

**NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, it's been a joy to see how much the children have achieved. Classrooms have been full of curiosity, creativity and plenty of exciting learning, and the children should feel very proud of all they've accomplished.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our families for your continued support. We know there have been lots of seasonal bugs around, and we truly appreciate the effort you've made to keep children in school whenever they were able. Your commitment has helped them stay connected with their learning and with each other.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful staff team. Their hard work, care and dedication have ensured that every child has had a positive start to the Spring term.

Looking ahead, we're already excited for the next half term, including the much-loved celebration of World Book Day. It's always a highlight of the school year, and we can't wait to see the children's creations, please see the letter sent out by Miss McCombe for full details.

We wish Miss Price all the very best as she begins her maternity leave.

We're already looking forward to next half term, with more opportunities for learning and fun ahead. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and returns refreshed for the adventures to come.

Miss Budd

REMINDERS**Half-Term**

Pupils break up for half-term – Wednesday 11th February 2026 (12th and 13th February – INSET Days)
Half-Term (Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026)

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026
Comic/Sport Relief Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March 2026
Details to follow





REPORTING BACK

Attendance at CHS

Attendance continues to be a focus in the Spring Term, **so let's be in the line at ten to nine every day!** The new challenges so far this year have been "Jump Into January" and "Full House February" with events and vouchers to be earned!

Attendance Matters: Key Points for Parents

- Importance of Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning, progress, and future success. Aim for 98-100% attendance to ensure they access all learning opportunities.
- Reporting Absences:** Notify the school by 9.15am on the first day of absence and maintain contact throughout. Provide valid reasons and supporting evidence if requested.
- Punctuality:** Ensure your child arrives by 8:50 am. Registration closes at 9.25am. Late arrivals after this time will be marked as unauthorised (code U).
- Illness:** Minor ailments like coughs or colds do not always require absence. Contact the school for advice if unsure.
- Medical Appointments:** Schedule appointments outside school hours whenever possible. Provide evidence for appointments during school hours.
- Leave of Absence:** Requests must be made at least 20 days in advance and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may lead to penalties.
- Rewards for Attendance:** Pupils with 100% attendance during themed campaigns will be entered into prize draws and invited to special activities.
- Support for Attendance:** If barriers to attendance arise, contact Miss Moore (Family, Welfare, and Safeguarding Lead) at 0121 779 8070 for assistance.

Let's work together to ensure every child achieves their full potential!

Year 4 - Speed Stacking

A massive well done to our Year 4 champions who made it through to the county finals

#CONFIDENCE#COURAGE

Little Red Cap – 19th-23rd January 2026



The Big Brum Theatre have returned to Coleshill Heath with "Little Red Cap". This classic tale has been freshly adapted by Big Brum, working with writer Chris Cooper. Through it, the children came to explore and understand the world in which we live and particularly *knowing* and *not knowing*: why the mother tells her daughter not to worry; and the insatiable hunger of the ever-present wolf.

The children had a fantastic time and the Theatre thanked us for being so welcoming!

National Storytelling Week

National Storytelling Week - 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.

The theme for National Storytelling Week 2026 was to soundtrack your story. Everyone has their own musical story - whether it's in the songs we love and the music we dance to, through British Sign Language and the rhythms we feel, the soundscapes of everyday life, or the soundtracks we hear in films and games.



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The Resilient Kid – 26th January 2026

The Resilient Kid came into school and delivered sessions to:

Year 1 – on “Brain Smart and Inner Voice”. The children have been exploring how their brains work and how the voice inside their head can help (or sometimes make things feel trickier). They learnt that our brain’s main job is to keep us safe. They talked about how our brain reacts and practised simple strategies so children begin to understand “*my brain is learning how to manage big feelings*”.

In Inner Voice, they focused on noticing the voice inside our head and understanding that not all thoughts are helpful or true. They practiced child-friendly phrases, the aim isn’t to stop children having tricky thoughts, but to help them realise they have choices about what they listen to and what they say to themselves.

These skills support confidence, resilience, emotional regulation, and problem-solving. They help children feel safer making mistakes and keeping going when something feels difficult.

Year 2 – on “Worry Warriors and Friendship Fixers”. These sessions are designed to help children better understand their worries, develop emotional awareness, and build the skills they need for healthy, positive friendships. Through games and discussion, children practised sorting worries and learning what helps when a worry shows up, so worries feel less overwhelming.

In Friendship Fixers, the focus was on understanding friendships and learning what helps friendships feel safe, kind, and fair. They talked about repair — how friendships don’t have to be perfect, and how we can fix things when something goes wrong.

These skills support emotional regulation, confidence, empathy, and problem-solving. They help children understand their feelings, talk about worries and build stronger friendships.

We are so proud of how the children engaged brilliantly with these sessions and showed great thoughtfulness and maturity.

#KINDNESS#CONFIDENCE#HONESTY#COURAGE

Loudmouth Theatre – 30th January 2026

Years 5 and 6 have completed some workshops with the Loudmouth Theatre on “Online Safety Focus”.

National Number Day – Friday 6th February 2026



We were delighted to take part in NSPCC Number Day 2026, with pupils enjoying a range of fun and engaging maths activities across the school. The day helped reinforce key maths skills while highlighting the importance of keeping children safe. We raised £39.80 for this worthy cause, thank you for your support.

#KINDNESS



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Online Safety – Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day

digital safety. Our Whole School Focus was exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

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/>

Achievements in and out of School

A big shout-out to our superstars for their achievements. Well done to all for your amazing commitment and hard work! We love to hear about your achievements in and out of school so be sure to let us know about your awesome accomplishments!

