- NO automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions Closing date to apply 31 October 2026

Changing your preferences or changing the order after submitting an application

You canmakeany changes to yourapplicationbeforetheclosing date. However, if you wish to change your preferences after the closing date or you wish to change the preference order, all your preferences would be considered as late applications and considered after all on-time applications.

It is possible to change your preferences after your application has been downloaded by the Admissions Team but you will need to complete an amendment form which you will find on the council's website.



What happens if I miss the closing date?

Forthe avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (31 October 2026) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

Ifyou livein Slough you MUST apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applicationsmustbemade byaparent orcarer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

Ifyou would like more information aboutthe school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting secondary school' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: _admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:
Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)
Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

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COLNBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harvest Disco

BOOGIE INTO THE HARVEST SEASON!

NURSERY, YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 - 13/10/26

YR4,Y5 & Y6 - 14/10/26

3.15PM - 4PM

SCHOOL MAIN HALL

TICKETS:£2.50 PAY ON APP

SNACKS & DRINK PROVIDED

Colnbrook Primary PTA



IN OTHER NEWS



Donations Wanted for Our Breakfast Club!

We are looking for donations of board games, jigsaws, colouring books and other fun activities for our Breakfast Club.

If you have any good-quality items at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations!



As the weather gets colder and children begin wearing extra layers, please ensure that all items of your child/children's school uniform are clearly labelled with their name.

Labelling helps us return lost belongings and prevents items from being misplaced or mixed up.

Thank you.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 7
13 October - 3.15-4.00pm - Harvest Disco (Nursery-Year 3)
14 October - Year 4 Chertsey Museum trip
14 October - 3.15-4.00pm - Harvest Disco (Year 4-Year 6)
16 October - Year 6 Imperial War Museum

Week 8

22 October - Harvest Church Service

23 October - end of Autumn 1 - Half term begins



Please call
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