

NEWSLETTER

'Be strong and courageous'
Joshua 1:9

Colnbrook CofE Primary School | 27th November 2026

A Message from this week's Editor: Ms Broderick

As part of our Wellbeing Week, the children have been exploring the theme Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. Our KS2 children enjoyed making their own fresh fruit salads, creating a delicious and healthy afternoon snack while developing valuable life skills along the way. Meanwhile, our KS1 and EYFS children took time to slow down, relax and recharge through some calming stillness activities and whole-body yoga. It has been wonderful to see everyone embracing the importance of looking after both our physical and mental wellbeing!

Collective Worship

This week, we explored the inspiring stories of Joseph and David. Through Joseph's journey, children reflected on resilience, forgiveness and trusting God during difficult times. We also learned about David and the qualities that made him memorable, including courage, kindness, creativity and leadership. Together, these stories encouraged us to think about how we can use our gifts, show strength in challenging situations and make a positive difference to others.

Both worships linked closely to our school vision of"Be Strong and Courageous", reminding us that God is with us through every challenge and opportunity.



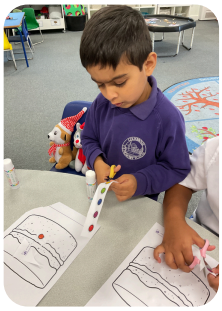
Star of the week

Nursery - Alexandru
Reception - Amelia
Year 1 - Cody
Year 2 - Nadia
Year 3 - Mariah
Year 4 - Dovey-Anne
Year 5 - Juwareya
Year 6 - Zain

Top Attendance this week

1st - Year 5 - 97.00%
2nd - Year 2 - 96.89%
3rd - Year 3 - 96.39%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?



Discovery

This week, Discovery Class have been exploring the theme of celebrations and festivals, inspired by our focus book, Little Glow. We have enjoyed using a range of fun and engaging resources linked to this topic to develop our counting and number ordering skills in Maths. In English, we got creative and had lots of fun decorating our very own birthday cakes!









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Nursery and Reception have had a wonderful time exploring the story There's No Dragon in This Story. Inspired by the book, we have worked collaboratively to create our very own story featuring a dragon, using our imaginations and sharing lots of creative ideas. We have also been busy problem-solving and exploring different materials to design and build a strong, stable bridge for the Three Billy Goats Gruff to cross. Our learning has continued through imaginative role-play in our very own castle, where we have created props to bring our stories and characters to life.

To kick-start our Wellbeing Week, we came together to enjoy a team yoga session, learning how to balance, relax and find ways to calm our bodies and minds.

We also had a fantastic time watching the pantomime company visit our school and perform The Hare and the Tortoise. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, joining in with the fun, laughter and excitement!

It has been a fantastic time filled with creativity, teamwork, imagination and memorable experiences.

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed a lovely yoga session with their friends and Mrs Kaur as part of Wellbeing Week. The children explored different poses, practised stretching and enjoyed moving their bodies together. It was a wonderful opportunity to relax, have fun and discover how keeping our bodies active can help us to feel happy, calm and healthy!









Year 2

This week, Year 2's wellbeing learning linked with RE as we explored themes of peace, kindness and forgiveness. The children created beautiful doves decorated with positive words such as love, joy, peace and self-control, reflecting on how these values connect to Christian teachings and how we can put them into practice in our everyday lives. We also thought about the importance of saying sorry, forgiving others and showing kindness, helping us to build a caring and respectful school community.

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Year 3

This week Year 3 have participated in Wellbeing Week where they had the opportunity to do a fruit tasting session. They enjoyed preparing and eating fruit.











Year 4

This week, we learned about Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of a small amount of oil that lasted for eight days in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. Families celebrate by lighting a menorah, playing traditional games, sharing special foods, and spending time together. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about different cultures and traditions, helping to promote understanding, respect, and inclusion within our school community. Pupils enjoyed making their own lanterns, showing creativity while reflecting on the theme of light.

Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed Wellbeing Week, with lots of exciting activities, such as watching the panto and making their own Jewish inspired-games. The children have also been thoroughly enjoying exploring poetry during our English lessons, developing their oracy skills as they confidently recite beautiful, sensory poems. It has been wonderful to see them embrace each learning opportunity.



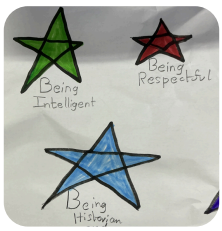




Year 6

As part of wellbeing week, Year 6 focused on what is a healthy lifestyle and the importance of being resilient when things do not go to plan. They also thought about the importance of focusing on positives and not dwelling on negatives and they self-reflected on what they are good at. The child were very good at telling each other what their strengths are and we all agreed we should make time to do this more often!









IN OTHER NEWS

KS1 The Hare & The Tortoise - Aesop Theatre

Our KS1 children enjoyed a lively performance of Aesop Theatre's The Hare and the Tortoise.

Bringing one of Aesop's best-loved fables to life, the performance captivated the children with its engaging storytelling and humour The children followed the journey of the speedy and rather overconfident Hare as he challenged the steady and determined Tortoise to a race.

Through this tale, the children were reminded of the importance of perseverance, determination and believing in yourself. They discovered that being the fastest isn't always what matters most and that, sometimes, slow and steady really does win the race!

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience live theatre in school and see a familiar story brought to life.

A huge thank you to Aesop Theatre for providing such an enjoyable and memorable experience for our KS1 pupils.









KS2 Panto Visit - Jack and The Beanstalk

Our children enjoyed a truly magical theatrical adventure with a visit to Theatre Royal Windsor to see the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk!

