

**NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we have had! From crazy hair parties to 'celebrating my unique self' events have all proved popular and been great fun. We are on a mission to make school days happy and memorable for all the right reasons – more wonderful opportunities ahead for November and December [so please check out the timeline at the end of the newsletter as well as our new Parent Planner overview]. Before we know it, Christmas celebrations will be upon us and off to the fayre we go!

This year, we continue to develop our trauma-informed work along side Universal Design for Learning approaches. This will give us further expertise and understanding of what strategies are most impactful when supporting young people who are struggling with social, emotional and mental health. Accessing external support services still remain a challenge, so we continue to upskill our own staff who know our children best.

Recently, we have been implementing more feedback on 'you said, we did' as part of Parent Voice. Just to remind parents, if they wish to make an appointment via email the new address is: **s15parentmeeting@chs.solihull.sch.uk**

Next half term, we will be sharing the draft attendance policy. We know this can be a tricky one as certain rules and laws are not made by us but the Government. We would still like to consult with parents on some of our new recognition ideas and listen to your thoughts on this important matter.

Last but not least, please enjoy any Halloween celebrations and stay safe over the half term.

*Miss Fowles*

**REMINDERS*****Inset and Half-Term***

**Pupils break up for half-term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**Half-Term (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025)**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – INSET DAY**

Bonfire Dinner – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

***Stay on top of School News by Downloading our School App!***

Make sure you stay on top of school news, dates and events by downloading our school app.

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

Once downloaded just search for Coleshill Heath School to stay connected. ***Please check emails, Dojo and the website regularly for information and up-to-date events.***



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**INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2026. Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date:

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.** Offer day is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.

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

Children with a date of birth between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 start full-time school in September 2026. This first year is called 'Reception'. Please ensure that you apply online for a school place through the council website/portal (which is now open) before the closing date: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.** Offer day is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Children that attend our Nursery still need to apply.

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

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and when funding codes have been secured. For any questions please email [15office@chs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk)**



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## REPORTING BACK

### Harvest Donations



A big thank-you to our amazing families for their generous harvest donations this year, going to The Christian Renewal Church - 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 Children's Pastor.

# KINDNESS

### World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 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 17<sup>th</sup> October, we supported 'Show Racism the Red Card' by wearing red. Thank you for your donations – we raised £81.55 which will go to this charity.

### 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

### MAT

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

### SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 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.

### Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2027-2028

Coleshill Heath School is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2027-28 from 3<sup>rd</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December. You will be able to find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website under Key Information /Admission Arrangements. If you have any comments or views you should send them to Chair of Governors at [office@chs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@chs.solihull.sch.uk) or to Coleshill Heath School, Lime Grove, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham B37 7PY by 5pm on 15 December 2025, thank you.



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### School Uniform



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HEATH SCHOOL  
EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

### 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](http://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](http://www.coleshilluniform.deco-apparel.com) Any questions please call Tel: 03330 143643.



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### Unwanted Good Quality Uniform

#### School 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*

### 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](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm)

### School Meals when your child moves from Year 2 to Year 3

As your child moves up to Year 3 in September this year, they will no longer be entitled to a Free School Meal under the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme, which provides all children from Reception to Year 2 with a free school meal. Therefore, if you would like us to continue to provide your child with school meals from September, then there will be a charge for this of £3.00 per day, unless your child is eligible for free school meals due to your household circumstances. This is payable in advance via ParentPay or at any PayPoint.

To find out if your child is entitled to free school meals, then please apply via: [www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm) School will be informed of the outcome of your application. Alternatively, you may provide your child with a packed lunch from home.

### Introducing our new meal providers - MIQUILL





**Hello from your New School Caterers!**

We're so excited to be the new catering team at Coleshill Heath School!

Our goal is simple – to serve up fresh, tasty and nutritious meals that keep students happy, healthy and ready to learn. Lunchtime is a big part of the school day. It's a chance for students to take a break, catch up with friends and recharge for the afternoon. Our school lunches are freshly prepared, well-balanced and packed with goodness to help them stay full, focused and energised.

**Fresh, Healthy & Full of Flavour**

We use quality, locally sourced ingredients where possible to create meals that are both nutritious and tasty. Our menus are full of dishes that children love and include a variety of hot and cold options, from hearty main meals with vegetarian choices to pasta, jacket potatoes and freshly made sandwiches. Guided by school food standards, we create meals so students get the right balance of nutrients to support their learning and well-being.

If your child has allergies or specific dietary needs, our friendly catering team is happy to discuss options with you.

**We want lunchtime to be a highlight of the school day, so please encourage your child to give our school meals a go!**

0800 043 6604 | [www.miquillcatering.co.uk](http://www.miquillcatering.co.uk) | [info@miquillcatering.co.uk](mailto:info@miquillcatering.co.uk)



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### **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.

### **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**

Privacy notices, which explain how we use and process children's personal data, can be found on the school website under Key Information / Fair Processing.

### **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 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.



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### *Breakfast Club*

#### **Breakfast club - changes from September:**

- Children admitted promptly at 8.10am via the main office entrance.
- Breakfast club register closes 8.20am [**no latecomers will be admitted**]
- From arrival, children will enjoy a healthy breakfast and move to the hall space for a planned activity.
- 8.30am – support staff join children to supervise and organise classes ready to walk to their classrooms at 8.45am
- 8.50 – Bell 1 rings [Children supervised by support staff while Teacher collects main class from the playground allocated area.]
- 8.55am REGISTRATION

**Children should have registered in July and payment made before attending**

### *The Den (Before and After School Club)*



Coleshill Heath offer wraparound childcare for school aged children in Reception - Year 6.  
Open daily from 7.30am until 5.15pm during term time - all sessions are chargeable

If you would like to book a place for your child to attend 'The Den' booking forms must be completed. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. For more information regarding sessions available and cost, please enquire at the school office.

