



Miss Fowles and the staff at Coleshill Heath School would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*We break up on Friday 20th December 2024 and look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 6th January 2025***

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND LEAD LEARNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it! After a very long term, we are ready for the Christmas break and to spend time with family, friends and loved ones. We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas performances as the children and staff put a great deal of effort into the preparation – as always, we can count on the children at CHS to spread the Christmas cheer! This week, each class has engaged in 'Winter Wonderland' activities and created some beautiful cards and calendars. This term, I am so proud that we have become the first school in Solihull to receive a Nurture UK award.

As many of you know, I have been working across the Local Authority supporting school improvement work and seeing first-hand the brilliant work that takes place in Solihull Schools. This secondment has now come to an end and at the perfect time as we move into a new phase of looking toward the formation of our Multi-Academy Trust [Collaborative Education Trust]. The Spring term will see many exciting changes and I personally would like to wish Miss Boland all the best in her new and exciting role! I am sure we will stay in touch.

Last but not least, please see the section on attendance as we begin to revise our systems around this. At the moment, we are also having a significant number of children arriving late and the children find this very difficult. We will be working with individual families in more detail to understand the barriers because the expectation is that we arrive in school on time.

Please have a restful and joyful Christmas break

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS

Events during the Christmas Holiday



Fit Kids Zone CIC Solihull Winter Club: Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December 2024 – 9.00am-1.00pm at Coleshill Heath School, Lime Grove, Chelmsley Wood B37 7PY. For school aged children in Reception to Year 6. This Winter Club will provide life skills and help build confidence, with fun activities and multi-sports. Children will be able to access a nutritious meal, as well as refreshments which will be provided by Fit Kids Zone CIC. Children must receive benefit related free school meals (FSM) and have a HAF code. If you receive this benefit, your child will be eligible to attend HAF sessions for free. Children not in receipt of free school meals are still welcome to attend for a small cost - £10 without food and £13 with food. To book a place go to: www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs or call 07985607421



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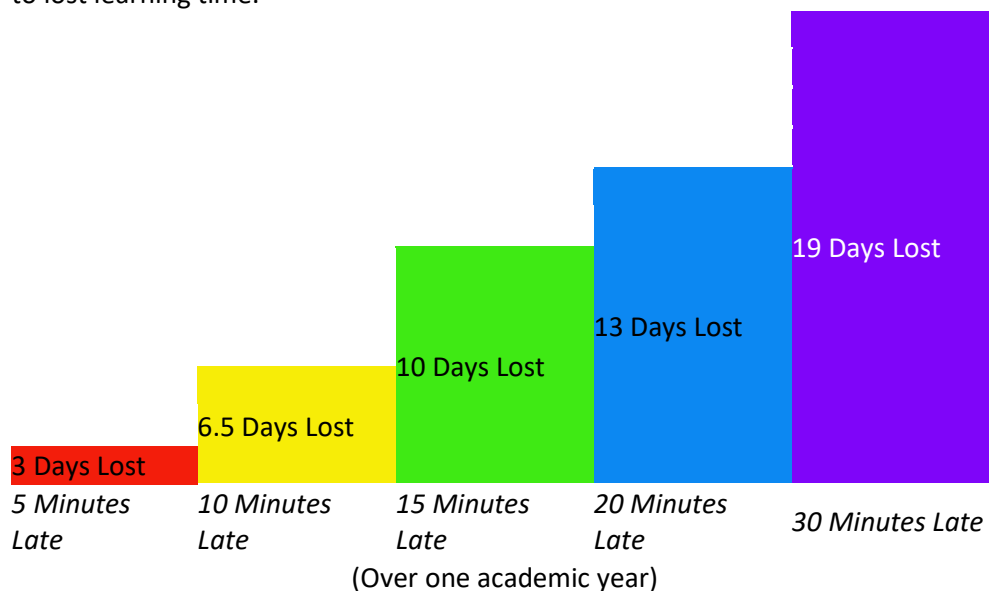




PUNCTUALITY

Please let's start the New Year with better attendance and time-keeping.

