

NEWSLETTER

'Be strong and courageous'
Joshua 1:9

Colnbrook CofE Primary School |13th November 2026

A Message from this week's Editor: Mrs Horan

Hello everyone!
Before half-term, I had the pleasure of walking around the school and talking to the children about their History and Geography lessons. It was wonderful to hear them speak so enthusiastically about their learning and share their knowledge with such confidence.
Across the school, pupils have explored significant people, events and civilisations through their History lessons, developing their understanding of how the past has shaped the world we live in today. In Geography, children have investigated different places and environments, strengthened their map-reading skills and considered how people and places are connected across the globe.
It has been fantastic to see children demonstrating curiosity, critical thinking and a genuine enthusiasm for discovering more about the past and the world around them. Through both subjects, pupils are developing valuable skills as historians and geographers, helping them to better understand their place in an ever-changing world.
We are incredibly proud of their engagement, knowledge and passion shown by our children and look forward to seeing their learning continue to flourish throughout the year.

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Collective Worship

During collective worship this week, we came together to mark Remembrance Day on 11th November. We took time to pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed their lives in conflicts past and present. The children learnt about the significance of the poppy and why it is worn as a symbol of remembrance. We also shared a moment of reflection, thinking about the importance of peace, courage and remembering others.



Star of the week

Nursery - Callie
Reception - Kaisser
Year 1 - Sahib
Year 2 - Asees
Year 3 - Duaa
Year 4 - Israel
Year 5 - Harvey
Year 6 - Chisara

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 5 - 96.96%
2nd - Year 2 - 96.75%
3rd - Year 6 - 96.44%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

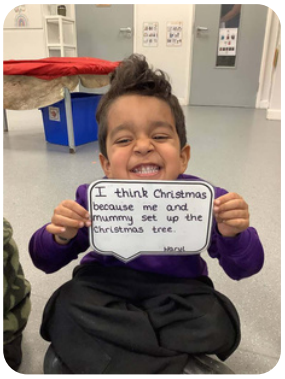
Explorers

This term we have started reading "Wild" by Emily Hughes. The children have enjoyed creating their own illustrations inspired by the story and are looking forward to discovering more about the characters and their journey.



Nursery

We have been enjoying our new story Little Glow, exploring light and the different celebrations people enjoy around the world. We shared our own family celebrations and talked about the excitement of the upcoming Christmas festivities. Through our discussions, the children are developing their understanding of different cultures, traditions and beliefs, as they learn to appreciate similarities and differences between families and communities.







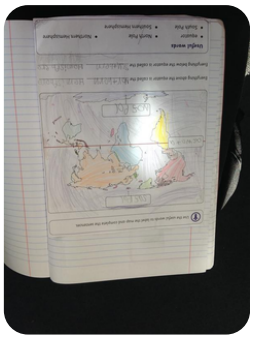
Reception

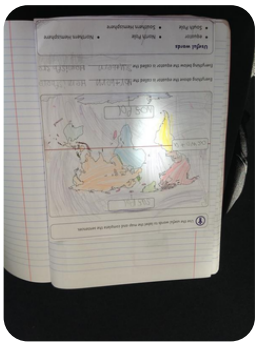
This week, Reception have been exploring the theme of light and celebrations around the world, inspired by the story Little Glow. We have been learning about how different cultures and communities use light to celebrate special occasions and bring people together. Through stories and discussions, the children have explored the importance of light and how it can symbolise hope, happiness and togetherness. We have enjoyed sharing our ideas and discovering the similarities and differences between celebrations around the world.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

Year 2

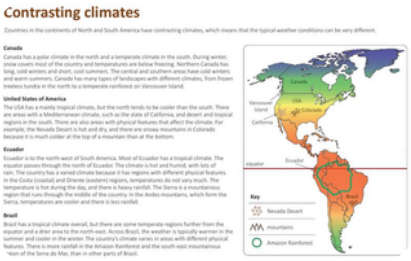
This week in Geography, the children have been developing their map skills. On Monday, we explored map keys and how "they tell us what the symbols mean" (Anastasia). We then moved on to learning about the Equator and how it divides the Earth into two halves: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere. The children explored where the Equator is located on a world map, discovered interesting facts about countries around it and learned about the climates found in these regions. They put their geographical skills to the test by labelling maps and sorting countries into those above, on and below the Equator.





