

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 15 – DECEMBER 2025

Notes from the Head Teacher

Another year has flown past, and we have once again had the pleasure of coming together at St John's to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus through joyful songs and readings led by our wonderful children. The church service was truly lovely, and I would like to thank all the families for sharing this special occasion with us. A particular thank you must go to Ms Bennett and Mrs Jackson for all their hard work in bringing it together.

It has been a wonderful year filled with events, achievements, and many successes. For this, I am incredibly grateful to our supportive community, who work tirelessly to support the school. I would especially like to thank the members of the Friends Committee, who so generously give their time and energy to organise events which not only raise much-needed funds, but also bring families together and create lasting memories for our children.

I feel truly blessed to work in a school that feels like a family. I often say that we are a small school with a big heart, and we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of adults who consistently go above and beyond for our children every day. This was wonderfully demonstrated with Coulsdon's first ever staff panto, Snow White, which provided a fantastic surprise for the children yesterday morning. The smiles on their faces were priceless, and the team spirit among the staff was truly heart-warming. Thank you to Mrs Patel for putting it all together!

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Coulsdon for being so amazing and for making our school such a special place. Thank you to all the children for being wonderful, and to our families for their continued support. I wish every family a restful, joyful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Reflection

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

Matthew 2:10

Attendance Champions Autumn Term

1st Place – Year 4: 95.92%

2nd Place – Year 1: 95.91%

3rd Place – Year R: 95.51%

4th Place – Year 5: 95.05%

5th Place – Year 3: 94.94%

6th Place – Year 2: 94.32%

7th Place – Year 6: 92.82%

Sports Round-Up

Both our football and netball teams have had an excellent start to their seasons. Well done to all of you for your good sportsmanship and team work, and for showing consideration towards each other. I would like to thank all of the teachers who give up their time to coach the teams and attend the matches. Good luck for the rest of the season! Here are the results from this term:

Netball

Coulsdon vs Smitham (away match) A team won 15-7, B team won 5-0

Coulsdon vs Beaumont (home match) A team won 15-1, B team won 6-0

Coulsdon vs Keston (home match) A team lost 4-2, B team won 4-0

Football

Coulsdon vs Courtwood Primary (Cup Match Round 1): Coulsdon won 3-1

Coulsdon vs Greenvale Primary (Cup Match Round 2): Coulsdon won 3-2

Coulsdon vs Harris Academy Kenley (away game): 1-1 draw

Coulsdon vs Harris Academy Kenley (home game): Coulsdon won 2-1

Coulsdon vs St James the Great (cup match): Coulsdon lost 3-1

Coulsdon vs Elmhurst (cup match): Coulsdon won 4-1 (through to the semi-finals of the small schools cup)

Cross Country

So far, we have had one cross country race in a series of 3 which are held at Oasis Academy. There will also be a longer and more challenging race on Farthing Downs in the spring term. We will share the results of these next term.