It is important that pupils are punctual so that they do not miss out on the beginning of each school day. Children must attend on time to be given a present mark for the session. If a pupil arrives late to school every-day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Any child who arrives for school after 8.50am will be marked as late.

Any child who arrives for school after 9.20am will be given a U code. This is an unauthorised absence and will affect your child's overall attendance figure. These unauthorised absences might be referred to the Local Authority and a penalty notice may be considered.

Medical and Dental Appointments:

- Where possible such appointments should be booked outside of school hours
- Pupils are expected to attend school prior to the appointment and return to school after the appointment. Any absence outside of the appointment/travel time will be unauthorised.

CONCERNS – SAFETY OF PARKING/ENTRANCE ACCESS – WE NEED YOU TO:

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. Please take litter home or put in the bins provided.

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.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





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. The closing date for applying online was 31st October 2024. **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'. Please ensure that you apply online for a school place through the Local Authority/council website you live in before the **closing date 15th January 2025**. Offer day is 16th April 2025. <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

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).

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. To ensure your space, please do not miss the deadlines specified and please ensure that you complete the appropriate admissions forms.

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 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 years 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**

REPORTING BACK

CHS are Awarded with The National Nurturing School Award



We are thrilled to announce that CHS have become the first #NurtureUK school in Solihull! To find out why, visit <https://chs.solihull.sch.uk/key-information/nurture> and see a short video on all we do at CHS! #CHSRocks #EveryChildEveryDay



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Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion would like to thank you very much for helping with the Poppy Appeal. It continues to be a difficult time with collections so without your help, they would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

#KINDNESS

Anti-Bullying Week 2024



In recognition of Anti-Bullying Week 2024, we encouraged pupils, teachers and all of #TeamCHS to wear odd socks for Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November to help celebrate what makes us all unique!

This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme was Choose Respect.

Children in Need



On 15th November, we raised £271.70 by wearing spots for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who donated for this worthy cause.

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CHS Governors

We send our thanks and best wishes to Mrs Izzard, one of our governors, who has decided to step down. We welcome onto the Governing Board – Mrs Vadgama, Ms Ealing and Mr Dyke. Information about the CHS Governing Board can be found on our website.

Gold Winning Speed Stackers



Huge congratulations to our GOLD WINNING SPEED STACKERS for getting first place in a North Solihull Speed Stacking tournament. Great stuff!

#CONFIDENCE#COURAGE

CHS Rowing Team

Well done to our rowing team for recently placing 2nd in a schools' competition, rowing 90 seconds each plus a 60 second relay each and reaching a combined total of nearly 2000m! Well done guys!



#CONFIDENCE#COURAGE





Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

On Friday 13th December we held Christmas Jumper Day and raised £158 for “Save the Children”. Thank you for your support.



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Design a Christmas Jumper

Thank you to every who took part in the ‘Design a Christmas Jumper for a Book Character’ competition. The effort put it to the designs was absolutely phenomenal.



Congratulations to the five winners who won a £5 voucher for the Book Fair: Teddy, Phoebe, Leo, Urfa and Delilah.

Look what Reception have been up to



In our class elf got himself into a bit of a pickle because he was missing the North Pole and found himself stuck in our changing state water into ice investigation! Thankfully he is all thawed out and ready to report back to Santa about our wonderful children!



In Maths we have been Making 2D shapes out of different objects and these really stood out against our Christmas jumpers!



In Creators sensory tray we have some provision for mark making and exploring glittery and coloured sand.





CHS Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the people below who have won Christmas raffle prizes:

Maggie Busst (£100 ASDA Gift Card), Carrie (HP Colour Printer), Lynsey Malocco (Tablet), Stuart Matheson (Drinks Hamper), Nashaad – Year 6 pupil (Snowdome Voucher), Liz Hunt (£10 Greggs Voucher), Ashley Beardsmore (Chocolate Hamper).

In addition, there are four prizes of a £10 voucher for selling the most raffle tickets in each phase:

Phase 1 joint winners: Nissy and Sianna-Rose

Phase 2 winner: Amelia

Phase 3 winner: Nashaad

We would like to thank ASDA, Midshires, Snowdome, Greggs and all the other organisations, people and staff who kindly donated prizes.