The children followed Jack on his exciting journey up the enormous beanstalk, meeting unforgettable characters along the way and discovering that there was much more than a giant waiting at the top!

The performance was packed with comedy, colourful costumes, catchy songs and plenty of audience participation. The children loved joining in with the traditional pantomime fun, cheering, booing and laughing along with the action.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience the excitement of live theatre, appreciate the talents of the performers and enjoy a much-loved traditional pantomime.

A fantastic time was had by all, and we returned to school with lots of smiles and wonderful memories. Ruby - "It was 5-stars!"

A huge thank you to Theatre Royal Windsor for such a memorable experience.







IN OTHER NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Scholastic Book Fair. Together we have raised **£315.44** for our school to spend on books!







A Festive Thank You to Heathrow Rangers!

A huge thank you to Heathrow Rangers for their very kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree to our Reception area.

The tree has brought a wonderful festive feel, helping to create a warm, welcoming and Christmassy atmosphere for everyone who visits us.

We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness in helping us spread a little Christmas magic.

Employment Opportunity

The Ostrich Inn is currently looking to recruit a Housekeeper to work school-friendly hours from 9:00am to 2:00pm. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact The Ostrich Inn directly for more information and application details. We wish all prospective applicants the very best of luck.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5

30th November from 2.00pm - Santa's Grotto - Nursery, Reception & Year 1
1st December - 2.45-3.00pm - Harbour Express Event
1st December from 2.00pm - Santa's Grotto Years 2-3
2nd December - 2.45-3.00pm - Reception Express Event
2nd December from 2.00pm - Santa's Grotto Years 4-6
4th December - 8.00-8.30am Christmas Stories at Breakfast
4th December - 2.30-3.00pm - Year 3 Express Event

Week 6

7th December - 2.30-3.00pm - Year 5 Express Event
8th December - 9.15-10.25 - Nativity for Nursery & Reception Parents
9th December 2.30-4.00pm - Christmas Fair
10th December 9.00am - Flu vaccination catch-up
11th December - 2.30-3.00 pm - Year 6 Express Event

Week 7

14th December - 2.30-3.00pm - Year 4 Express Event
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

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IN OTHER NEWS

Christmas related events in school:





Heathrow expansion | Heathrow

Christmas related events in Colnbrook:









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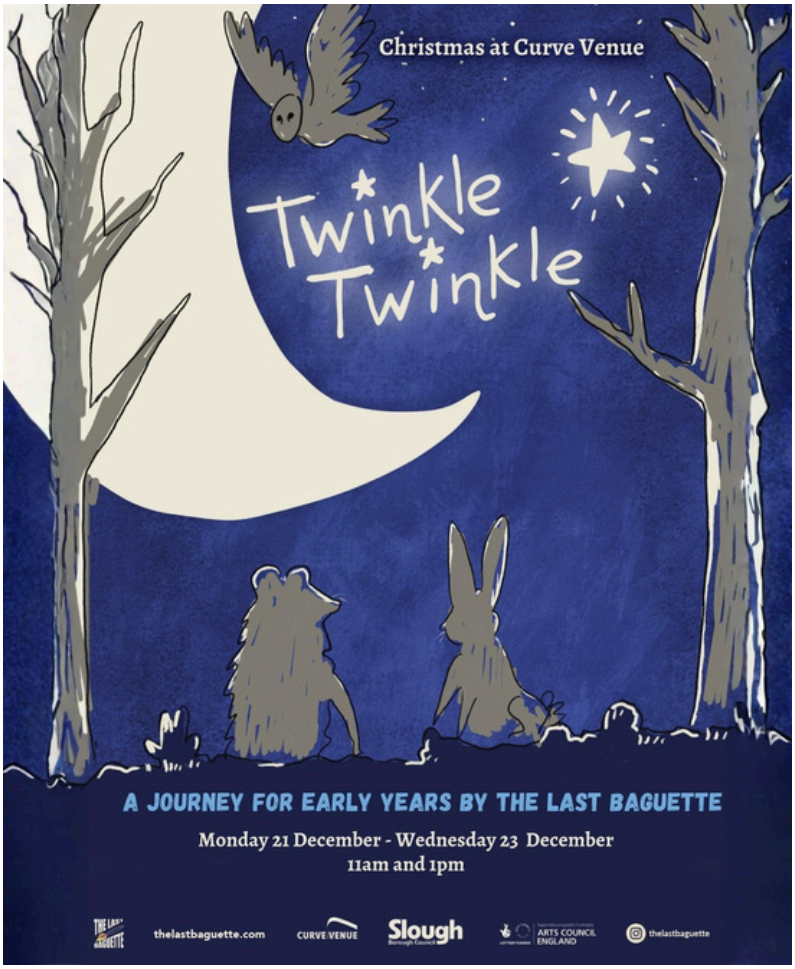




ZONES OF REGULATION

PARENT WORKSHOP

MONDAY 18TH JAN

3.20PM

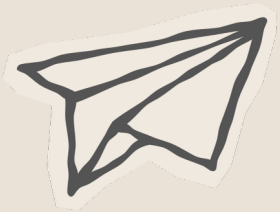
In the Harbour





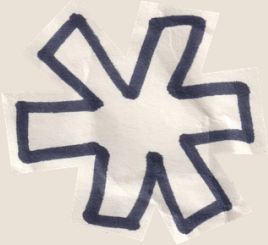






HELPING CHILDREN RECOGNISE AND MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS AND ENERGY LEVELS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL



WE WILL BE DISCUSSING TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR SUPPORTING EMOTIONAL REGULATION AND TIPS YOU COULD TRY AT HOME.

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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