



NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a long and busy half term! However, if you think that was hectic, just take a look at the exciting events and wonderful opportunities ahead for November and December [timeline at the end of the newsletter]. Before we know it, Christmas celebrations will be upon us.

This year, we are fortunate to be included in the Trauma-Informed Project which is delivered by the Educational Psychology Team. This will give us further expertise and understanding of what strategies are most impactful when supporting young people who are struggling with issues around social, emotional and mental health. As we know, the system for accessing external support services is very difficult, so upskilling our own staff team is a huge step in the right direction for meeting pupil needs and gaining a deeper insight in how best to support.

Recently, I have written to some parents about the behaviour of a small minority of pupils and would like to make it clear to all parents that this remains one of our primary focus areas. Our school rules are: READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE. If your child is 'always code green' please continue to encourage them - the recognition for being such excellent role models can be found here: <https://chs.solihull.sch.uk/parents/behaviour-at-chs> If you would like a more comprehensive look at the expectations and support mechanisms in place, they can be found at: <https://chs.solihull.sch.uk/key-information/policies> [see Relational Behaviour Policy].

Last but not least, huge congratulations to Mrs O'Grady who gave birth to a healthy baby boy just a few days ago.

Please enjoy any Halloween celebrations and stay safe over the half term. Don't forget to turn the clocks back this weekend!

Miss Fowles

REMINDERS

Inset and Half-Term

Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 25th October 2024
Half-Term (Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024)

Monday 4th November 2024 – INSET DAY

Monday 25th November 2024 – INSET DAY

Bonfire Dinner – Tuesday 5th November 2024



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<https://www.schudio.com/free-school-app/>

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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. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is **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 council website before the closing date which is **15th January 2025**. Offer day is 16th April 2025.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

On Thursday 17th October Reception had an Open Day 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).

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

Summer Fayre Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Summer Fayre Raffle:

- 1st Prize** – HP Printer – Finley E (Year 3)
- 2nd Prize** – Snow Dome Voucher – Dolce G (Year 6 last year)
- 3rd Prize** – Solihull Play Town Voucher – Eden R (Year 6)
- 4th Prize** – Coffee Man Voucher – Lilly K (Year 5)
- 5th Prize** – Twin Lakes Voucher – Isobel O (Year 5)



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Big Brum Drama Workshops



Big Brum have been into school to deliver Hansel and Gretel drama workshops. These have been a great success with year groups 1 to 5. Year 6 will be taking part after the half term break.

Coming Together

A selection of Year 6 pupils were invited to take part in a collaborative drama performance 'Coming Together' at Langley School, alongside pupils from Haslucks Green and Oak Cottage. The children sparkled in an array of sequined outfits, dazzling the audience with their rendition of CHS Strictly Come Dancing! We are very proud of the children who represented our school and a huge thank you to the parents and carers who supported this collaborative event.



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CHS Governors

We say farewell and send a big thank you to Maria O'Neill, who has given her time as one of our governors for almost 7 years and also to Rebecca Gathercole, our LA governor, for her time and support over the last 2 years. We wish them both all the best for the future.

We welcome onto the Governing Board - Dr Rizwan Rafi as a Co-opted Governor and Elizabeth Byrd as Parent Governor as voted by yourselves. Thank you for voting and supporting the nominees.

Harvest Donations



A big thank-you to our amazing families for their generous harvest donations this year, going to Helping Hands - a local charity who supply those most in need with food, toiletries and other essentials! Amazing work that'll make a big difference!

We celebrated harvest with an assembly from Birmingham City Mission.

KINDNESS



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October 2024 we joined in with Hello Yellow Day to raise awareness of mental health. Children were invited to wear school uniform and something yellow. A big thank you to our families for supporting this.

KINDNESS

Show Racism the Red Card



On Friday 18th October, we supported 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing red. Thank you for your donations – we raised £200.35 which will go to this charity.





Football 4 a side

Boys and girls have competed in 4 a side football matches.
Boys won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Girls won 2 and drew 1. Congratulations to all concerned!

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Dodgeball



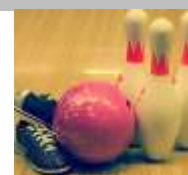
We competed in a Dodgeball Festival where we played against other teams in our local area and came 4th. The children represented Coleshill Heath really well. Well done to you all.

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Ten Pin Bowling

A number of children attended the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling at Acocks Green Bowling Alley. The children competed against lots of other schools including secondary schools and had a great time.

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PARENT INFORMATION

MAT Update

The application goes to the board next month and we are hoping to convert April 2025 at the earliest. Please expect a MAT newsletter next month.

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.

Parent Voice



“Parents are a massive part of their children’s learning journey, we as parents are part of the school community, and children love to see their parents engaging and being part of school”.

