

**NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND LEAD LEARNER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now become a Nurture UK accredited school and the first in Solihull to achieve this. We believe it is important to ensure our children are in a nurturing environment that supports them to learn. Nurture helps us to develop our social and emotional skills to support our development as well as to develop our resilience. Check out the new Nurture video on the website.

This week, we have released our new **parent conduct policy** and I would urge you to read this as we continue to implement further measures to ensure that adult conduct is appropriate and safe at all times.

Please be reminded that the stayingsafe email can still be used if you need to contact a Safeguarding Lead. stayingsafe@chs.solihull.sch.uk

World Book Day - 6th March 2025

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. This year, children (and staff) are invited to dress up as a genre. Book genres include: Mystery, fantasy, fairy tales, thriller, science fiction, graphic novels, history, sport, and many more. If your child would prefer to come as a specific character, they are also welcome to.

Thank you for your patience and support over the last week.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half-term.

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS**Half-Term**

Pupils break up for half-term – Thursday 13th February 2025 **(Friday 14th February – INSET Day)**
Half-Term (Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025)
Monday 24th February 2025 - INSET Day

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025
Comic/Sport Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 14th March 2025
Details to follow



**REPORTING BACK****Solihull OVH in Collaboration with the Solihull SEND Partnership –
Celebrating Our Children and Young People with Additional Needs Awards Ceremony**

The SEND Awards 2024 took place at the Civic Suite, Solihull on 3rd December 2024. We are very proud of our pupils that were nominated particularly Amelia who was recognised in the category 'Child of the Year'. All the children were celebrated for their remarkable achievement.

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**National Story Telling Week**

National Storytelling Week took place between 1st to 9th February. The event takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Sharing stories is a fantastic way to be creative and relax, it also helps children to learn about the world and boosts vital literacy skills. Our theme was 'Reimagine your World'. Whether it's something unexpected on your way to school, odd sounds you hear at night, or a path you've never followed, the world around us is full of secret lives, places and possibilities. The most extraordinary story can come from the most ordinary place: it just needs someone to find it

National Number Day

On Friday 7th February, to support the NSPCC, children took part in 'Dress up for Digits' coming to school wearing a top with a number on or a top with a mathematical word with the definition on the back. They all had a lot of fun and managed to raise £58.46 for this worthy cause.

#KINDNESS

**Online Safety - Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day, with this year's theme being "Too Good To Be True", all about protecting yourself from online scams.

With more children and young people owning smart phones than ever, they become more susceptible not just to online scams, but other potentially harmful content, inappropriate material and contact with strangers. To find out more, you can visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/> <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Reception – Drawing Club

In Reception we have begun doing Drawing Club. Some of the children's drawings are shown here. Super Funny Bones Transformation and a Map. Great work!





PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Voice



Accompany us in our 'Quest to be the Best' and join our Parent Voice. Next meeting is Friday 14th March 2025, 9.00am – Coleshill Heath School.

Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

Please click on the link and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium to find out:
www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm

School Meals

Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal regardless of a parent's income. Year 3 upwards, as you are aware, are now required to pay for your child's school dinners as they will no longer qualify for the Government's Universal Infant Free School meals programme. Some families may be entitled to continue claiming free school meals depending on family income - if you would like to apply for free school meals, please do so via the Solihull council website at: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm>. Families that do not qualify will be charged for each school meal their child has; payment is to be made online via ParentPay or at any PayPoint. A school dinner for one child will cost: £2.90 per day / £14.50 per 5-day week.

Dinners/Trip Payments



Please could we remind you that dinners should be paid for in advance. Any outstanding debts should be paid as soon as possible. Any debts move through the school with the child, thank you. Please discuss if you are in need. School dinners are £2.90 a day.

Unwanted Good Quality Uniform



If you have any unwanted good quality uniform can you please pass this to the class teacher or the school office so we can make it available to other families. This is something the government have asked schools to implement, thank you.

This FREE pre-loved uniform is available at publicised events throughout the year. For further information please speak to the school office

School Uniform Suppliers

Uniform can be purchased through **Brigade, Mansuri Schoolwear or Ian Smith Education Group**. Please see details below or go to our website under **Parents/Uniform at CHS**



<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

Enter Coleshill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop-down list provided.



163 Yew Tree Lane
Yardley
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Ian Smith Group – visit the Coleshill Heath School Uniform ordering website
www.coleshilluniform.deco-apparel.com Any questions please call Tel: 03330 143643.



