



Cumnor House Boys' School & Nursery Newsletter

Friday 24th November

Key Dates - Early Years and Boys' School

All school dates for this term are available to view on the 'Calendar' section of your Cognita Connect app.

EARLY YEARS

Tuesday 5th December 2:30pm, Purley Kindergarten Nativity

Thursday 7th December 10am, Reception Nativity

Friday 8th December, After School Clubs/Activities Finish

Monday 11th December 10am, Purley Pre-School Nativity

Monday 11th December 2pm, South Croydon Pre-School Nativity

Tuesday 12th December, Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December 2:30pm, South Croydon Kindergarten

Wednesday 13th December, Reception and Purley Nursery Last Day of Term, collection at 11:45am

Friday 22nd December, 6pm South Croydon Nursery closes for Christmas

BOYS' SCHOOL

Tuesday 28th November, Year 8 Trip to Army Museum (click [here](#) to view letter)

Wednesday 29th November 7pm-9pm, Whitgift Autumn Concert at Fairfield Halls (Selected Cumnor Choristers)

Thursday 30th November, ABRSM Exams

Friday 1st December, Year 2 'Superheros for the Day' & Visit to Care Home (click [here](#) to view letter)

Wednesday 6th December 7pm, Carol Service at Croydon Minster (click [here](#) to view letter)

Friday 8th December, After School Clubs/Activities Finish

Friday 8th December 2pm, Year 1 & 2 Nativity at St. Mark's Church

Tuesday 12th December, Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 12th December 4:30pm, Informal Concert

Wednesday 13th December, Last Day of Term - finish times as follows:

- 12:00pm Year 1 & 2
- 12:10pm Year 3 & 4
- 12:30pm Year 5 & 6
- 12:45pm Year 7 & 8

(There will be no PM shuttlebus service or After School Facility on 13th December)

A Message from SLT



It has been another busy week at Cumnor House School for Boys'. Many boys have completed their first assessments and series of interviews at 11+ and 13+ including the ISEB Pre-Tests held at our school; the senior School examination window is well and truly open. As such, all pupils in Years 3 to 8 have recently completed PASS surveys, which asks pupils to reflect on 'Pupil's Attitudes to Self and School'. These assessments will help us better understand your son's mindset towards school and if they are confident and motivated to learning, particularly for some, in what can be an anxious period approaching senior school assessments. The program will also identify barriers to learning in order to ensure student wellbeing and positive outcomes at a whole school, class, and individual level.

Sadly, as the cold wet days draw in, we farewell a fantastic football season. However, we look forward to the approaching rugby season and hope to be dazzled as we were with the recent Rugby World Cup.

On a more personal note, it is clear that road works and congestion have interrupted the journeys of our families, to and from school. This can bring a level of unwanted frustration to the start of the day. It has been disheartening to hear an account of unkind exchanges from Cumnor parents towards one another at drop off and pick up. Compassion and Integrity stand at the very forefront of the values that we aim to instil within our boys. We kindly ask that these virtues are also embraced by all members of the Cumnor Community, as staff and parents set the standard for our young learners to follow.

On Monday the Upper School pupils were excited to welcome Andrew Newlands, MD, founder and owner of the Monty Bojangles Co. and importantly, old boy of Cumnor House School. Andrew was a true raconteur, recounting his formative years in the red blazer. His talk, with a focus on 'Careers', touched on the qualities, skills and attributes that he has developed ultimately leading to his success. It was inspiring to see our very own Cumnor Way values at the fore of what has been important to him. Andrew was humble in his reliving of his Cumnor Journey and subsequent success, telling us of how an "ordinary / normal" pupil became Head Boy.

Andrew then shared his secrets of the trade around interview prep. The boys were motivated to learn that there are 3 simple ingredients:

- Share your magic

- Deliver differences
- Appear helpful



It was compelling to witness the emotion Andrew experienced touring the school at the conclusion of his assembly. Some 30 years on from hanging up the Cumnor blazer, he could vividly recall moments that shaped his future- his drive, creativity and passion for music in particular.

