

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 30 – MAY 2025

Attendance Champions Week 30

- 1st Place – Year 4: 99.07%
- 2nd Place – Year 6: 98.61%
- 3rd Place – Year R: 97.08%
- 4th Place – Year 2: 95.83%
- 5th Place – Year 1: 94.91%
- 6th Place – Year 3: 94.50%
- 7th Place – Year 5: 89.81%

A Published Poet

We are very proud of Rosa in Year 6 who has now received the book in which her wonderful poem has been published. Rosa has kindly donated a book to the school which she will hand over in Collective Worship next week. The book is called Lest We Forget - A Moment of Silence. Rosa has kindly allowed me to share her poem with you in this Chronicle. Huge congratulations to her for such an amazing achievement.

Thank you and Good Luck

I must show my appreciation to Mr Khosho who has been an amazing teacher in Year 2 over the past few weeks and whose last day will be on Monday next week. His kind, caring, and nurturing nature has ensured the children have continued to flourish in Year 2. We are grateful for his commitment to the school and we wish him the very best of luck in the future. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Bonnick back full time. I know she has been missed and is looking forward to returning next week.

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful this week to see all the amazing opportunities our children receive.

Year 2 and 3 continue with their street dancing lessons which are kindly delivered by Mrs Bennett. The children really enjoy these sessions and we are lucky to have such a talented and qualified parent volunteering her time.

Year 3 are also busy learning recorders on Wednesday afternoons with Year 4 continuing their guitar lessons.

There has also been some amazing artwork created - some to mark VE day (please see pictures attached).

It is wonderful that the children at Coulsdon continue to receive a wide curriculum and have the opportunity to grow creatively, spiritually and academically.

VE Day

Years 5 and 6 visited the VE Day exhibition at St John's church. They found it very informative and moving and we are grateful for the opportunity to attend this and to the volunteers who were so knowledgeable.

The children throughout the school marked this historic day with a range of activities including a special collective worship. The whole school community gathered at 12.00 to observe a two minute silence. During the two minutes we reflected on how grateful we are for our freedoms; gave thanks to those who made peace possible; and wished for peace around the world.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

VE Day 2025 Coulston C of E Primary

Peace Is Not A Simple Friend

Peace is not a simple friend,
She flickers like a candle-end.
A fragile hope of golden light,
A distant star in dead of night.
Amidst the Great War battlefields,
Peace was there, she would not yield.
She softly crept through barbed wire
fences,
Swept through mud and deathly trenches.
Walked through rain of fire in Flanders,
Unknown to soldiers and their
commanders.
She stood her ground through wild
disorder,
No-man's-land was not her border.
Sadly watching wave on wave,
So many lives she could not save.
'Till nought was left but brave, limp bodies,
And in their place grew blood-red poppies.
But was it victory or defeat?
Too many families incomplete.
Too many minds and bodies lost,
The price to pay a dire cost.
Friends and foe in death are equal,
The living fear a fated sequel.
They lay a wreath and bow their heads,
Memorials for all the dead.
But peace can't linger, cannot stay,
Men live to fight another day.
'Cause war is not a thing to mend,
Peace is not a simple friend.

By Rosa (Year 6)