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

#### ***Solihull MBC Events/Information/Advice***

If you require information or advice relating to childcare, activities or support services, early education funded places (including the new childcare expansion scheme) or free school meals, please visit

[www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo) for further details or

contact the Family Information Service helpline on 0800 389 8667 or email [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk)



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### **TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2025/2026**

#### **Autumn Term 2025**

Term Starts: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (INSETs - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025)  
Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 (INSET – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025)  
Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### **Spring Term 2026**

Term Starts: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (INSET - 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026)  
Term Ends: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### **Summer Term 2026**

Term Starts: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
(May Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026)  
Half Term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Term Ends: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (INSET - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026)

#### **INSET Days**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (MAT)  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (MAT)  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

#### **Bank Holiday (May Day)**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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





*Dates for your Diary*  
*Autumn Term – November to December 2025*

**October 2025**

|                                                                                               |   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 24.10.2025                                                                                    | - | Attendance – Monster Mash Party |
| 24.10.2025                                                                                    | - | Break Up for Half Term          |
| <b>Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b> |   |                                 |

**November 2025**

|            |   |                                                                       |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 03.11.2025 | - | <b>Start of Autumn Term (2)</b>                                       |
| 03.11.2025 | - | <b>INSET Day</b>                                                      |
|            |   | Musician of the Month – Kishori Amankar                               |
| 03.11.2025 | - | TT Rockstar Battle (w/c 03.11.2025)                                   |
| 04.11.2025 | - | School Nurse Coffee Morning (9.00am)                                  |
| 04.11.2025 | - | Year 6 – 4 a-side Football - NSSC (3.45pm-5.00pm)                     |
| 05.11.2025 | - | Bonfire Lunch (Bonfire Night)                                         |
| 06.11.2025 | - | School Photographer in School                                         |
| 10.11.2025 | - | Anti-Bullying Week – Reach Out (10.11.2025 – 14.11.2025)              |
| 10.11.2025 | - | Road Safety Week (10.11.2025 – 14.11.2025)                            |
| 10.11.2025 | - | Year 2 & Year 4 – ‘Be Bright Be Seen’ (Road Safety)                   |
| 10.11.2025 | - | Phase 1 (Rec & Year 1) - Nursery Rhyme Week (10.11.2025 – 14.11.2025) |
| 10.11.2025 | - | Whole School - Wear Odd Socks                                         |
| 11.11.2025 | - | Remembrance Day Assembly                                              |
| 11.11.2025 | - | Year 3 - Birmingham City Mission Sessions                             |
| 12.11.2025 | - | World Kindness Day                                                    |
| 12.11.2025 | - | PINS Parent Session (9.15am)                                          |
| 13.11.2025 | - | Non-Uniform Day – for Christmas Fayre                                 |
| 13.11.2025 | - | Parent Voice - everybody welcome                                      |
| 13.11.2025 | - | Years 5&6 – Rowing Heat 2 – Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.00pm)                |
| 14.11.2025 | - | Children in Need                                                      |
| 19.11.2025 | - | Reception - Year 6 - Immunisation (Flu)                               |
| 20.11.2025 | - | Non-Uniform Day – for Christmas Fayre                                 |
| 20.11.2025 | - | Years 5&6 – SEND Rowing – Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.00pm)                  |
| 24.11.2025 | - | Years 1&2 – Infant Agility – NSSC (9.30am-11.30am)                    |
| 27.11.2025 | - | Non-Uniform Day – for Christmas Fayre                                 |
| 28.11.2025 | - | <b>Christmas Fayre (2.30pm start)</b>                                 |

**December 2025**

|            |   |                                                                |
|------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |   | Musician of the Month – Michael Bublé                          |
| 01.12.2025 | - | Reading Advent Begins                                          |
| 01.12.2025 | - | Nursery & Lighthouse – Elf Workshop (2.30pm)                   |
| 03.12.2025 | - | Reception Nativity (2.30pm)                                    |
| 03.12.2025 | - | Parent Voice – Coffee and Mince Pie                            |
| 08.12.2025 | - | TT Rockstar Battle                                             |
| 09.12.2025 | - | Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am and 2.15pm)    |
| 09.12.2025 | - | Parent Voice - Coffee and Mince Pie                            |
| 10.12.2025 | - | Years 5&6 -Girl Power Leaders Training – NSSC (12.45pm-2.45pm) |
| 10.12.2025 | - | Choir Sing at Care Home (1.30pm)                               |
| 11.12.2025 | - | Phase 2 (Years 2&3) – Christmas Concert (9.15am)               |
| 11.12.2025 | - | Christmas Jumper Day                                           |



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| December 2025 - continued                                                         |   |                                                  |
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| 15.12.2025                                                                        | - | Reading Rewards – Tea with Me (11.00am)          |
| 15.12.2025                                                                        | - | Year 1 – Christmas Workshop (2.15am) in the Hall |
| 16.12.2025                                                                        | - | Attendance Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)          |
| 17.12.2025                                                                        | - | Christmas Lunch                                  |
| 18.12.2025                                                                        | - | Winter Wonderland Day                            |
| 18.12.2025                                                                        | - | Christmas Parties (pm)                           |
| 19.12.2025                                                                        | - | Champion Learner Assembly (9.00am and 2.30pm)    |
| 19.12.2025                                                                        | - | Break Up - End of Autumn Term                    |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b> |   |                                                  |
| January 2026                                                                      |   |                                                  |
| 05.01.2026                                                                        | - | Start of Spring Term (1)                         |

*Dates correct at time of print (23.10.2025)*

**Information to follow regarding the above events**

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



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