



# Cuffley School NEWSLETTER

*Caring Curious Courageous*

*18<sup>th</sup> September 2026*

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## Welcome

We are so pleased to welcome you all back to a new school year. A special welcome to everyone who is new to our Cuffley Community. We hope that you have enjoyed your first few weeks. If you need any support, or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us – we are all here to help you!

I would like to introduce you to our team for 2026-2027 (the staff structure is attached). A very warm welcome to the Cuffley Crew for all our new joiners. We are delighted to have you on board.

As many of you will know, Mrs Grace Hawksbee and Ms Funda Simsik are both on maternity leave. They both had baby boys and are doing well.

Mrs Charlotte Lloyd has returned from maternity leave and has rejoined the senior leadership team, taking a lead on SEND. We are delighted to have her back.

## SOCS (PTA) Coffee Morning

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am**

Supporters of Cuffley School

Cuffley PTA needs you!

# COFFEE MORNING

WITH MRS WING AND MRS CHARALAMBOUS

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS**  
Studies show that children perform better when a parent is involved with the school.

**STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOL**  
The fundraising makes a huge difference to Cuffley School.

**BUILD COMMUNITY**  
Connect with other parents, teachers and staff who are passionate about Cuffley School.

Whether you want to share your ideas, bring along some inspiration, get an idea on upcoming events or join the PTA, please come along to the SOCS coffee morning held with Mrs Wing and Mrs Charalambous.

Tea and coffee provided | Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September | Head to reception after morning drop off

**Come and join us!**

## SOCS Latest Project

### Outdoor Learning Classroom



We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful Supporters of Cuffley School (SOCS) team for their hard work in fundraising for the school. They enable us to enrich learning and school life in a way we couldn't do without additional funding. Last year our big project was to install an outdoor learning classroom to further enrich our outdoor learning and Forest School provision. It is now up and ready to use! We are so excited. A huge thank you to everyone who have supported us.

Come along to our coffee morning next week where we can share ideas about our next project.

## Voluntary Roles

We'd love to see you join our SOCS team. They make such a difference to the community life of our school and support us financially with enriching projects, such as the outdoor learning classroom recently installed. We have a coffee morning booked for **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. If you can't attend and you are interested, please contact the school office who will point you in the right direction.

We have already recruited some volunteers, based in various year groups, reading with the children, but also joining in with the wider life of the school. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Mrs Farmer who co-ordinates these voluntary roles. She will be pleased to hear from you.

## Driving and Parking

Just a gentle reminder - we have good relationships with our neighbours and local community. However, these are easily damaged when parents drive and park inconsiderately. Unfortunately, we have already been made aware of some concerns. Please help to continue to build good relations in our community by driving and parking responsibly.

Also, we have a voluntary one-way system in place which routes all vehicles in one direction; it eliminates head-on standoffs, simplifies turns, and keeps traffic moving more easily. If you could enter Theobalds Road via Station Road and then leave Theobalds Road via Northaw Road East, it would really support the smoother flow of traffic.

## What's On

We have lots of dates for your diaries, including the autumn term parent consultations. Please keep an eye on What's On (towards the end of the newsletter) as well as Google Classroom for general updates and information.

## Secondary School Applications

[Online applications](#) are now open for secondary school admissions. Please go and visit the local schools to get a feel for them. If you would like any advice, please don't hesitate to contact us as we are happy to talk to you.

Please note that the **deadline** for secondary school applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2026**, which is at the end of this half term. **We would recommend that parents complete applications by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline. Don't forget!

## Reception Applications

Applications for children to join **Reception** in September 2027 open on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026 through [Hertfordshire County Council](#). [Tours](#) are available for prospective Reception parents to visit the school during the working day and these are advertised on our [website](#). Please call the office to book on.

**Nursery** tour dates will be advertised later in the term. Please feel free to ask us any questions; we are here to help.

## Medical Information/Allergies

If your child has a medical condition/allergy that we should be aware of, or if they had a condition which has now changed, please let us know so that we can update our records and put appropriate plans in place if necessary.

## Nut Free School

As you are aware, we are a nut free school. We currently have children with severe nut allergies – one of which is an airborne allergy. If products contain nuts (spreads, biscuits, cereal bars, etc.) they can cause a severe, possibly fatal, reaction for some of our children. Thank you for taking additional care with packed lunches.

## School Photographs

### *Individual and Sibling Photographs*

A date for your diary – please note that the school photographer will be coming in to take individual and sibling photos on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. Please send your child into school wearing winter uniform on this day.

## Musical Achievement

Congratulations to:

**Neo Cheung** - Merit award for his grade 2 Guitar

## Magic Moment



Welcoming our youngest children starting school has been very special.

## What's On

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 21.09.26                | Yr 1 Meet the Teacher – 2:30pm                            |
| 22.09.26                | Yr 2 Meet the Teacher – 2:30pm                            |
| 23.09.26                | Yr 4 Meet the Teacher – 2:30pm                            |
| 24.09.26                | SOCS Coffee morning 9am<br>Yr 5 Meet the Teacher – 2:30pm |
| 25.09.26                | Yr 6 Meet the Teacher – 2:30pm                            |
| 28.09.26                | Spanish Lunch Day                                         |
| 01.10.26                | Black History Month starts                                |
| 08.10.26                | School Photographs                                        |
| 21.10.26                | Parent Consultations                                      |
| 22.10.25                | Parent Consultations                                      |
| 23.10.25                | Reception – Yr 6<br>Flu Immunisations 12pm                |
| <b>w/c<br/>26.10.25</b> | <b>Half Term</b>                                          |
| 31.10.26                | Secondary School<br>Application Deadline                  |
| 03.11.26                | Prospective Parent Tours                                  |
| 11.11.26                | Prospective Parent Tours                                  |
| 19.11.26                | Prospective Parent Tours                                  |
| 23.11.26                | Prospective Parent Tours                                  |
| 04.12.26                | Prospective Parent Tours                                  |
| 07.12.26                | Nursery Nativity                                          |
| 08.12.26                | KS1 Nativity                                              |
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| 10.12.26                | RC Nativity                                               |
| 11.12.26                | RH Nativity                                               |
| 17.12.25                | <b>End of Term – School<br/>finishes at 1:30pm</b>        |

## In Today's Post

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| Staff Structure           |
| Year 6 - Moving On Poster |
| Reception – Library Flyer |

## Payment deadline dates

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| Dinner Money | On going |
| Nursery Fees | On going |