

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

1st May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

This week the children have been using a communication board to choose which areas within the classroom they would like to play in during 'choice time'. Super work everyone!



Blossom

Theo was amazing during our animal session this week. He was very gentle with the different types of animals and was able to touch them with care! Well done, Theo!



Rose

The children enjoyed their second swimming session this week. The class staff were especially impressed with Daisy who was much more confident in the water this week!

Pink

Jayden has shown lots of engagement across the week within lots of different activities. He has been truly motivated to learn and had so much fun while doing it! Keep up the good work, Jayden!



Scarlet

This week, Lennox did a fantastic job in his reading session with Jessica. Well done, Lennox!



Ruby

Georgia impressed staff this week during her Attention Everyone session and was able to complete her Stage 3 activity. Well done Georgia, keep it up!

Lavender

During their time in the Sensory Room this week, children have been exploring appropriate touch through the brushing program. Walt responded well to this activity and engaged with adults using the brush. Well done, Walt!



Sage

Mahad impressed staff this week during story time. He used a communication board consistently to comment on the things that he could see in the pictures (snow, penguin, night) without prompting. Well done, Mahad!



Mint

Mint class have been very busy this week and have enjoyed spending time learning new things with our visitors in school. First, the children explored some child friendly first aid where they practised putting on a plaster and a bandage. They then had fun during the animal workshop on Friday where they were able to meet and handle a range of animals including a snake, chinchilla and a rabbit. A special shout out to Sheridan for continued improvement with his communication, teaching one of the visitors some Makaton. Keep it up!

Jade

This week in Jade class, the children have been learning about the human life cycle and particularly enjoyed exploring photographs of themselves as babies, toddlers and children. The children did a great job at cutting out their pictures and sequencing them, identifying simple changes over time.



Emerald

This week, the children took part in an amazing first aid workshop. They each took great care of their unwell teddies by placing a plaster on an injury, an ice pack on it's head and placing it in the recovery position before then using phones to ring 999 and request an ambulance. The children really enjoyed it and it was lovely to see them transfer these role-play skills back into the classroom.



Forest

This week, the children took part in a first aid workshop. They participated politely, listened carefully and engaged well in the activities, showing a good understanding of a basic first aid while using a teddy bear as a prop. Logan loved the activity and participated fully, well done!



Teal

Teal class enjoyed their first aid session with Sam this week. The children learned basic first aid including; using a plaster, applying a cold compress, the recovery position and also learned how to ring an ambulance in an emergency. The children participated in the session really well. Well done Teal class!



Navy

Evan has been amazing this week as our Navy Class gardener and has worked in our mini garden to plant the plants we bought last week. He explained what plants need to grow and took very good care of them.



The Nest

The Nest have had a wonderful week, especially enjoying their music lessons. The children have been exploring how to make loud and quite sounds using a variety of instruments. Class staff were especially impressed with Poppy, who was able to name many of the instruments used!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
7.5.26	Dads Group @ Wearside Farm 5-7pm	Dad's/male carers welcome
20.5.26	National Numeracy Day and Whole School Picnic	Whole School
21.5.26	Dad's Group @ Columbia Grange 1-3pm	Dad's/male carers welcome
22.5.26	Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers 9:30-11:00	Parents and Carers of whole school
25.05.26	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
01.06.26	School re-opens	Whole School
3.6.26	SALT Parents Session 9:30-11:00 <i>(The same session will be ran twice, please only attend one session)</i>	For parents and carers of children who started Columbia Grange in September 2025
26.06.26	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
9.6.26	9:30-10:30 Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop 17:00-18:00 Phonics and Reading Parent Workshop <i>No children to attend</i>	Parents and Carers – whole school
1.7.26	SALT Parents Session 1:30-3:00 <i>(The same session will be ran twice, please only attend one session)</i>	For parents and carers of children who started Columbia Grange in September 2025
3.7.26	1:00-2:30 Colour Run - Parents welcome <i>No siblings/additional children to attend Colour Run</i>	Whole School
14.7.26	Whole School Trip <i>We are hoping to book a whole school trip on this date. More information to follow.</i>	Whole School
22.7.25	Last day of Term	Whole School
22.7.25	Year 6 End of Year Celebration 10-12 at Washington Art Centre <i>More information to follow regarding this event</i>	Year 6
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
1.9.26	School Opens	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Rose, Jade, Emerald and Navy who all had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	92%	98%	100%	89%	98%	97%	94%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	98%	86%	100%	100%	96%	98%	100%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Jack: For trying hard to use words to communicate, well done!
Blossom	Benjamin: For tolerating new sensory items during a sensory story and engaging well throughout! Well done, Benjamin!
Rose	Noah: For amazing sorting of big and small in maths this week!
Pink	Edie-Mae: For fantastic engagement within our mark-making sessions this week.
Scarlet	Kai: For engaging so well in our cookery session where he touched the cheese and smelled the tomato sauce, well done!
Ruby	Hashir: For trying really hard in maths.
Sage	Oscar: For fantastic independent work during his food tech session!
Mint	Alina: For improved independence and focus this week. Well done, Alina!
Jade	Emily: For brilliant work in music, exploring loud and quite sounds.
Emerald	Morire: For brilliant work in music. Morire listened to a beat and was able to repeat it back independently. Well done, Morire!
Forest	Jaxon: For engaging fully in the listening programme and attending school consistently throughout the week.
Teal	Olivia: For working hard in maths and creating her own AB patterns, well done!
Navy	Martha: For being very enthusiastic in her reading and discussing the characters.
The Nest	Lilly: For fantastic work in our Understanding the World lessons! 😊

Lunchtime Stars

Class	Lunchtime Stars
Rainbow	Benjamin: For holding his fork to eat his lunch independently for the first time.
Rose	Oscar: For having excellent behaviour in the dining hall all week.
Pink	James: For trying a variety of foods and eating full meals.
Sage	Mahad: For using his communication board to tell staff he was finished.
Jade	Alfie C: For trying a new food and waiting patiently in the lunch queue.
Emerald	Luke: For taking his time while he is eating.
Teal	John Joe: For having excellent behaviour in the dining hall all week.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend (hopefully in the sunshine!), and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday.

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Headteacher