



# CHS Boys' School & Nursery

Friday 17th November

Cumnor House School

## 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 21st November 3:30pm**, Reception and Pre-School Phonics Workshop

**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

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## **BOYS' SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 18th November**, Year 8 Trip to Army Museum (Letter has been sent via a 'Notice')

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

**Thursday 30th November**, ABRSM Exams

**Wednesday 6th December 7pm**, Carol Service at Croydon Minster

**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 Miss Edwards](#)



Dear Parents

This week we had a fantastic assembly from **5T** to start the week. They taught us all about **Endangered Animals** and we learnt some very interesting facts. **Well done, 5T.** We were then treated to a brilliant assembly about **Random Acts of Kindness** which was great timing particularly as we have been celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week.** Well done, **5I!**

Our **Anti-Bullying Week** started with **Odd Socks Day** which is always a favourite. The boys enjoyed looking at the variety of mismatched socks they all had and we have some excellent pictures. I asked the boys in assembly why we choose to wear odd socks and a little voice said, **'To show that everyone is different and different is good'**.

On Wednesday the boys **decorated T Shirts** with **anti-bullying slogans** and then wore them on Friday. **Ethan** in **Year 5** happened to pop into my office when I was on a call with all the Heads from Cognita and he explained very eloquently why he was wearing his **T Shirt** and why we have created them. They were very impressed!

Last term some of our boys completed training as **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors** and have taken on the role for this academic year. They will be part of the **Pupil Leadership Team**, working with **SLT** to ensure that as a school we understand how bullying can affect children and how it should be dealt with as well as how important it is to show compassion to all.





As always, my favourite part of the week is when the **'stars of the week'** come to visit.

1C - **Leo**

1L- **Srey**

1S- **David**

2CT- **Arjun**

2R- **Ibrahim**

**Well done, boys! Mr Jones and Mrs Upfold** also enjoyed your visit and it was so lovely to hear why you had been chosen and the names of all the teddies.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

**Miss Edwards**

**Head of School**



## Polite Reminder from the Girls' School

If you are collecting your son from the shuttle bus, please park in the lane and wait in the gravel area - the Horseshoe. Please do not drive onto the school grounds, or park in the staff car park - there are still a number of children and parents around at this time. We have had some near misses and I would remind you that it is everyone's responsibility to keep all members of our Cumnor community safe.

Thank you.

On Tuesday Year 4 took a day trip to Park Farm and Banstead Woods to visit the sculptures of the Narnia characters featured in the current Year 4's focus text. The boys also took part in a scavengers hunt and a forest percussion project. Thank you to Mr Walpot for organising this and for the staff for making a wet day a lot of fun.









## Year 7 Geography

Year 7 were exploring how contour lines represent gradients on a map by bringing them to life using potatoes.



## Nursery Open Mornings



**CHS**  
*Be your best self*

Cumnor House School

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective families for an opportunity to see what Cumnor House Nurseries and Preschools have to offer

**JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER NURSERY OPEN MORNINGS**  
South Croydon Nursery - Thursday 23rd  
Purley Nursery - Friday 24th

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE YEAR 2023

Are you looking for a Kindergarten or Pre-School place for your son or daughter? Please join us at our Open Mornings from 9-11am on Thursday 23rd November at our South Croydon Nursery and Friday 24th November at Purley Nursery. We have places available for an immediate start and beyond in 2024/2025. Don't miss out! Please secure your appointment via our website [www.cumnorhouse.com](http://www.cumnorhouse.com) or call our friendly Admissions team on 0208 660 3445.

## Save the Date - Merry Market!



## Music

**WANTED!**

Art Work  
for the  
Carol  
Service  
Booklet

Draw or paint a picture linked to the Christmas story.  
If you are in a choir - use the song lyrics for inspiration!

**CLOSING DATE: Monday 20th November**  
Hand in to anyone in the Music Department

*Future Dates – a reminder*

Monday 20th November – rehearsals for ABRSM exams with Miss Brown (accompanist)

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

Thursday 30th November – ABRSM exams

**Miss Secker**

**Head of Music**

## Sports

### Breaking News:

-U8A ⚽ Team - Win the CHS U8 Football Tournament

-U10A ⚽ Team - Win the Hawthorns U10 Football Tournament

-U9B ⚽ Team top 🏆 in the National ⚽ rankings (link: <https://www.schoolsfootball.co.uk/TeamLeagueAllComers.aspx> )

-U9A ⚽ Team 2nd 🏆 in the National ⚽ rankings

-Other ⚽ Teams inside the top 10 schools: U8A 3rd 🏆, U10A 3rd 🏆, U9E 4th, U10E 7th, U9C 8th & U9D 9th

-Swimming squad beat JAGS by 798 to 676 points

-Logan & Michael finish inside the top 6 runners @ the Croydon Primary Schools Cross Country Event 🏃🏆

-Year 5 XC Team finish as 3rd 🏆 best school @ the Croydon Primary Schools Cross Country Event 🏃🏆

-Many boys in years 1 & 2 have improved upon their Multistage fitness test (bleep test) level & cross country times 🏃🏆🏆

### Football Match Report of the Week:

CHS U13A 0-1 Homefield

An unbelievable match to referee in which the boys should be incredibly proud of themselves. They have been working so hard in training on their fitness and passing and controlling over short distances with the emphasis on triangles. They definitely showed this today, playing Homefield off the park and were unlucky to concede via a free-kick just before half-time. Unfortunately, football matches are won by putting the ball in the back of the net and we didn't do this today despite the many chances we created. Mr S Bennett

### RUGBY

The Rugby season is almost upon us and as if by magic the weather has turned a little colder and wetter! Perfect Rugby weather.