Thank you Andrew for sharing your experiences (and amazing truffles), our boys, I am sure will use your story in writing their very own next chapter.

Year 1 Trip

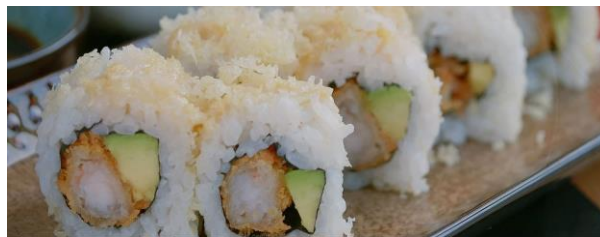


This term in Year 1's topic is Ready, Steady, Cook. Each week the boys learn about a different country's food and culture.

As part of this topic, on Monday, Year 1 visited **Toriton Izakaya** Japanese restaurant in Coulsdon. The boys were incredibly lucky to be taught how to make their own sushi by chef Eddie. Each boy was shown how to prepare and roll three types of sushi, which were then cut into rolls. The boys were so excited to take their sushi home to show their families. Some even said they would share!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Wong and Miss Xing, the parents of Alex in 4C for having us. They made the experience fun and enjoyable for the boys. The staff who attended are already making plans to visit after being lucky enough to sample some of the delicious food.

We would highly recommend a visit to this local restaurant. If you are interested in creative East Asian cuisine book a table at [Toriton Izakaya](#).





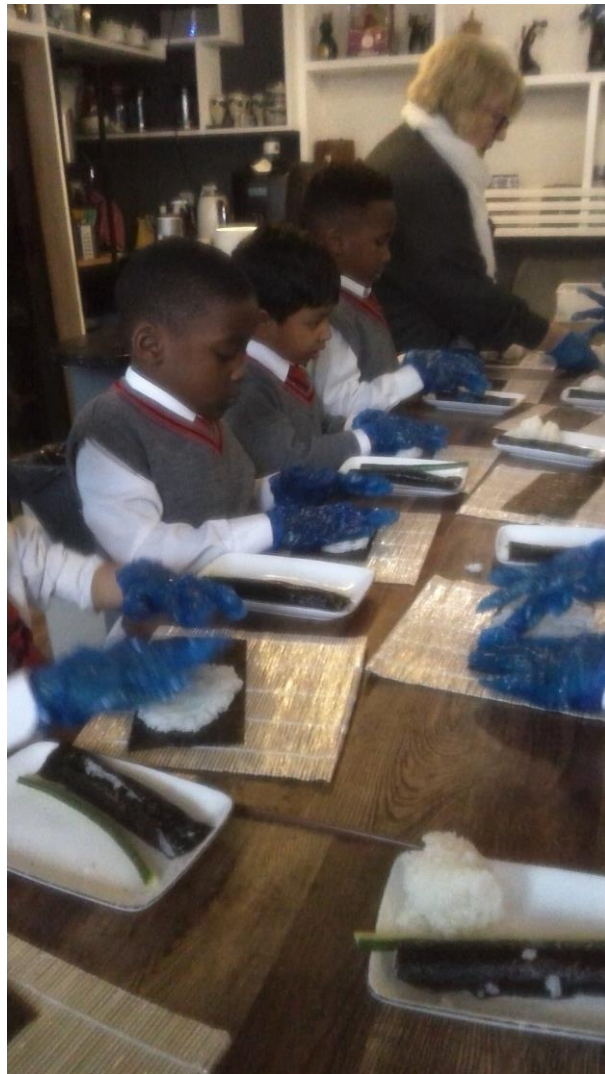
















Our Year 1 & 2 stars for this week:

1C - Geeth

1L - Chike

1S - Harrison

2CT - Max O

2R - Shaan

Well done, boys!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Miss Edwards, Mr Jones & Mr Bolton



PTA Merry Market, Saturday 2nd December

👤 Volunteer for Merry Market Magic! 🎄

Get ready for a festive frenzy at Merry Market! 🎉 Join us for Winter Wonderland Games, Frosty's Cafe, House of Santa, Carolling Corner, and a visit with Santa!

