CUDHAM
CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER – 16th October 2026

Our school Vision: 'Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst' John 4:14, NIV

'Together we Aim, Believe and Achieve'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remember to follow us on Instagram! Our page is: @cudhamprimary

Do please give us a follow!

Headteachers Award



This week, the Headteacher's Award goes to Millie for an outstanding piece of writing about volcanoes! Millie used technical vocabulary accurately and in context, organised the information with clear headings and sub-headings, and included informative, annotated illustrations. An outstanding effort!



Student Spotlight: Georgia Takes to the Airwaves!

We are incredibly proud to share a truly inspiring achievement by one of our own Year 6 students, Georgia.

Georgia recently put her creative talents to work by writing a beautiful poem all about the value of friendship. The creativity didn't stop there, though! Showing fantastic teamwork across generations, Georgia's grandfather stepped in to show her how to set her words to music, turning her poem into a fully realised song. The magic reached even further when the song was played on the radio, giving listeners everywhere a chance to hear her hard work. To top off this amazing experience, Georgia was invited to speak on air, confidently sharing the story behind her creation.

Please join us in giving Georgia a massive round of applause for her creativity, dedication, and for representing our school so brilliantly on the radio. We can't wait to see what she creates next!

Open mornings

Please find below the dates for our upcoming Open Mornings, including our Stay and Play sessions:

Wednesday 4th November
Thursday 19th November (Stay and Play)
Tuesday 1st December.

We'd love for you to help us spread the word about our upcoming Open Mornings. If you know any friends, family or families with children who may be interested in joining us, please do share the details with them. Our Open Mornings are a wonderful opportunity for new families to come along, meet the team, experience our setting and discover everything we have to offer. We're looking forward to welcoming lots of new families and sharing what makes our community so special!

TTRS/Numbots Day



We kicked started the day with 'Beat the teacher', where the children challenged different members of staff to quick fire times tables questions for KS2 and addition facts for KS1. The games were Oliver vs. Ms Burr, Millie vs. Mrs French, Tye vs. Mr Ward, George M and Miss Askew, Angelo and Miss Askew and Meela & Arty vs. Mrs Scrivener & Mr Bentley. Everyone (including staff) showed resilience and determination in their games! The children have



also been able to enjoy lots of different activities in the classroom too. Honeysuckle and Forget Me Not have enjoyed playing Times Tables Rockstars, and FMN showed Sunflower class their way around Numbots, helping them log in and supporting them playing. We've also have had different colouring and craft activities happening. It has been a jam-packed final day of term, and we have loved seeing all the effort gone into all of the children's costumes.



Sunflower Class



Reception have been working very hard to build what started as the tallest tower but soon transformed into the longest snake! We have also been playing teachers…apparently the "teachers" are dealing with some naughty children in their classes!

We also had a great scientific week this week looking at our senses. We tasted different fruits and described them. We also smelt different things and guessed what they were before describing and saying which our favourite and least favourite was. What a great end to the half term.





Honeysuckle Class



In our PSHE topic, we have been exploring empathy in relationships. The children created some Kandinsky style art to show their feelings when they felt something - and especially rules- were unfair. We had a great discussion about recognising other people's emotions and how we can respect them whilst keeping ourselves safe. This half term has been great. The children are reflecting on their learning and making wonderful progress.

FMN Class

In science, the children have been exploring how humans grow and change throughout their life. This week, they investigated how children's handspan change as they grow and collected data from children across the school of all different ages. They then used the data to create line graphs and analysed the information to look for any patterns and anomalies.

Star of the week

FMN: George
Honeysuckle: Millie
Sunflower: Delilah

Attendance

This week, Spike is awarded to **Honeysuckle Class** for the highest attendance (**94.81%)**

FMN Class: 84.62%
Sunflower Class: 92.13%

SCHOOL (since 2.9.26): 96.01%

Every Day Counts – Let's Be In!

National data shows that pupils with higher attendance are significantly more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes. By being in school every day, children benefit from consistent learning, helping them build the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for future success. Holidays should be taken during school holiday periods wherever possible, as even a few days of term-time absence can lead to missed learning that is difficult to catch up.

Punctuality

I encourage you to ensure that your child arrives between **8:30am and 8:45am** each morning. Arriving

on time helps children settle calmly into the day, complete important morning activities and be ready to start learning alongside their classmates from the beginning of the first lesson. Consistent punctuality supports positive routines and maximises learning time.

Please make sure that your child arrives between 8.30am- 8.45am.

The register is taken at 8.45am. If you are late for school, ring the intercom and a member of staff will meet your child at the gate.

Below is the link to our attendance policy:

primary-attendance-and-absence-policy.pdf

Parent Guides
You may wish to have a look at some of the parents guides in this link regarding E-Safety

What You Need to Know About: Instagram | Free E-Safety Guide

Dogs on the playground
Please can we remind you dogs are not permitted on the playground at any time, due to allergies. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Sweets
Please can we remind you that sweets and chewing gum are **not** permitted in school. In packed lunches, food must be biscuit based and not bars of chocolate please.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD DOES NOT BRING IN ANY SNACK WHICH CONTAINS NUTS

Have a lovely half term

Ms Askew

WRAP AROUND CARE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

FROM 7.30am-5.30pm

TERM DATES FOR 2026-27

HALF TERM – Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Friday 12th February – INSET DAY

HALF TERM – Monday 12th February – Friday 19th February

HALF TERM – Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

HALF TERM – Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Friday 23rd July – Last day of Term