Year 4

This week in we were comparing North and South America and looking at climate zones. We could see clearly countries further from the equator have colder climates.
Didi "We learnt that America has four different climate zones."
Harris "Countries near the equator are the hottest."


Contrasting climates

Countries in the continents of North and South America have contrasting climates, which means that the typical weather conditions can be very different.

Canada

Canada has a polar climate in the north and a temperate climate in the south. During winter, snow covers most of the country and temperatures are below freezing. Northern Canada has long, cold winters and short, cool summers. The central and southern areas have cold winters and warm summers. Canada has many types of landscapes with different climates, from frozen treeless tundra in the north to a temperate rainforest on Vancouver Island.

United States of America

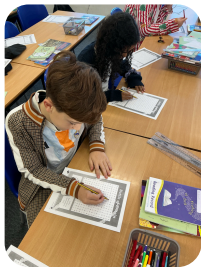
The USA has a mainly tropical climate, but the north tends to be cooler than the south. There are areas with a Mediterranean climate, such as the state of California, and desert and tropical regions in the south. There are also areas with physical features that affect the climate. For example, the Nevada Desert is hot and dry, and there are snowy mountains in Colorado because it is much colder at the top of a mountain than at the bottom.

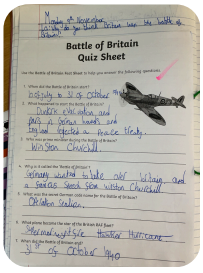
Ecuador

Ecuador is to the north-west of South America. Most of Ecuador has a tropical climate. The equator passes through the north of Ecuador. The climate is hot and humid, with lots of rain. The country has a varied climate because it has regions with different physical features. In the Costa (coastal) and Oriente (eastern) regions, temperatures do not vary much. The temperature is hot during the day, and there is heavy rainfall. The Sierra is a mountainous region that runs through the middle of the country. In the Andes mountains, which form the Sierra, temperatures are cooler and there is less rainfall.

Brazil

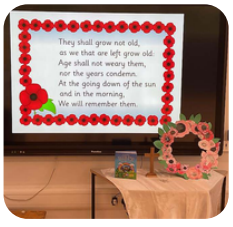
Brazil has a tropical climate overall, but there are some temperate regions further from the equator and a drier area to the north-east. Across Brazil, the weather is typically warmer in the summer and cooler in the winter. The country's climate varies in areas with different physical features. There is more rainfall in the Amazon Rainforest and the south-east mountainous region of the Serra do Mar, than in other parts of Brazil.




Battle of Britain
Quiz Sheet

Year 6

Year 6 are really enjoying learning about World War 2. Recently, they have studied the Battle of Britain and they discussed why Britain won and why this was a turning point in the war. They discovered the Spitfire plane was Britain's secret weapon because it was agile and nippy



Remembrance Service

On Wednesday, our school community came together for a special Remembrance Service to honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served in the Armed Forces and those who continue to serve today. Pupils showed great respect as we observed a two-minute silence and reflected on the importance of remembrance, peace and gratitude.. We were extremely proud of the thoughtful and respectful way our pupils participated. They demonstrated our school values and reminded us of the importance of remembering the past while working towards a peaceful future. Lest we forget. 🌺



Children in Need - Thank You for Your Support!
we raised: £156.50

We had a fantastic time supporting BBC Children in Need! Our children came to school wearing their own clothes and kindly donated £1 to help support this wonderful charity. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and showing their support. The children looked fantastic in their brightly coloured or spotty clothes, and we are so proud of their generosity and enthusiasm.

The money raised will help BBC Children in Need support children and young people across the UK who may be facing difficult circumstances, helping to make a positive difference to their lives.

A huge thank you to all our families for their kind donations and continued support. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and remind our children how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference!

