

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

8th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

Benjamin has thoroughly enjoyed exploring our new chalkboard this week; he confidently copied the 'Wiggle into Squiggle' movements we have been practising during our mark-making sessions and even chose to repeat these movements independently during his choice time. Fantastic enthusiasm and focus, Benjamin!



Blossom

Quinn has been bravely exploring new textures that he has been uncertain of in the past and has developed his tolerance and anticipation for what will happen during his Squiggle lessons and this week has had a wonderful time practising the up and down movement!



Rose

The children in Rose Class attended their third swimming session this week, all showing great independence and bravery in the water. Six children graduated to no floats and a few children even had a try at some swimming. Well done everyone!



Pink

Lately, Jojo has shown greater engagement for longer periods of time within adult led activities. Keep it up, Jojo!



Scarlet

Luke has started to explore our small world and construction area within the classroom provision and built a tower out of foam bricks, positioning the tractor so it would crash into the tower, saying "crash" as the bricks fell down! Well done, Luke!

Ruby

Hashir did a great job of using his communication board within our cookery session this week to request a range of items that were needed. He also washed up all of his own dishes, well done!



Lavender

The children in Lavender class have been exploring magnets and how they work! Lincoln took a particular interest in this activity and after being shown how to use them by an adult, spent a lot of his time in this area during his choice time.



Sage

Aliyah did a great job during her PSHE session when matching pictures of the human life cycle from a choice of two.



Mint

Well done Mint Class for your fantastic writing during phonics lessons this week! Some children have been working really hard to segment words and form graphemes correctly to write words.



Jade

Wow, Jade Class have had an amazing week. Today in cookery, the children focused safely turning on switches and followed a series of instructions to make their own toast. They washed their hands, prepared their bread, placed it in the toaster and operated the toaster switch themselves. The children then chose their toppings and independently spread them onto their toast, well done!



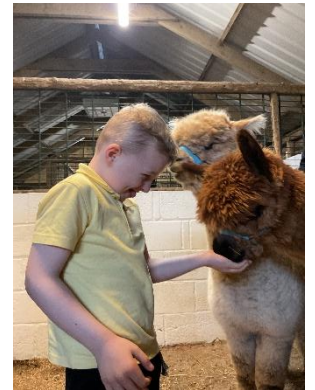
Emerald

This week in Emerald Class, the children became little botanists! At the beginning of the half term, the children carefully planted a variety of seeds and have been patiently watching them grow. This week, they explored the exciting changes they could see and discussed how our seeds had transformed into growing plants. The children were amazing at observing and identifying different parts of the plants, including the roots, stem, leaves, and flowers. They confidently labelled each part and shared their understanding of what plants need to grow and stay healthy, such as water, sunlight, soil, and air. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm, and growing scientific knowledge throughout this topic. Well done, everyone!



Forest

On Friday 8th May children had a wonderful visit to Anvil Alpacas. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and engaged brilliantly throughout the session. Harrison showed great confidence when handling the chicks and feeding the alpacas. It was lovely to see the children interacting so positively with the animals and learning through this hands-on experience.



Teal

Teal class enjoyed their visit to Safety Works this week. Taif did really well with matching photos of the beach to the correct flag that would be seen. He identified the picture of the foggy beach and pointed to the red flag, indicating that it was not safe to go swimming in that scenario. Well done, Taif!



Navy

Ollie and Emre have been showing off their knowledge of number and partitioning within 50. They used Base 10 equipment to make the numbers and then explained to the rest of the class how their number is made of tens and ones. Great work!



The Nest

In The Nest this week, the children have continued their learning about Big and Small. In Maths, they enjoyed a Bucket Time session where they observed big and small balloons being blown up then released into the sky.



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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 (The same session will be ran twice, please only attend one session)	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 (The same session will be ran twice, please only attend one session)	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 Sage, Forest and Navy who all had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	96%	93%	98%	97%	93%	93%	98%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	100%	91%	98%	92%	100%	80%	100%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Sadie: For having a fantastic week and responding positively to the adult supporting her with co-regulation. Well done, Sadie!
Blossom	Theo: For fantastic engagement within our maths sessions, exploring big and small objects. He was brilliant at placing the different shapes in the sorter!
Rose	Ariana: For being an amazing role model for independence and behaviour at swimming this week!
Pink	Cristiano: For independently accessing a wider range of indoor and outdoor activities.
Scarlet	James: For showing more independence in his toileting.
Ruby	Hunter: For clearly saying "Hello" to staff during his morning routine.
Lavender	Luke: For using his big voice while in school and reducing the amount of time spent with his ear defenders on. Well done, Luke!
Sage	Beau: For great participation and use of a communication board during his art session!
Mint	Matthew: For being a fantastic role model in Mint class. Matthew has showed determination with his reading and writing and has been contributing well in all lessons.
Jade	Jacob: For brilliant communication in Cookery this week, using communication boards to say what he wanted. Well done!
Emerald	Kit: For working hard in Maths lessons this week and applying new skills to his play in the outdoor area. Well done, Kit!
Forest	Harry: For great writing of CVC words.
Teal	Elliot: For excellent work this week and for joining in well with our session at Safety Works!
Navy	Shay: For giving a great prediction about what will happen to our beans in our growing experiment.
The Nest	Leo: For fantastic engagement with his lessons and great sitting and listening.

Although it has only been a four-day week, what a busy four days it has been!
Enjoy the weekend and we will see everyone back in school on Monday.

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