

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter



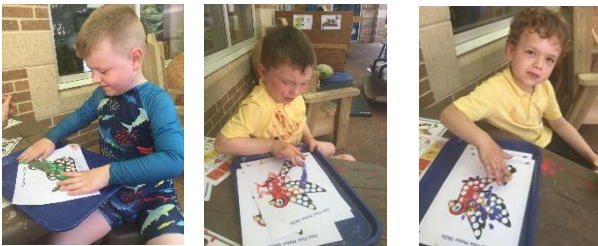
26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

Over the past few weeks, the children in Rainbow have been exploring mark-making by using different parts of their bodies to print. This week, we focused on fingerprint painting. The children were encouraged to choose their own colours and independently dab their fingers into the paint to create prints on their pictures. It was great to see how much they engaged with this sensory activity. Well done, Rainbow!



Pink

Lucus independently communicated to a member of staff that he would like to complete an art activity by taking the symbol from the timetable and travelling to exchange it. Well done, Lucas!



Scarlet

When another child was upset, Vinnie ran over to them and smiled saying, "You okay?" before going back to his game. It was lovely to see such kindness from him. Well done, Vinnie!

Ruby

Nyrie has done a great job this week, requesting to read with her Mam using her new ipad. Well done, Nyrie!



Lavender

This week in Lavender class, we have been working on different types of mark-making. Harry was able to independently make his butterfly using two different types of potato mashers and a pen. Amazing work, Harry!

Sage

Connor impressed staff this week by enthusiastically following the actions to the song 'There was a Crocodile', responding well to the video prompts and demonstrating good listening and attention skills. Well done!



Mint

Mint class enjoyed a fantastic sensory dance session this week where they followed instructions to move to the music and loved using the ribbons and pompoms before cooling down with some bubbles. A special shout out to Myla Rose who didn't stop moving throughout the session!



Jade

This week, the children in Jade Class have been incredibly busy and have made their teachers very proud. On Tuesday, they enjoyed their trip to the cinema where they demonstrated excellent listening skills. To combat the heat, children enjoyed some water play and have also impressed staff this week through their mark making sessions, confidently completing all pre-writing marks. Well done, everyone!



Emerald

In the Discovery Park, the children enthusiastically retold the story of The Three Little Pigs. They worked together to recreate the familiar tale, using sticks they found around the outdoor area to build houses for the pigs. The children demonstrated imagination and creativity as they assigned themselves different roles within the story. Some children chose to be the three little pigs, while others eagerly took on the role of the wolf, pretending to huff and puff as they approached the stick houses.



Forest

This week, the children visited the Customs House in South Shields to watch The Scarecrows' Wedding. Harry thoroughly enjoyed the visit and was fully engaged, watching the show with interest and remaining settled throughout.



Teal

The children in Teal class made refreshing banana and strawberry smoothies in their cookery session this week. When children tried the smoothies, there were mixed reviews; some liked them and asked for more whilst others found them too sour! Well done to everyone for taking part and having a taste.



Navy

Navy Class also enjoyed a fantastic dance workshop this week. Martha and Evan shone throughout the session, participating brilliantly, following instructions with confidence, and showing wonderful energy and focus in every routine. Their joy and commitment were a highlight of the workshop.



The Nest

The Nest showed great tolerance for keeping themselves safe in the sun this week, allowing an adult to help them apply suncream, staying in the shade and ensuring they took regular drink breaks. Well done, everyone!



Cinema Trip

Green and Blue Pathway pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Customs House in South Shields this week. The children were very excited to board the double-decker bus, where everyone sat safely and sensibly for the journey. Once at the cinema, the children settled in to watch 'The Scarecrows Wedding', and were brilliant representatives of the school throughout. Staff were incredibly proud of their behaviour. Well done, everyone!



School Games Award

Columbia Grange are delighted to announce that they have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Columbia Grange are extremely proud of the pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport and special sporting events. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are pleased that the hard work of staff, pupils, and support from parents, has been recognised with this award.



Mam/Female Carer Coffee Morning

We enjoyed our first mam/female carer coffee morning this week. Special thank you to Washington Mind for the drinks and snacks they provided. We will look to organise more of these sessions in the future and would love to see you there!

Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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>Look out for information on Class Dojo regarding this.</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

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Theo: For joining in with group sessions independently. Excellent work, Theo!
Pink	James: For taking an active role in keeping safe in the sun this week. He accepted sun cream being applied, gestured that he would like drinks throughout the day and independently put his sun hat on. Well done!
Scarlet	James: For fantastic mark making this week, well done!
Ruby	Tyler: For transitioning to the dinner hall and making choices for lunch.
Lavender	Marc: For amazing independent mark-making during our early writing lessons.
Sage	Aliyah: For fantastic work in her phonics sessions and for writing a sentence!
Mint	All of Mint class for fantastic behaviour on their trip to the cinema this week. Well done!
Jade	All of Jade class for fantastic behaviour on their trip to the cinema this week. Well done!

Emerald	Max: For brilliant blending in phonics. Well done, Max!
Forest	Mason: For showing great effort in practising his letter formation and using a more secure tripod pencil grip when writing.
Teal	All of Teal class for their excellent behaviour at our cinema trip on Tuesday. Well done everyone!
The Nest	Mason: For fantastic engagement in Sensology this week. Well done!

Enjoy the weekend and we will see everyone back in school on Monday!

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