Well done, everyone, and thank you for helping us make a difference! 💛

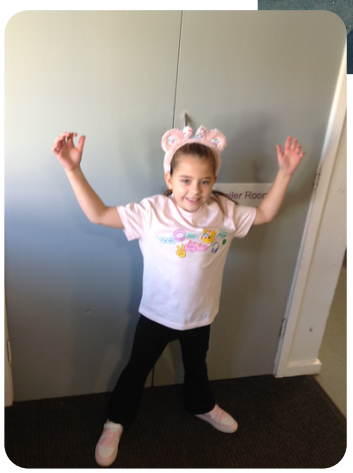














IMPORTANT DATES

Week 3

Anti-Bullying Week
16 November - Class Photos
16-18 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

Week 6

8th December 9.15-10.25 - Nativity for Nursery & Reception Parents
9th December 2.30-3.30pm - Christmas Fair
10th December 9.00am - Flu vaccination catch-up



IN OTHER NEWS

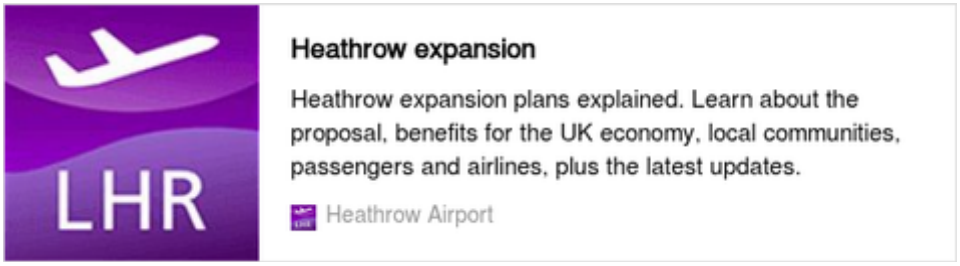
Class Photos

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



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:



Oracy Champions

These children have been chosen by their class tecaher to help promote and demostrate great oracy skills across the school.

Year 1 -Norah & Nicholas
Year 2 -Hayley & Ezra
Year 3 -Abigail & Noah
Year 4 -Kyler & Isabel-Rose
Year 5 -Kiki & Mikolaj
Year 6 -Tyler & Sakina





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. 💙

Flu Vaccination catch up

All parents/carers will have received an email confirm that the Berkshire Immunisation Team will be returning to school chool on 9th December 2026 from 9.00 am to offer any outstanding flu vaccinations.

If your child was vaccinated during the last visit no further action is needed.

If you have already submitted a consent form, but your child was not vaccinated due to absence or illness, you do not need to complete another form. Your child will be vaccinated during this visit.

If you have not yet completed a yes or no consent form please click on the appropriate link below. Please note vaccinations will only given to children who have a consent form.

Also a kind reminder that the consent form system will close on 8th December 2026 at 9am.

AUDITIONS

The National Children's Choir of Great Britain is delighted to be working in partnership with Slough Music Service.

We will be holding an audition day at **Chalvey Community Hub, Ladbrooke Road, Slough SL1 2SR**, on **Saturday 28th November 2026**.

Auditions are open to any child or young person aged 9 – 19 who loves to sing.

Successful candidates take part in two choral courses per year, spending a week in the idyllic setting of Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire.

At NCCGB, they will form lasting friendships, whilst developing their musicality in an extremely happy and nurturing environment. NCCGB members speak fondly about the freedom they feel to truly be themselves, and to share their love of singing with like-minded individuals.

There is no fee to audition, no joining fee, and we have bursaries available to cover course fees.

