

NEWSLETTER

'Be strong and courageous'
Joshua 1:9

Colnbrook CofE Primary School |20th November 2026

A Message from this week's Editor: Mrs Uppal

This week our school has been buzzing with important conversations as we marked Anti-Bullying week and explored this year's theme, 'Break the Silence'. Through worship, class discussions and PSHE lesson activities, children have been thinking about the difference they can make through their words and actions. One of the most powerful messages our pupils took away is that breaking the silence doesn't mean saying something big. It can be as simple as checking in on a friend, inviting someone to join in a game or talking to a trusted adult when something doesn't feel right. I've been incredibly proud of the emptahy, maturity and compassion shown by our children throughout this week. Together we are building a community where kindness is celebrated, differences are respected and every child know that their voice matters.

SEBMAT
Slough and East Berkshire C of E Multi Academy Trust

Collective Worship

This week, our collective worship focused on Anti-Bullying Week and this year's theme, "Break the Silence." We explored what bullying is and discussed why people sometimes stay silent when they see unkind behaviour.
Children reflected on how we can break the silence by speaking up, asking for help, listening to others and offering support. We linked this to the Bible teaching: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31), reminding us that kindness, respect and courage help everyone feel safe, valued and heard.



Star of the week

Nursery - Hansel
Reception - Nina
Year 1 - Manushi
Year 2 - Ezra
Year 3 - Tamara
Year 4 - Didi
Year 5 - Nicole
Year 6 - Iustin

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 3 - 99.11%
2nd - Year 5 - 98.21%
3rd - Year 2 - 98.11%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

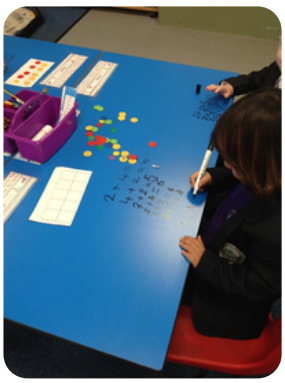
Adventurers



In Adventurer's class, for maths, we are looking at addition. Using large numicon the children made up number sentences with addition and equal signs. We also made rangolis using a variety of shapes the children were able to name and match into colourful patterns for Diwali, to match our English story 'The Best Diwali Ever!'





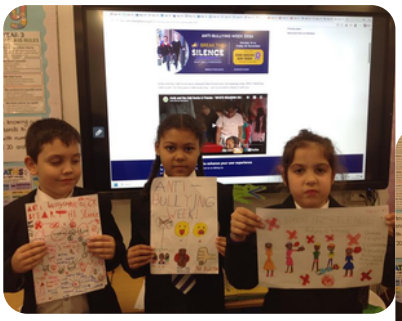


Year 1

This week in Maths, Year 1 explored how ten frames can help us solve addition sums. The children used their previous knowledge of fact families to recognise different number combinations and build on what they already know about adding numbers together. Using counters and ten frames, they represented numbers, explored different ways to make a total and practised solving addition calculations. We focused on explaining our mathematical thinking and using visual resources to support our learning!

Year 3

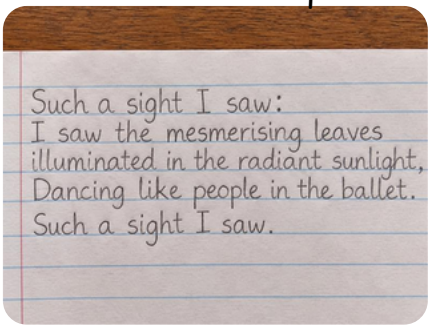
Year 3 have been discussing how to be kind and how to show respect for others. We made posters for Antibullying Week on the Theme of 'Break The Silence'.





Year 5

Year 5 have been writing their own poetry based on the senses. They have enjoyed exploring ambitious vocabulary and poetic language. We created beautiful verses based on the poem 'The magic of the Brain' by Jenny Joseph. They've written some beautiful similes and metaphors.



Such a sight I saw:
I saw the mesmerising leaves
illuminated in the radiant sunlight,
Dancing like people in the ballet.
Such a sight I saw.

This months Spirituality focus is around Anti-Bullying week. Please take time to consider the questions in each section with your children.

Anti-bullying Week



"Notice the world"

Take time to stop and look

Windows allows us to look out and see beyond our immediate surroundings. They offer us a glimpse into other worlds, other lives, and other perspectives. By looking through windows, we expand our understanding and empathy.

Noticing bullying or when things are not right:

What would that look like?
How would the victim feel?



"Thinking about ourselves "

Take time to relflect

Mirrors, on the other hand, reflect what is within us. They encourage self-awareness. When we look into a mirror, we see ourselves –our strengths, our weaknesses, and everything in between. This reflection helps us grow and improve.

How does it make us feel when we notice bullying?

What is my view on this?
How does this expereince make you feel?



"Making choices"

Take action

Doors represent opportunities and choices. They can lead us into new experiences and challenges. Doors invite us to step into the unknown and embrace change.

What can we do when we witness bullying?

What can you do about this?
How can you help /serve others?



Year 5 Assembly

This Friday Year 5 delighted parents and staff with their assembly based on Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Through confident performances and narration, the children shared the story's themes of friendship, courage and self-belief. Well done to all the pupils for a fantastic presentation and for showcasing their learning so enthusiastically.