To make it truly magical for the kids, we need YOUR help! ✨ Can you spare 30 minutes? Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/WCHCW.

📁 Perks of Volunteering:

- Spread joy
- Be part of the holiday spirit
- Make memories

Grab your tickets and join the merriment:

- For entrance tickets click [here](#)
- For Santa's Grotto tickets click [here](#)

Let's make Merry Market unforgettable! 🎅 🎄


CUMNOR HOUSE BOYS' AND NURSERY
PTA PRESENTS

MERRY MARKET

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
FILLED WITH FESTIVE FUN

BOYS' SITE



**SATURDAY
2ND DECEMBER
1 TO 4PM**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
PLUS... GIFT SHOP, CAROLS,
FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK,
SPECIAL SANTA VISIT & MUCH MORE...

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STALLS AVAILABLE

IF YOU, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW, WOULD LIKE A STALL*,
PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW:
[HTTPS://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/CHSPTA/T-ZZKMQJP](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chspta/t-zzkmqjp)

STALL PRICING £15

*ALL STALLS MUST BE PURCHASED BY WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER
STALLS MUST BE RELATED TO GIFTING OR THE HOLIDAYS



Sport

Football

This week brought a close to all House football fixtures. It has been a pleasure to see the boys showcase their progress and compete for their houses. The Romans House ran away with the football trophy, but the Normans (Integrity Award), Saxons (Courage Award) & Danes (Endeavour Award) should also be congratulated for embodying the Cumnor Way!

Please see results:

U7-13 House Football				
U7	U8	U9	U10/11	U13
R 9	R 9	N 9	R 12	R 7
S 6	N 3	R 6	D 8	S 6
D 1	S 3	S 3	S 5	D 2
N 1	D 3	D 3	N 3	N 1

Overall Standings		
Place	House	Points
1	Romans	43
2	Saxons	23
3	Normans	17
3	Danes	17

Rugby (Year 2 to 8)

Rugby commences next week, please click [here](#) to view information regarding lessons and fixtures.

Understanding Concussion

Please click [here](#) to view an important video that the boys have watched in their form classes.

Mr Brotherton, Director of Games

Music



Future Dates – a reminder

Wednesday 29th November – Whitgift Autumn Concert (selected Choristers)

Thursday 30th November – ABRSM exams

Miss Secker

Head of Music

Early Years

It has been another busy week, and Christmas has definitely arrived at Cumnor. All the children have been working hard learning their lines and songs ready for the nativities. Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parent Phonics workshop on Tuesday. If you were unable to attend we will send out slides and handouts early next week on Cognita Connect.

Congratulations to all the children this week who received the Star of the Week or Gold Award.

Stars of the Week

Pre-School South Croydon: Araiya

Pre-School Purley: Kasen

RA: Arhaan

RL: Shayn

RW: Jacob

Gold Awards

Pre-School South Croydon: Harry

Pre- School Purley: Shaan

RA: Zane

RL: Dylan

RW: Zakariah

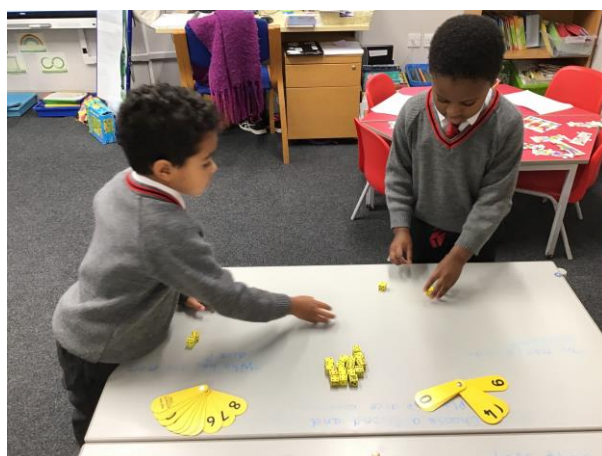
Congratulations to all these children.

