

NEWSLETTER

'Be strong and courageous'
Joshua 1:9

Colnbrook CofE Primary School |6th November 2026

A Message from this week's Editor: Mrs Muir

Welcome back, everyone! I hope all our children, families and staff had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some well-deserved rest and family time. Before half-term, our Jigsaw PSHE learning focused on 'Being Me in My World', where children explored belonging, rights and responsibilities, making positive choices and helping everyone feel safe, happy and included in our school community. This half-term, we begin our new Jigsaw puzzle, 'Celebrating Difference'. Children will explore what makes us all unique, recognise and appreciate similarities and differences, and learn the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. We will also discuss friendships, bullying and how we can help others feel valued and accepted. You can support this learning at home by talking to your child about what makes them special and how we can celebrate and respect the differences in others. Let's continue working together to make our school a place where everyone feels they belong and where our differences are celebrated!

SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

In this week's collective worship, we explored our school value of resilience through the story The Optimistic Seed. The children reflected on the importance of perseverance, optimism and never giving up, even when things feel challenging. Like a seed growing beneath the ground, we discussed how progress is often happening even when we can't immediately see it. A key message from our worship was: "I may not be there yet, but I am growing."



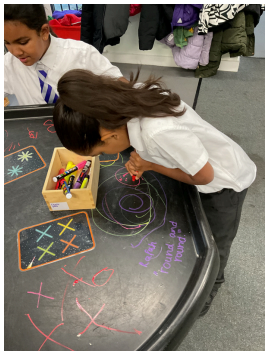
Star of the week

Nursery - Waryl
Reception - Amelia
Year 1 - Reggie
Year 2 - Macie-Grace
Year 3 - Hargun
Year 4 - Alice
Year 5 - Mohamed
Year 6 - Sehaj

Top Attendance this week

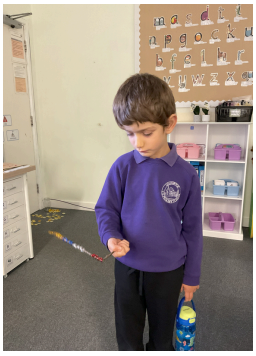
1st - Year 5 - 97.02%
2nd - Year 2 - 96.96%
3rd - Year 6 - 96.55%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Discovery Class

This week, Discovery Class have been exploring the exciting topic of fireworks! We have been learning about what fireworks look like, the different sounds they make and, most importantly, how to stay safe around them. We enjoyed creating our own firework drawings and using descriptive words to talk about them. We also got creative by making our own firework sticks and practising how to use them safely. We have had lots of fun learning, creating and exploring together!





Nursery

This week in Early Years, we have been exploring the wonderful story The Best Diwali Ever. The children have enjoyed learning about the Festival of Light, creating their own beautiful diva lamps and colourful rangoli patterns. We have also been investigating how shadows are made, discovering how light and darkness can create some magical effects!

Reception

In PSHE, we have started our new topic, Celebrating Difference. We have been exploring the different things we are good at and recognising that everyone has their own unique strengths and talents. Through discussions and activities, we have been learning that we are all different and that these differences make us special.

This week, we have also been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We explored how families celebrate Diwali, looking at different traditions such as lighting diyas, creating colourful rangoli patterns and spending time with loved ones. This has helped us to develop an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and celebrations.









Year 1

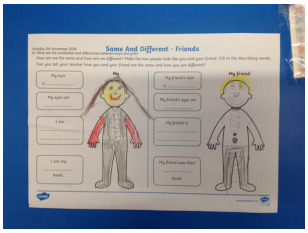
Year 1 have been learning all about the human body in Science this week! The children took it in turns to draw around each other's bodies and then carefully labelled different body parts, including their heads, arms and legs. They really enjoyed this hands-on activity and developing their understanding of the human body!

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

Year 2

This week in PSHE, Year 2 explored how we are all both the same and different. Through discussions and fun guessing games, they identified similarities and differences in our appearances, interests and talents. The children had the opportunity to share what makes them unique, while recognising and appreciating the things they have in common with others. We focused on celebrating individuality, valuing one another and understanding that our differences make us special!







Year 3

This week in PSHE Year 3 discussed their families and enjoyed their conversations about 'Celebrating Differences'. We were also able to link it to previous work in French where we were learning to greet each other in a different language.



Year 4



In our topic Celebrating Differences, Year 4 discussed how a person's looks and behaviour can shape our opinions and choices. We talked about celebrities we admire and how they influence us by their actions.





Year 5

This week in PSHE, Year 5 focused on understanding how people from different communities may have experiences that differ from our own, and how misunderstanding or stereotypes can sometimes lead to prejudice or racism. We tried to understand how being different could affect someone's life and considered our own attitudes towards people who are different to ourselves.



Year 6

Year 6 considered 'what is normal?' in PSHE this week. We discussed how are differences make us who we are. Ollie said, 'Everyone is normal but we all have differences.' We also discussed discrimination. As a class we defined and decided that 'discimination is when you treat someone differently or have a prejudice against them because of the way they are.'







IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2

10-11 November Y4 Parent's Evening
10-12 November - Book Fair
11 November - Remembrance - 1 Minute Silence
11-12 November - Parent's Evening - all other Year groups
13 November - Children in Need

Week 3

Anti-Bullying Week
16 November - Class Photos
16-19 November - Bikeability Levels 1 & 2
20 November - Year 5 Class Assembly

Week 4

Wellbeing Week
25 November - EYFS-Year 2 - The Hare & The Tortoise Performance in school; Y3-Y6 Pantomime - Windsor Theatre
27 November - PTA Tombola

Week 5

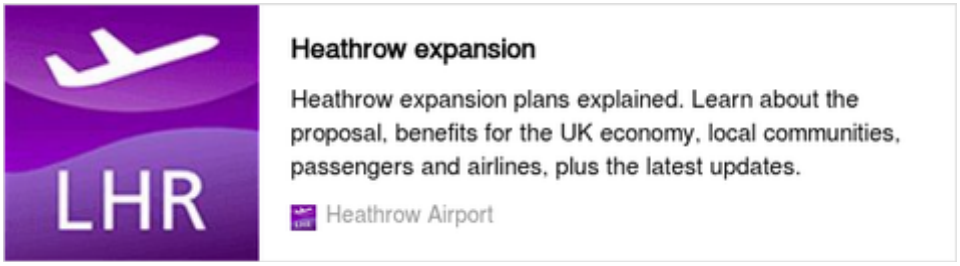
30 November from 2.00pm - Santa's Grotto - Nursery & Reception
1 December from 2.00 pm - Santa's Grotto Years 1-3
2 December 2.00 pm - Santa's Grotto Years 4-6
4 December - Christmas Stories at Breakfast



IN OTHER NEWS

Heathrow Expansion

The public consulation is now open and will run until Tuesday 22nd December 2026. Please find below a link for the Heathrow expansion website:





We are delighted to be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** once again from **Wednesday 11th November to Monday 16th November.** You are welcome to visit the fair with your child after school on these days **until 4.00pm**, or during the **Parents' Evenings 11-12 November only**. There will be a range of books available to purchase.

Please note that all payments must be made online using the QR code provided.

By purchasing books through the Book Fair, you will be helping to support literacy in our school, as Scholastic provides free books for schools based on sales made at the fair.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Biddle or the office.

Thank you for your support.

PARENTS EVENING

Y4 - 10th/11th November

All other year groups - 11th/12th November

Thank you to those parents who have booked an appointment, and if you have not booked yet the deadline is 9th November for Year 4 and 10th November for the rest of our Years.





BBC Children in Need

To help raise money pupils will be able wear either brightly coloured or spotty clothes on Friday 13th November for a donation of £1.00.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Monday 16th November - please ensure your child is in correct and full school uniform





Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence - 16th to 20th November 2026

Our school will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the important theme "Break the Silence."

Throughout the week, pupils will participate in a variety of activities and discussions to help them understand what bullying is, how it affects people, and the importance of speaking up when something doesn't feel right.

The message of "Break the Silence" encourages children to:

- Speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or someone else.
- Report bullying rather than keeping concerns to themselves.
- Support friends who may be struggling.
- Show kindness, empathy and respect to everyone.
- Understand that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness.

By working together, we can continue to create a community where every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.

Let's work together to Break the Silence and make sure every child has a voice. 💙


THE OSTRICH INN
COLNBROOK
Christmas FAYRE
CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA!
HOT FOOD & MULLED WINE
RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:
A HAMPER FROM ORCHARD CATERING
A CUT & STYLE FROM HEADMASTERS READING
A TOUR FOR 4 AROUND WINDSOR & ETON BREWERY
A MEAL & HOTEL STAY VOUCHER FOR OSTRICH INN
GIFT VOUCHER FOR THE GEORGE PUB COLNBROOK
LIVE MUSIC FROM
Kuran
Come along and get into the festive spirit!
NOVEMBER
21ST
FROM 2PM TO 5.30PM
The Ostrich Inn, Colnbrook High Street


CHRISTMAS FAYRE
RAFFLE PRIZES
Prizes drawn at the Christmas Fayre – 21st November
Tractor ride
Colin Rayner
Box of chocolates
from Iver Bowls
Meal voucher
The Ostrich Inn
Hotel stay voucher
The Ostrich Inn
£20 food voucher for The George
Colnbrook
Cut & style
Headmasters Reading
Tour for 4 at Windsor & Eton Brewery
W&E
Hamper
Orchard Catering
Game of golf for 4
Thorney Golf
Amazon voucher
McGee
Sunday roast for 2 & bottle of wine
at The Anchor Stanwell
Daewoo 3.5 litre stand mixer
Bonus Prize –
being drawn for those who buy tickets early on
14th November
Windsor Theatre Tickets
your choice of date
for 20th November – 1.30pm,
22nd November – 4.30pm or 24th November – 7.00pm
Funds raised going to Barnardo's & Cowshed Berkshire children's Christmas appeals


COLNBROOK'S
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
Saturday 12th December
9.30am – 12.00pm
Colnbrook Village Hall
Vicarage Way, Colnbrook
Join us for a festive morning of:
Delicious food and refreshments
Christmas music
Father Christmas with presents for the children
and a raffle so please bring some cash!
Adults
£14
Children
under 12 years old
£7
Book early places limited!
To book your tickets phone
07979 366 092
Then pay by bank transfer to
Colnbrook Residents Association
Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: 30-97-73
Account No: 07630496
We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

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Slough Borough Council

Starting infant, junior & primary 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 reception school place

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a reception school place in an infant or primary school 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.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the ***Starting infant, junior and primary 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 primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

Ifyou have achild whowas born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a school place for 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 15 January 2027.**

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

- YouMUSTsubmitanapplication with anyrequired 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 nursery to into a 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 15 January 2027

What happens if I miss the closing date?

Forthe avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January 2027) 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 about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting infant, junior or primary 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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