Accompany us in our ‘Quest to be the Best’ and join our Parent Voice. We meet roughly once a month (9.00am-10.00am) and would welcome you on board.

- Meet other CHS parents/carers
- Share your views on CHS with staff and other parents/carers
- Learn more about how CHS works
- Enjoy a coffee and have fun!

Next meeting: Thursday 14th November 2024 usually held in the CHS Community Hub. Further date: 5th December 2024





School Uniform



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School Uniform

- Navy blue sweatshirt with School Logo
- White polo shirt
- Navy blue cardigans with School Logo
- Grey trousers
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Navy blue and white school summer dress
- Black, grey or white socks or grey tights
- Black shoes (trainers are not acceptable)

The only jewellery permitted is a **single** pair of stud earrings

Courage Kindness Confidence Honesty

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.



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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

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.**

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.

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.

Pupil/Privacy Notices

Please be aware that we have updated our privacy notices, which explain how we use and process children's personal data. These can be found on the school website under Key Information and then Fair Processing.





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 some pupils at CHS who are allergic to nuts, so we have made CHS a nut free school for the safety of our children. No nuts or any snacks/food containing nuts are permitted in school ie peanut butter or chocolate spread. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's class teacher. 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 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

In addition, please note that schools are required to have 5 INSET/Training days per academic year.

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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November 2024	
04.11.2024	- Start of Autumn Term (2)
04.11.2024	- INSET Day
	Musician of the Month –Madonna
05.11.2024	- Bonfire Lunch (Bonfire Night)
06.11.2024	- Year 3 - Compton Verney
07.11.2024	- School Photographer in School
07.11.2024	- Year 6 – Rowing: Heat 1 (3.45pm-5.00pm)
11.11.2024	- Remembrance Day Assembly
11.11.2024	- Anti-Bullying Week (11.11.2024 – 15.11.2024)
11.11.2024	- Road Safety Week (11.11.2024 – 15.11.2024)
11.11.2024	- Phase 1 (Rec & Year 1) - Nursery Rhyme Week (11.11.2024 – 15.11.2024)
12.11.2024	- Solihull Parent Carer Voice (2.00pm)
13.11.2024	- World Kindness Day
13.11.2024	- Year 6 – Explorer Dome
14.11.2024	- Parent Voice - CHS Community Hub (9.00am-10.00am) - everybody welcome
14.11.2024	- Year 6 – Rowing: Heat 2 (3.45pm-5.00pm)
15.11.2024	- Children in Need
20.11.2024	- Reception - Year 6 - Immunisation (Flu)
21.11.2024	- Year 5&6 SEND – Rowing (3.45pm-5.00pm)
22.11.2024	- Non-Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Christmas Fayre
25.11.2024	- INSET Day
28.11.2024	- Year 6 – Rowing Finals (3.45pm-5.00pm)
29.11.2024	- Non-Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Christmas Fayre
December 2024	
	- Musician of the Month – Bing Crosby
02.12.2024	- Reading Advent Begins
02.12.2024	- Book Fair in School
02.12.2024	- Infant Agility – Year 6 (9.30am-11.30am) (1.30pm-3.30pm)
03.12.2024	- Nursery – Elf Workshop – Parents Invited (10.30am and 2.30pm)
03.12.2024	- Christmas Assemblies – Birmingham City Mission (9.00am/9.45am)
03.12.2024	- Year 2 – Sharing and Being Generous (Birmingham City Mission)
04.12.2024	- Reception Nativity (2.30pm)
04.12.2024	- Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
05.12.2024	- Parent Voice - CHS Community Hub (9.00am-10.00am) - everybody welcome
05.12.2024	- Christmas Jumper Day
05.12.2024	- Years 3&4 – Speed Stacking (3.45pm-5.00pm)
06.12.2024	- Non-Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Christmas Fayre
07.12.2024	- Christmas Fayre – Saturday 7th December 2024
10.12.2024	- Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am and 2.15pm)
10.12.2024	- Parent Voice - Coffee and Mince Pie
10.12.2024	- Year 6 – Creating Inclusion, Belonging and Identity (Birmingham City Mission)
11.12.2024	- Years 2-6 - Pantomime
11.12.2024	- Year 2 – Sharing and Being Generous : Session 2 (Birmingham City Mission)
12.12.2024	- Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am)
12.12.2024	- Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
13.12.2024	- Attendance Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
16.12.2024	- Year 1 – Christmas Production (9.15am)
16.12.2024	- Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie
16.12.2024	- Reading Rewards – Tea with Me (2.00pm)
17.12.2024	- Christmas Lunch
18.12.2024	- Christmas Parties (pm)
20.12.2024	- Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)
20.12.2024	- Break Up - End of Autumn Term



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Monday 23rd December 2023 to Friday 3rd January 2025

January 2025

06.01.2025	-	Start of Spring Term (1)
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Dates correct at time of print (25.10.2024)

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



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