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SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025 are the provisional dates for Year 6 SATs. Please make a note of the dates in your diary. As you know Year 6 is a critical year for pupils and excellent attendance is expected.

School closure due to weather or an emergency

Should the school need to close, we would like to remind you of ways of securing the correct information.

- ◆ Dojo system
- ◆ School texting service: We will send the first contact on our database, a text with the necessary information. Please keep your 'phone turned on and make sure you update the office with any change of mobile number, thank you.
- ◆ Coleshill Heath Social Media Sites – Facebook and X
- ◆ Coleshill Heath School website – google Coleshill Heath
- ◆ Search www.solihull.gov.uk internet site.
- ◆ Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

All applications for school places for September 2025 have to be made via the Council website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2025. **Offer day is 1st March 2025.**

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2025

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 start full-time school in September 2025. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Offer day is 16th April 2025.**

Applying for a Nursery school place

We currently have spaces available in our Nursery for children who have turned 3-years-old. Children can start with us the term after they turn 3 years old and they are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery education (AM or PM daily sessions). You can also apply online for 30 hours of free Nursery education via the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> (certain criteria apply).

CHS offers Nursery Provision for Children aged 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 Years

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old before 31st March 2025 may be entitled to a free nursery place for up to 15 hours per week. Please use the following link to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/earlyeducation2yearolds>

Introduction of New Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families

To apply for this new childcare funding for working families please apply to the National Childcare Service online or call 0300 123 4097

Nursery 3- and 4- Year Olds

All children aged 3 to 4 are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday.

Extended childcare is also available between the hours of 8.00am-5.15pm for nursery children at an additional cost.

For more information or to apply for a place please email 15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk





Improving Communication Links with School

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we are continuing to use Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message. In addition to Schoolcomms, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents.

URGENT: Keep the office informed of your current mobile number and email address. *If you are not receiving communication by these sources please contact the school office and they will look into the reason why.* Help us to help you, thank you. Limited information can also be found on our website and noticeboards around school.

No Smoking or Vaping



There is no smoking or vaping allowed on the school site or just outside the gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHS is a Nut Free Zone



We have a few pupils at CHS who are allergic to nuts so for the safety of our children we have made CHS a nut free school. No nuts or any snacks/food containing nuts are permitted in school ie peanut butter or chocolate spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

No Dogs on Site



Please can you refrain from bringing dogs on to the school site, either walking, in your arms or tied to railings. We have people who are allergic to dogs as well as some who have a fear of them. Please leave them at home, thank you.





CONCERNS – SAFETY OF PARKING/ENTRANCE ACCESS/RUBBISH AND RESPECT

Again, we have had complains and concerns from local residents about driving at speed, not stopping at junctions and parking. In particular, Beech Avenue, Hatchford Walk, Alder Drive, Lime Grove. We need you to:

- **Reduce your speed** in and around the school site. The speed limit is 5mph on school property. Be observant when reversing and when driving through the walkway at each entrance.
- **Park legally, and with consideration to residents and others**, leaving access to the school, resident's driveways and public pathways free. The blocking of pavements means parents with pushchairs having to walk in the road, an accident waiting to happen. It's also a hazard for emergency services.
- **Keep music and noise down** as some residents work shifts so may be trying to sleep.
- Do not park under the barrier or on the curved part of the front entrance, delivery vehicles need to have access and this causes a safety hazard. If you park in this way and your vehicle is damaged the school is not responsible.
- Ideally, park away from the school site and walk in, this will ease congestion.
- **Take your rubbish home or put it in a bin** we have had complaints from neighbours about empty energy drink cans being thrown in her garden by parents. Please have some respect.

We all have a responsibility and nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community. Please help us to be a safe and happy community, give a bit of thought and show respect and kindness to others, but more importantly think of the lives and safety of young innocent children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Solihull Family Hubs



Solihull Council have opened some new Family Hubs across the borough. These important new centres will give children, young people and their families access to the best health and family support services from pregnancy to 25 years, alongside social activities at places that are most convenient for them.