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PARENT INFORMATION

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 Twitter/X Site: log-on to X.com, search Coleshill Heath, click on Coleshill Heath to view our "tweets".
- ◆ 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.

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.

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.





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.

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 Uniform Special Offer!
15% off from 31/12/2024 to
05/01/2025.
Just use the promocode: NY15 at
checkout.

<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
Birmingham
B26 1AY
Tel: 0121 784 4230



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



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You're not alone this Christmas

SOLIHULL HAF
Holiday Activities And Food
www.solihull.gov.uk/chil-dren-and-family-support/haf

SAMARITANS
Tel: 116 123
www.samaritans.org

mind
Tel: 0800 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk

ChildLine
0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

Refuge
0808 2000 247
www.refuge.org.uk

Switchboard LGBT+ helpline
0300 330 0630
www.switchboard.lgbt

Beat
Eating disorders
0808 801 0677
www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk

shout
85258
TEXT SHOUT to 85258
www.giveusashout.org

Alcoholics Anonymous
0800 9177 650
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIVING MISERABLY CALM
0800 58 58 58
www.thecalmzone.net

PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE
0800 068 41 41
www.papyrus-uk.org

YOUNGMINDS
TEXT YM to 85258
www.youngminds.org.uk

Cruse
Bereavement Support
0808 808 1677
www.cruse.org.uk

CRANSTOUN
Empowering People. Empowering Change
www.cranstoun.org

AnxietyUK
03444 775 774
www.anxietyuk.org.uk





TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2nd September 2024 (INSET Day)
Half Term: Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024 (INSET Day 4th November)
Term Ends: Friday 20th December 2024

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

Monday 2nd September 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Monday 25th November 2024
Friday 14th February 2025
AN Other TBC

Bank Holiday (May Day)

Monday 5th May 2025

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





Dates for your Diary: Spring Term (1) - January to March 2025

20.12.2024	End of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025	
January 2025	
06.01.2025	Start of Spring Term (1)
06.01.2025	Children back in School / Clubs start
	Musician of the Month – Gurinder Kaur Kainth
06.01.2025	TT Rockstar Battle (06.01.2025-10.01.2025)
09.01.2025	Year 6 – SATs Meeting (3.20pm)
13.01.2025	Nursery – Dental Workshop – in Classroom
14.01.2025	Solihull Parent Carer Voice (2.00pm)
15.01.2025	Young Voices 2025
15.01.2025	Police Panel (1.30pm-3.30pm)
16.01.2025	Parent Voice
16.01.2025	Year 1 – Dinosaur Workshop (am) – School Hall
21.01.2025	Nursery – Police Role (PCSO)
27.01.2025	National Storytelling Week (27.01.2025-31.01.2025)
28.01.2025	Birmingham City Mission Assembly
30.01.2025	Year 5 – Boys 3x3 Basketball (3.45pm-5.30pm) - Smithswood
February 2025	
	Musician of the Month – Rag ‘n’ Bone Man
03.02.2025	TT Rockstar Battle (03.02.2025-07.02.2025)
03.02.2025	Years 5&6 – Maths Quiz (3.30pm-5.00pm) – Kingshurst PS
04.02.2025	Internet Safety Day
06.02.2025	Year 3 - Gymnastics Competition (9.30am-11.30am) – The Coleshill School
07.02.2025	NSPCC Number Day
10.02.2025	Years 5&6 – Sports Hall Athletics (9.30am-11.30am) North Solihull Sports Centre (NSSC)
10.02.2025	Years 3&4 – Maths Quiz (3.30pm-5.00pm) – Kingshurst PS
13.02.2025	KS2 – Inclusive Sports Hall Athletics (1.00pm-3.00pm) NSSC
13.02.2025	Year 5 – Girls 3x3 Basketball (3.45pm-5.30pm) - Smithswood
13.02.2025	Break Up for Half-Term
14.02.2025	INSET Day
Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025	

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Information to follow regarding the above events
If children are receiving an award, parents will be sent a text





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

February 2025	
24.02.2025	Start of Spring Term (2)
24.02.2025	Governor Review 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	Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
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)
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	

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