Nativity: If your child does not attend Nursery on that day they can still come in and perform please drop them off at least 20 minutes before the start and they can leave with you at the end of the performance.

If your child is in South Croydon Pre-School and does attend they will come over on the bus to Purley with their teachers to perform. SC Kindergarten performance is at South Croydon in the Kindergarten room.

You do not need to book tickets this year but we ask that you are respectful as the site is small and can only realistically hold two adults per child, if you come with additional adults please be aware you will be asked to stand at the back.

Reception





This week in Reception the boys had a visit from the MET police. They learned about the different roles police have and they even had a chance to try on the uniform! They had so much fun learning about the police force and how they help us. Thank you to the Dacres family.

In maths the boys have been comparing numbers, learning about 'greater than and less than'. They had a go at a variety of practical activities working in pairs and groups. They also learned the symbols for greater than, less than and equal to. Such great mathematician!

For our topic 'Celebrations around the world' the boys have been learning about Thanksgiving. We talked about what we are thankful for and how similar Thanksgiving is to Christmas, a celebration the boys are very excited about!









Pre-School



South Croydon Pre-School

This week in Pre-school we have been working super hard to receive a star in the jar, we need 5 over the whole week to get a treat on a Wednesday afternoon. We have been helping our friend and working together to complete tasks.

We are in beginning to get our classroom ready for Christmas in preschool and have created a post-box to use to send letters or cards to people. We are learning how to put a stamp on and what a stamp is for. They children have been colouring and writing their names in independently, occasionally needing their name cards. For Maths we have been making our own patterns and continuing the pattern of the lights ourselves, colouring the scarfs to complete the strips all the way to the end.





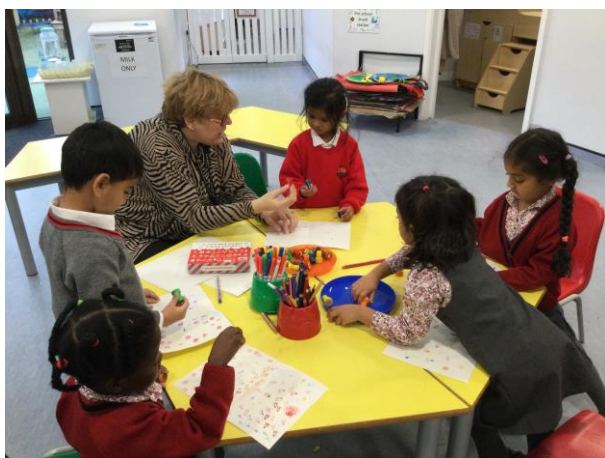


Purley Pre-School

A wonderful welcome into school last Monday with the crib and Christmas tree greeting us as we entered Preschool and Kindergarten. Thank you to our wonderful Christmas Elves.

We are busy creating and decorating crafts linked with the gingerbread man and adding sparkle to our classroom.

Our Christmas cave is filled with the most wonderful outfits and it is lovely to see the excitement they bring. We are busy getting ready and learning our nativity play together– A Little Nativity. The Christmas feeling has arrived. A very special time together.





Kindergarten



South Croydon Kindergarten

In Kindergarten the children are learning about winter and have been identifying clothing worn to keep them warm. They discussed different types of winter weather and designed their own winter

clothing. They helped to put up the Christmas tree and have started to make Christmas decorations for their class and tree. In Music the children are becoming very familiar with their Christmas songs.







Purley Kindergarten

This week we have visited the Polar Regions.

The children enjoyed discovering the frozen worlds, discovering which animals live in the Arctic and which live in Antarctica, the penguins have had help discovering the icebergs. Some children enjoyed pretending to make igloos, balancing several icebergs together and using the balls as floating icebergs.

We were also very lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas, who read the children 2 lovely stories.