Our pre-season starts on Monday 27th November with the official start of the season after Christmas. With this in mind, I would like to send out a couple of reminders, so that the boys are ready.

## **Mouthguards**

Mouthguards are **MANDATORY** for contact sports. Your son will be required to wear a mouthguard for all training and matches during the Rugby season. A letter regarding the purchasing of an OPRO mouthguard was sent out before half term. However, if you have not purchased a mouthguard for your son yet please follow the instructions below.

To order an Instant Custom-Fit please follow the steps below:

1. Visit <https://www.opro.com/sports-mouth-guards.html>
2. Choose the mouthguard you'd like to purchase
3. Enter the discount code at checkout to receive 10% off (CumnorHouseCroydon10)
4. Your OPRO Instant Custom-Fit will be sent to the delivery address provided
5. Follow the fitting instructions included with the mouthguard
6. Your mouthguard is now ready to use!

## **Rugby Studs**

I would like to remind you that your son must have boots with Rugby safety studs, moulded studs, or blades. Most Football Boots are acceptable. Please see the attached information pages for clarification:

## **Early Years**

### ***Stars of the Week***

Pre-School South Croydon: Isabelle

Pre-School Purley: Raed

RA: Ethan

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RW: Arjun

### ***Gold Awards***

Pre-School South Croydon: Tara T

Pre- School Purley: Aziah

RA: Luke

RL: Shayn

RW: Ralph

Congratulations to all these children.

## Reception



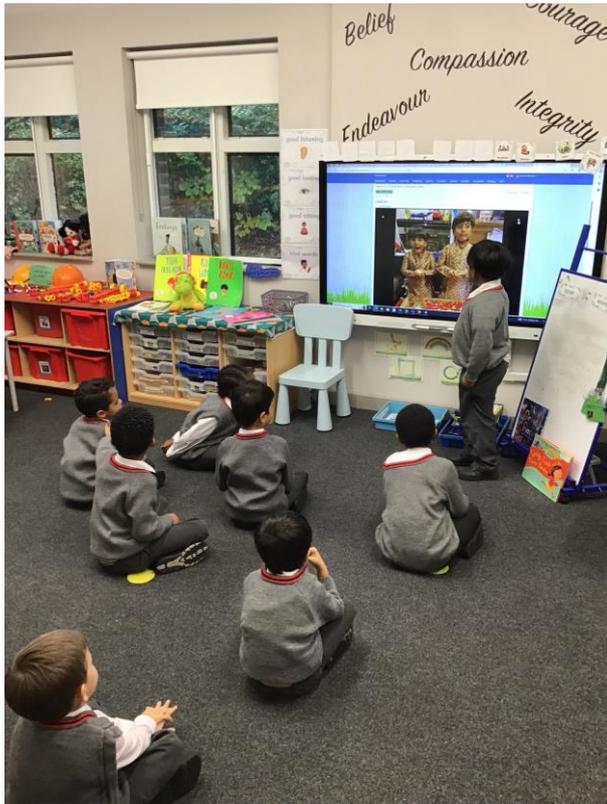
This week as part of Anti-Bullying Week, Reception have been celebrating their individuality. They have thought about what makes them special and why they should feel proud of who they are. We all wore odd socks on Monday to represent how unique we all are! We have also been discussing how we should treat each other, thinking particularly about kindness. The boys wrote different ways to be kind on a handprint and we used it to create a 'Heart of Kindness' for each class. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of counting and applying our understanding to work with real life problems. As part of our topic on 'Celebrations around the World', we were fortunate enough to have Shayn's mum Mrs Patel come in and share how her family celebrate Diwali. The boys had a brilliant time creating their own beautiful Rangoli suncatchers with her.











## Pre-School



We had a fun start to our week together with Odd Sock Day. So many odd socks.... lots of fun. We had odd sock buddy time with a Kindergarten buddy and decorated a pair of odd socks.

Our focus story the Smartest Giant in town was wonderful. George the Giant came to visit and we made Crowns just like the Giant was given for his kindness.

We have enjoyed talking about Big Feelings together and how to ask for help.

We were so proud of how our children are enjoying our speed sound sessions- Wonderful children. Keep up the great learning. They love our bouncy and stretchy sound games.





This week in South Croydon Pre-School we have been taking about the different seasons, we created some amazing art work for our display board for each season. We used lots of real life materials like flowers and leaves to create each tree. We also used different items to create patterns, broccoli for texture and cotton wool. We have also been leaning about the numbers 1-5, by recognising how many object we are given in a set. Our phonics letter has been 'p' and we could identify words like penguin and pirate that start with the p sound.

Please could children have shoes with Velcro fastening, including on P.E. days to promote their independence.







## Kindergarten



This week we have been celebrating Odd sock day and learning about being kind to our friends.

We joined together with pre-school on Monday, the kindergarten children were paired with a pre-school child for 'BUDDY TIME. They decorated a pair of socks together to go on kindergartens friendship tree and played together for a short while before joining all together again for a story about 'Simons sock.' Also throughout the week we have played several games of match Mrs Hollands's socks, the children have worked together and supported their friends when needed, thankfully Mrs Hollands went home with all her socks paired correctly on Friday.

We have talked about how kind it is to share toys, take turns and comfort our friends if they are upset or offer support if they need help. Our book of the week has been 'Anyone can be my friend' which shows the children it doesn't matter who we are, what we do or what we believe we can all still be friends and support each other.





