November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Weekly Overviews

Please see the Weekly Overviews for information about the areas of learning we are covering each week; these are posted weekly on Parent Hub. This will include the phonics, maths, key text and wider curriculum areas that we are exploring throughout the week in class. Parent Hub is also a space for you to interact with your child's learning and view pictures/videos of what has been happening in class. It is also a space for the class teacher to post messages and information related to the class so please do check in regularly.

School play

This term we will be getting ready for the school play, 'Annie'. Each Reception class will learn a dance and perform it on the stage in Coleridge West – more information about costumes etc. to follow! Performances will be from Thursday 10th December – Tuesday 15th December.

Thursday 10th December – AM red class, PM orange class
Friday 11th December – AM purple class, PM blue class
Monday 14th December – AM orange class, PM red class
Tuesday 15th December – AM blue class, PM purple class

Reading

The children have been very excited to receive their book bag and their first reading book. From next week, please remember to bring in your child's reading bag on their designated book swap day, this information can be found displayed in your classroom window. We are unable to send home new books if the previous ones are not returned. We will be reading with your child each week too.

Louise Foulkes, our school Deputy Head and Reading Lead, has posted some *bitesize* 'how to' guides to support parent/carers with reading. They are short videos that you can watch in your own time to understand our ethos around reading at Coleridge, how phonics is taught and useful tips and ideas for you to support your children at home.

Please follow the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfMlFHa5HhXU7s9brXJHrQDL2l56xP7bR

Trips

As part of our **Understanding the World – People and Communities** area of learning, we will be visiting **St Mary's Church in Hornsey Rise**. The visit will take place in the morning, and we will return to school before lunchtime, so there is no need for children to bring snacks or packed lunches. Closer to the time, we will be asking for two or three parent volunteers to help each class walk to and from the church. If you are available to help, please let your child's class teacher know when they send out a message asking for volunteers. Thank you for your support!

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Visit dates

- **RR and RP:** Thursday 3rd December
- **RO and RB:** Friday 4th December

Clothing

With the colder weather approaching, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat each day. We will continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces and enjoy playing outside, whatever the weather, so it is important that children are dressed appropriately to keep warm and comfortable. Please also ensure that any hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name to help us keep track of them. Thank you for your support!

Cooking

Thank you for all the cooking money donations that you have already made. We will continue to cook with the children and ask parents to give a voluntary contribution. This enables us to buy the ingredients. Please give the money directly to your Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant. Please do remember that this is completely voluntary, any amount is appreciated!

Junk Modelling

We are always in need of junk modelling materials but please can we ask that you do not bring in any glass items. If possible, we would prefer to have cardboard boxes, clean and dry plastic containers, bottle tops, toilet tubes …

Very important information

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances - it is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

Contact details - on several occasions, when trying to contact some parents/carers if their child is unwell or has had an accident, we've been unable to get hold of anyone, usually because mobile numbers have been changed but we have not been notified. Please make sure you have informed the office of any changes to your contact details.

Absence – for safeguarding reasons, it's essential that you inform the school of the reason why your child is not in school. If your child is going to be absent, you can either phone the school, email admin@coleridgeprimary.net or register the absence on ParentHub.

Dates for your diaries:

Church visit - RR and RP: Thursday 3rd December **RO and RB:** Friday 4th December
Autumn Festival – 14th November (3-7pm) West Playground
Parents' Evening – 18th November (4-8pm) West Hall
Winter Concert – 16th December (3.45pm onwards) West Hall
Last day of term - 18th December

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. We are looking forward to a busy and fun half term.

Yours sincerely,
The Reception Team