IMPORTANT DATES

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

Week 7

16th December - Christmas Jumpers, Class Parties & Christmas lunch
17th December - 2.00pm - Christmas Service, St Thomas Church
18th December - 1.15 pm early pick up

END OF TERM



Heathrow Expansion

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



Christmas related events in school:





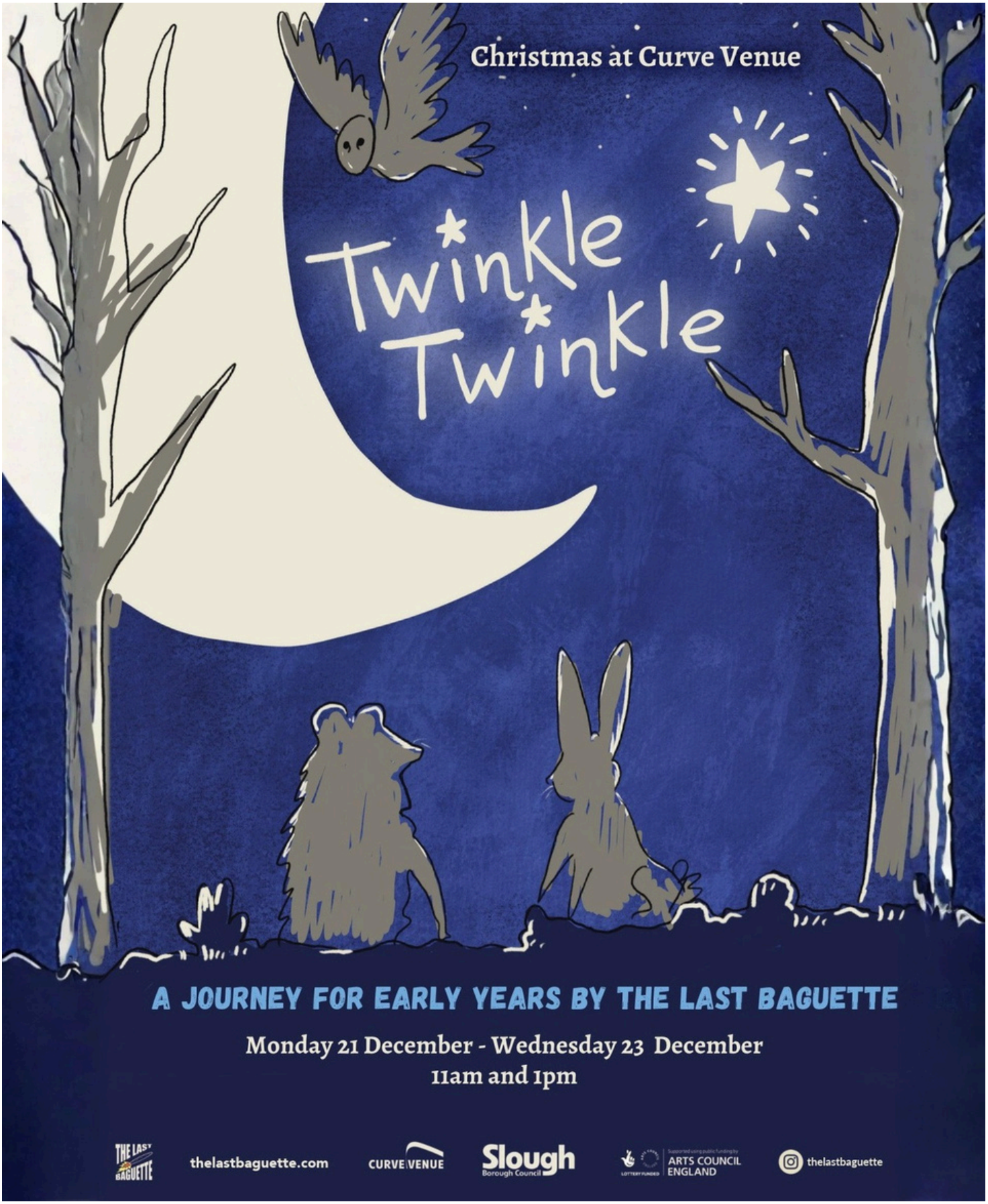
Christmas related events in Colnbrook:










Christmas at Curve Venue
Twinkle Twinkle
A JOURNEY FOR EARLY YEARS BY THE LAST BAGUETTE
Monday 21 December - Wednesday 23 December
11am and 1pm
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CURVE VENUE
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Borough Council
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Slough's BestStart Family Hubs

Parentandcarer feedbackneeded!



Are you a parent or carer with children living in Slough?

We want to hearfrom all parents and carers, whether you have accessed our services before, are currently using them, or are yet to discover what we offer. Perhaps you already know where we are, would like to find out more, or are interested in accessing support in the future.

Your views matter, and we would love to hear from you!

- £20 incentive voucher for your input
- Flexible options to give feedback
- Find out more about the Family Hubs and Early Years
- Meet and connect with other parents.



If you're passionate about supporting families and improving local services, get involved. Please email: family.hubs@slough.gov.uk to book a place on the next meeting.

Your next parent forum meeting:

Romsey Close Family Hub : SL3 8PE
Wednesday 2nd December 2026 - 9.30 - 10.30

BEST START IN LIFE

Best Start Family Hubs Slough

www.slough.gov.uk
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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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