

Dear Parents/Carers,

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Year of Reading

As we all count down the days to the summer holidays, we wanted to inform you of our exciting plans for the upcoming academic year with regards to reading. You may be aware that next year the government are introducing an initiative and marking 2026 as the Year of Reading and the importance of not only the skill of reading but Reading for Pleasure. At Coulsdon we already know the importance of the skill and love of reading but throughout the year we want to celebrate reading.

This summer we encourage you and your children to take part in the National Reading Challenge at your local library; there are prizes for both individuals as well as for school. The children have had a visit from our local librarian to tell them all about this exciting challenge. It would be wonderful if as many of the children as possible could take part. We would also like you to take photos of the different places you and your children have been reading and email them directly to Miss Bennett at <u>cbennett108@ccofe.uk</u>

From September we will have a range of events across the academic year, starting by celebrating one of the most well-loved children's authors – Roald Dahl.

## Roald Dahl Day Monday 15th September 2025

We invite the children to have the option to come to school dressed as their favourite Dahl Character and throughout the day the children will experience a range of different activities focused on this beloved author. This day will including a special lunch inspired by Roald Dahl stories and characters.

This day should be fun packed as well as supporting children's reading habits and skills. We will let you know more about the exciting and upcoming reading activities that will be happening across the year in September.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Clare Bennett









