

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

10th July 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

As part of maths this half-term, Rainbow Class have been exploring pouring and emptying, developing their understanding of capacity. This week, they applied these skills during their cookery session, where they followed instructions to make jelly.



Blossom

As a part of their phonics lessons, Blossom Class have been exploring different objects and items starting with /s/. Raj helped collect flowers and leaves before creating a sun catcher. He first used hand over hand before trying to place the flowers independently! Well done, Raj!



Rose

Rose Class visited the Cosy Café this week, showing off their independence skills within the local community! They did a great job representing Columbia Grange!



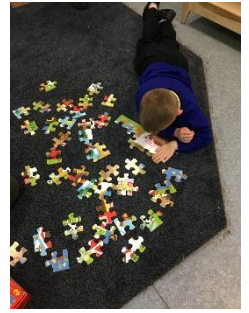
Pink

Jojo loves his morning welcome session, particularly listening to the days of the week and months of the year. This week, Jojo independently pointed to each symbol and attempted to use his words for the days of the week and months of the year. Well done, Jojo!



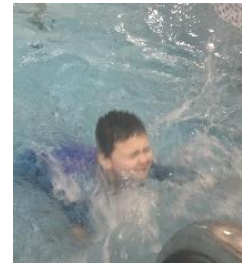
Scarlet

Tommy worked hard to complete a jigsaw during choice time. He laid the pieces out then turned them around, trying different ways to fit them together. It was great to see him problem solve so well, well done Tommy!



Ruby

Ruby class thoroughly enjoyed their swimming session this week and demonstrated brilliant independence skills when changing/dressing and transitioning to and from the swimming pool. The children engaged well with the adults in the pool and showed their joy through laughter, giggling and playfully splashing the staff! Well done!



Lavender

In Lavender class, children have been working hard with their mark-making and some have been focusing on applying their phonic knowledge. Luke impressed staff this week when he was able to write a simple sentence independently. Well done, Luke!

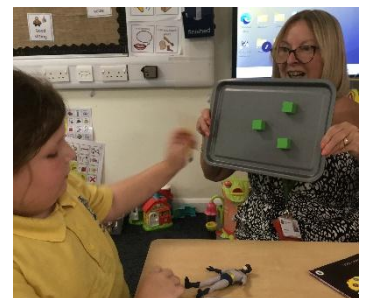
Sage

Beau engaged brilliantly during his Squiggle While You Wiggle session; he followed the adult's verbal prompts and modelled actions effectively, demonstrating excellent engagement. He made circular movements, developing his early mark making and gross motor skills. Well done!



Mint

Throughout the year, Mint class have worked on the ability to subitise. Myla-Rose impressed staff this week by being super speedy when shown a number of objects. She was able to recognise number representations to 5 without counting. Well done, Myla-Rose!



Jade

This week in Jade class, the children have been focussing on mass in Maths. They thoroughly enjoyed an Attention Everyone session where they explored and compared weights of different objects. As a class, they were able to decide which items were heavy or light. Well done!

Emerald

Using the skills they have developed throughout the year, the children worked with increasing independence to prepare their own toasted bagels. They confidently toasted a bagel and chose their preferred topping before using appropriate food preparation skills such as grating cheese or chopping ingredients as needed. Once their bagels were prepared, the children independently placed them into the air fryer and confidently set the timer for two minutes before waiting patiently for them to cook. We are so proud of how far they have come and the life skills they continue to develop each week!



Forest

Over this half term, the children have been working on their personal hygiene routines. They have practised brushing their teeth and hair, as well as washing their hands. Vinnie has shown great independence while completing these tasks, keep it up!



Teal

Teal class have demonstrated great playskills this week and have enjoyed playing shops. Children explored different coins, with opportunities to pay for items, considering how much change they might need, taking turns to be the cashier and the customer. Well done everyone!



Navy

Daniel demonstrated his awesome talent in modelling this week. During his independent choosing time, Daniel created his own playdough creatures, taking great care over the small details and being proud of the finished pieces. Fantastic!



The Nest

This half term, the children in The Nest have been exploring healthy food options at snack time. They have shown bravery by trying new things, making healthy choices! Elliott has impressed staff this week by being super brave and trying a tomato!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
14.7.26	Whole School Trip	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	Year 6
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
1.9.26	School Opens	Whole School

Attendance: Well done Pink, Ruby, Lavender and Jade who all had an impressive 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	97%	98%	98%	100%	88%	100%	100%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	78%	98%	100%	91%	87%	96%	96%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Benjamin: For an excellent swimming session where he managed to keep his feet on the floor for most of the lesson!
Blossom	Elijah: For recognising his name and bringing his shoes to an adult when his name was called.
Rose	Oscar: For having an amazing transition session!
Pink	Cristiano: For independently following the routines and making his own way to the table when hearing the sitting song.
Scarlet	Luke: For brilliant work in his reading sessions. Luke matched the animals then pointed to "Water" on the communication board, repeating the word after Sam. Well done, Luke!
Ruby	Freddie: For excellent transitions to his new class, well done!
Lavender	Harry: For great work in phonics, identifying 'o - octopus'.
Sage	Connor: For fantastic effort in tracing his name and confidently attempting to write it independently.
Mint	Kane: For improved communication skills this week. Kane has worked hard to ensure he appropriately gets an adult's attention before requesting what he wants. Well done, Kane!
Jade	John: For having an excellent week; making good choices, listening and following instructions. Well done, John!
Emerald	Luke: For being a kind friend and always helping others. He is a great role-model!
Forest	Courtney: For identifying parts of her body and trying to draw herself.
Teal	Mariam: For working hard in lessons and spelling words independently using her phonic knowledge.
Navy	Bobby: For being a great mathematician and helping to count the tuckshop takings each week!
The Nest	Poppy: For fantastic transitioning around school! 😊

It has been another great week in school! Thank you for your continued support and ensuring children are in school as much as possible (even during a heatwave)! Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday.

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