If you have any questions, please email: familyhubs@solihull.gov.uk

For more information about the Family Hubs please visit:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/family-hubs/local-family-hubs>

TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2024/2025

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term: Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
Term Ends: Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28th April 2025
Half Term: Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends: Monday 21st July 2025

INSET Days

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Bank Holiday (May Day)

Monday 5th May 2025

All holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that the school is closed



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Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (2) – February to April 2025

February 2025	
24.02.2025	Start of Spring Term (2)
24.02.2025	INSET Day
25.02.2025	SEND Rowing County Finals (3.45pm-5.00pm) Location TBC
March 2025	
	Musician of the Month – Emma Kok
01.03.2025	Secondary School Offer Day
03.03.2025	Science Week (03.03.2025-07.03.2025)
03.03.2025	Sign Language Week (03.03.2025-07.03.2025)
06.03.2025	World Book Day
06.03.2025	SEND Archery (3.45pm-5.15pm)
07.03.2025	International Women’s Day
10.03.2025	TT Rockstar Battle (10.03.2025-14.03.2025)
12.03.2025	Year 6 – Health Questionnaire, Solihull School Nurses
14.03.2025	Comic/Sport Relief Red Nose Day
14.03.2025	Parent Voice
17.03.2025	Autism Awareness and Acceptance Week (17.03.2025—21.03.2025)
17.03.2025	Shakespeare Week (17.03.2025-21.03.2025)
19.03.2025	Police Panel (1.30pm-3.30pm)
20.03.2025	Year 6 – Health Questionnaire, Solihull School Nurses Follow-Up
21.03.2025	Wear Colour for Autism Acceptance
28.03.2025	Mother’s Day Workshops (2.30pm)
April 2025	
	Musician of the Month – McFly
01.04.2025	Parent Consultations (01.04.2025-04.04.2025)
01.04.2025	Cheerleading (9.30am-11.30am)
01.04.2025	Year 4 – Birmingham City Mission Visit (Peter Mallett)
03.04.2025	Year 1 – Road Safety x2 Sessions (1.00pm)
07.04.2025	Easter Egg Competition Entries in School
07.04.2025	KS1 - Easter Egg Competition Assembly (2.15pm)
07.04.2025	KS2 - Easter Egg Competition Assembly (2.45pm)
08.04.2025	Dean Glover Pastor – Easter Assemblies
08.04.2025	Tea with Me (2.30pm)
09.04.2025	Year 5 - Whitemoor Lakes Residential (09.04.2025-11.04.2025)
09.04.2025	Girl Power Festival (12.30pm-3.00pm)
10.04.2025	Year 4 – Easter Assembly (2.30pm)
10.04.2025	Tea with Me (10.00am)
11.04.2025	Culture Day - Vaisakha
11.04.2025	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
11.04.2025	Break Up for Easter Break
Monday 14th April 2025 to Friday 25th April 2025	
28.04.2025	Start of Summer Term (1)

Dates correct at time of print (12.02.2025)

Information to follow regarding the above events

If children are receiving an award, parents will be sent a text





Dates for your Diary: Summer Term – April to July 2025

April 2025	
28.04.2025	Start of Summer Term (1)
30.04.2025	Parent Consultations (30.04.2025 to 02.05.2025)
May 2025	
	Musician of the Month – (TBC)
01.05.2025	Parent Consultations (30.04.2025 to 02.05.2025)
05.05.2025	May Day Bank Holiday
12.05.2025	SATs Week (12.05.2025 to 15.05.2025)
12.05.2025	Sun Awareness Week (12.05.2025 to 16.05.2025)
12.05.2025	Nursery - Living Eggs
13.05.2025	Reports out to Parents
15.05.2025	Parent Voice
16.05.2025	Year 3 – Sleepover (TBC)
21.05.2025	Police Panel (1.30pm-3.30pm)
23.05.2025	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 26 th May 2025 to Friday 30 th May 2025	
June 2025	
02.06.2025	Start of Summer Term (2)
	Musician of the Month – (TBC)
05.06.2025	Year 6 – London Trip (05.06.2025 to 06.06.2025)
13.06.2025	Father’s Day Workshop
23.06.2025	My Money Week (23.06.2025—27.06.2025)
23.06.2025	CHS Careers Week (23.06.2025—27.06.2025)
23.06.2025	Year 4 – Residential (23.06.2025 to 25.06.2025)
23.06.2025	Year 4 – Fire Service Visit (2.00pm-3.00pm)
30.06.2025	YOUSKIP Week – PE (30.06.2025-04.07.2025)
July 2025	
	Musician of the Month – (TBC)
30.06.2025	YOUSKIP Week – PE (30.06.2025-04.07.2025)
02.07.2025	Police Panel (1.30pm-3.30pm)
05.07.2025	Summer Fayre (Saturday 5 th July)
08.07.2025	Birmingham City Mission Assembly
08.07.2025	Reception Induction Evening (4.00pm)
17.07.2025	Transition Day - CHS
18.07.2025	Parent Voice
21.07.2025	Break Up for the Summer

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