PARENT INFORMATION

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026 are the 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.

MAT

For information about the Collaborative Education Trust, please go to our website and follow the link under the heading MAT.

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/email 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 School website – google Coleshill Heath
- ♦ Coleshill Heath Twitter/X Site: log-on to X.com, search Coleshill Heath, click on Coleshill Heath to view our "tweets".
- ♦ Search www.solihull.gov.uk internet site.
- ♦ Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

Arriving at School after 10.30am

If your child will be arriving at school after 10.30am, and requires a school dinner, please call the school office to order this before 10.30 am. Otherwise, they will only be able to have a sandwich. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

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 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**



Brigade

Order your school uniform online from

Log on to:

www.brigade.uk.com

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



Mansuri Schoolwear

163 Yew Tree Lane

Yardley

Birmingham B26 1AY

Tel: 0121 784 4230

Please telephone before you visit to see if they stock what you require (Jumpers/Cardigans/PE tops, book bags)



Ian Smith Group – visit the Coleshill Heath School Uniform ordering website

www.coleshilluniform.deco-apparel.com Any questions please call Tel: 03330 143643.

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

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.



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Important – Parking with consideration

Please be considerate to local residents that live in close proximity to the school when parking and refrain from playing loud music and dropping litter. **Please reduce your speed** in and around the school site. Speed limit to 5mph on school property. **Nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community.**

Where's My Jumper

Please remember to put your child's name on EVERY item of uniform. If some of your child's uniform goes missing we have a much greater chance of returning it to you if a name is clearly printed on it.



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



Dogs are not allowed on the school site, either walking, in your arms or tied to railings. We have people who are scared or allergic to dogs, please leave them at home, thank you.



TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026 (INSET – 12th and 13th February 2026)
Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026 (Bank Holiday – May Day))
Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2026

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



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INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

All applications for school places for September 2026 have to be made via the Council website: <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. Parents need to apply on the portal under the home authority that they live within even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application. Children with EHCP's follow a different process, they should contact their EHCP officer.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2026

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2026. The closing date for applying online was 31st October 2025. **Offer day is 2nd March 2026.**

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2026

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 start full-time school in September 2026. This first year is called 'Reception'. The closing date for applying online through the Council website/portal was 15th January 2026. **Offer day is 16th April 2026.** Applications received after the closing date are late and will be processed after those applications that were received on time. Applying late will affect the offer parents can expect to get. **Children that attend our Nursery still needed to apply.**

Parents can access the application portal using the following link: [Starting primary or secondary school | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#) or <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>
Reception held an Open Day in October where parents and children had the opportunity to view the classroom spaces/outdoor area and ask questions.

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).

In October you were invited to visit our nursery provision for 2 and 3 year olds to explore our well-resourced environment, ask any questions, get help with applications and find out about our Early Years ethos at CHS.

Please note that all admissions are now completed online (with the exception of Nursery). If you do not have access to a computer you can visit any library and use the computers there.

2 Year and 3-4 Year Provisions

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old 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 Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families

To apply for this 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 years are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday.

Application forms for 2 year old and 3 year old places are available from the school office. Children can begin the term following their 2nd or 3rd birthday and when funding codes have been secured. For any questions please email 15office@chs.solihull.sch.uk

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**





Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (2) – February to March 2026

February 2026	
11.02.2026	Break-Up for Half-Term
12.02.2026	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
13.02.2026	INSET Day (MAT) – school closed to pupils
Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026	
23.02.2026	Start of Spring Term (2)
March 2026	
	Musician of the Month – R.E.M.
01.03.2026	Secondary School Offer Day
04.03.2026	Years 1&2 - Gymnastics Competition (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
05.03.2026	World Book Day
06.03.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
09.03.2026	Science Week (09.03.2026-13.03.2026)
09.03.2026	TT Rockstar Battle (09.03.2026-13.03.2026)
10.03.2026	Birmingham City Mission Assembly
10.03.2026	Year 6 – 4 a-side Football (3.45pm-5.00pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
13.03.2026	Mother's Day Workshops (2.30pm)
13.03.2026	Year 3 - Personal Best (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
16.03.2026	Sign Language Week (16.03.2026-20.03.2026)
17.03.2026	Year 6 – 4 a-side Football (3.45pm-5.00pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
18.03.2026	Netball Skills (1.30pm-3.30pm) – North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
20.03.2026	Parent Voice (9.00am) – The Hub – all welcome
20.03.2026	Comic/Sport Relief Red Nose Day
23.03.2026	Shakespeare Week 23.03.2026-27.03.2026)
23.03.2026	Easter Egg Competition Entries in School
23.03.2026	Easter Egg Competition Assemblies KS1 (2.15pm)/KS2 (2.45pm)
24.03.2026	Tea with Me (9.45am)
24.03.2026	KS1/KS2 – Cheerleading Festival (9.30am-11.30am) - Smithswood
25.03.2026	Years 5&6 – Sports Hall Athletics County Finals (TBC)
25.03.2026	Year 3 – Gymnastics County Finals (TBC)
26.03.2026	Wear Colour for Autism Acceptance
26.03.2026	Year 4 – Easter Assembly (2.30pm)
27.03.2026	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
27.03.2026	Break Up for Easter Break
Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026	
April 2026	
13.04.2026	Start of Summer Term (1)

Dates correct at time of print (12.02.2026)

Information to follow regarding the above events

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



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