It is only possible to audition if you have booked a slot. To book an audition please email Nicole on **info@nccgb.com**

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CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA!
HOT FOOD & MULLED WINE
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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
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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
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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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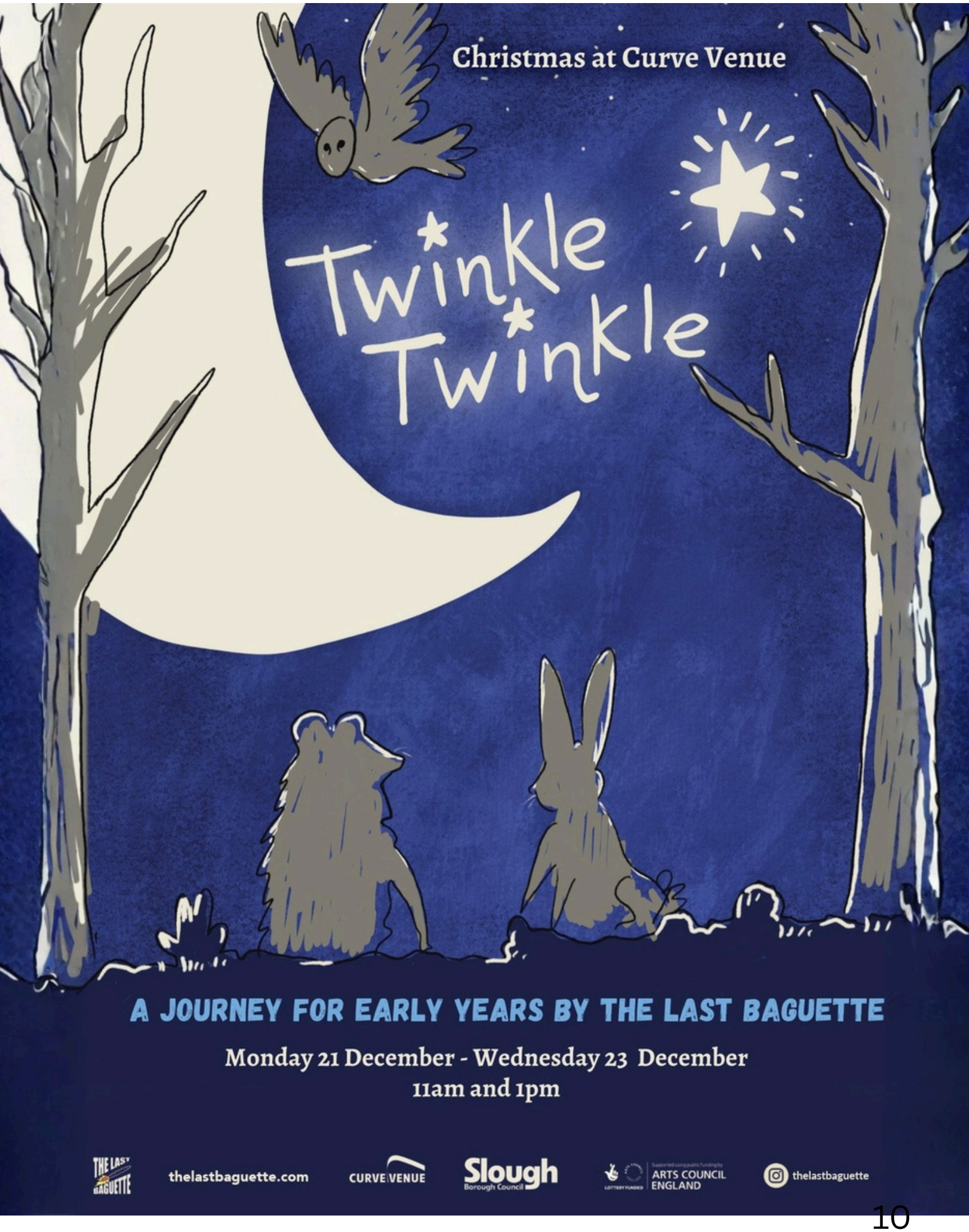
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!
Have a jolly holly breakfast and meet Santa in his grotto!
5TH, 12TH & 19TH DECEMBER
9.30AM-11.30AM
KIDS £11 EACH
SIBLINGS JUST £9 EACH
Adults breakfasts & hot drinks available à la carte


Christmas at Curve Venue
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A JOURNEY FOR EARLY YEARS BY THE LAST BAGUETTE
Monday 21 December - Wednesday 23 December
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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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