



February Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Coldfall we are part of the local community of schools who provide support and challenge for each other. We review aspects of each school's practice and provision through a supportive and constructive process. This week we had one of these visits from 3 local senior leaders and afterwards I received this email from the lead reviewer which said:

I just wanted to say thank you for today and allowing us to come into your wonderful school.

How lucky the children are to have such a dedicated team of leaders, teachers and support staff who care about every aspect of their development.

Please also pass on my thanks to the children. They were so polite and welcoming and it was great to listen to them talking so confidently about their learning and experiences in class.

It goes without saying that I agree with her! I did and do feel very proud of the efforts of our staff and our children. Thank you for your support too.

NB Don't worry there were aspects of our practice to reconsider, improve and adapt!

Value of the Month—Excellence



This is the outcome of so many of our other values of the month. To achieve excellence, you need:

- Perseverance & Resilience: Teach that mistakes are part of learning. Encourage children to try again and not give up when tasks become challenging. It's not a straight road to the top.
- Enthusiasm: a sense of curiosity and a desire to learn more, supporting children to become lifelong learners.

It's a huge highlight when children are sent to me with *their* excellent work. This excellent can be different for each child but I've learned to try to impart to them that it is the hard work and effort that they are receiving the sticker or certificate for and excellence is the product of this.

Friends of Coldfall

On Friday the 13th February it will be our annual Valentines disco! This is a fun filled and joyful chance to socialise, dress up and dance with friends. Please bring a £1 donation for our charity Educaid. Thank you to the Friends of Coldfall for organising another fun event for our children.

We started the first of our art projects, funded by your contributions from Fireworks night, uniform sales etc, with year 3 this half term. Professional artist Liga Kitchen worked with Year 3 children to produce large scale artworks inspired by music and the work of artist Beatrice Milharzes. These colourful vibrant works will be permanently displayed in the music hall.



This is a **parent-led** initiative at Coldfall Primary School that is supported by the school.

Supporting Our Children's Wellbeing Together

At Coldfall, we believe in fostering a childhood free from the pressures and risks associated with smartphones and social media.

In a powerful display of our school community coming together, so far over **170** parents have signed a **pact** pledging not to give their children **smartphones before the age of 14** and to delay access to **social media until 16**.

This initiative, part of the **national [Smartphone Free Childhood movement](#)**, is designed to ensure children can grow, play, and develop **without the negative effects of digital distractions**.

Coldfall Primary School is proud to be a Smartphone-Free School—[sign the pledge here](#)

OPAL Homework February

It's been wet and muddy hasn't it? What can you do with this? Send the school office a photo of you playing in or with mud over the half term! Perhaps you could make a mudslide? Maybe you could make a dam for a river? Splash about in a muddy puddle? See how muddy you can get!

Staff News

We would like to say thank you to some team members who are leaving Coldfall at half term.

We have been supporting the next generation of teachers by hosting four trainee teachers from the Institute of Education. All have impressed us with their hard work, dedication and support for our children. Thank you and good luck in your journeys India Beaumont from Robin Class, Carla Jones from Nightingale Class, Saadia Mohamed Salaat from Kingfisher Class and Freya Young from Duckling Class.

Also thank you to Mia Mattan in Chaffinch Class who leaves us to explore the world before embarking on a law degree. Thank you for the excellent care you have provided. Bon Voyage!

With best wishes,

Ewan Marshall
Head Teacher

Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

*Please note, these may be subject to change.
Please check our weekly reminders emails each week.*

World Book Day Friday 6th March (dress up!)

Parents Evenings 11th and 12th March

Sports week—week beginning 29th June.

Assemblies

Robin - Friday 27th February

Peacock - Friday 6th March

Puffin - Friday 20th March

Pelican - Friday 24th April

Kestrel - Friday 1st May

Kingfisher - Friday 8th May

Kookaburra - Friday 15th May

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Community Gardening

Join us for some more **free** Community Gardening sessions on the school allotment after half term! This is a chance to garden FOR FREE with other families and children in a relaxed and informal setting – all welcome. THANK YOU to Friends of Coldfall for supporting this programme.

Who: Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Staff and up to two children (adults must stay to supervise them)

When: Weds 4th March, 3:45 – 4:30
Weds 18th March, 3:45 – 4:30

Where: School allotment (fenced off area left of the dining hall) behind playhouse

Bring: Nothing required, but bring gardening gloves if you have them

Travel News – please turn car engines off

Our **Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs)**, and families walking to school, have noticed an increase in cars parked with their engines running while children are being dropped off. This is called 'idling' and is against the law - it causes air pollution and affects people walking past, increasing asthma and other health problems. If you drive to drop off children at school, **please turn off your engines when you are parked.** Thank you!

Wellies

Please check your children's wellies are labelled clearly – and still fit. They are using them a lot and it helps if they are named as they can otherwise get lost. Thank you!

