

# Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

## Rainbow

Over the past few weeks, Rainbow have been practising their throwing and catching skills. They started by working with members of staff and then progressed to practising with their peers. Well done, Rainbow!



## Blossom

Theo has been impressing staff this week and has been trying really hard to engage with the range of environmental sounds he is being exposed to in his Phonics sessions. Well done, Theo!



## Rose

Ariana has been working really hard on her independence skills this week and impressed staff by showing some independence when washing her hands.



## Pink

Jayden has been engaging with staff members this week and has welcomed their attempts to join in with his independent play. Well done, Jayden!



### Scarlet

Louis and Lennox have been working hard in their mark making sessions this week and have been working on their pencil grip and trying their best to trace some early writing shapes. Well done!



### Ruby

Ruby class engaged well with their Easter themed Attention Everyone session. For stage 1 they observed a range of toys to promote attention then in stage 2 the children used their anticipation skills to watch Claire fry some eggs. The children particularly enjoyed it when the eggs splattered on the tuff spot!



### Lavender

This week, Lavender class enjoyed being outside using the bikes, trikes and scooters! Children have been working on their gross motor skills to control the bikes and pedals, as well as their turn taking skills to share with other children within the class.



### Sage

Connor impressed staff this week during his tapping session where he joined in and followed instructions well! Well done, Connor! 😊



### Mint

This half term the boys in Mint class have been working hard on taking turns. They have been playing lots of different games including Pop Up Pirate and Buckaroo and are now able to use visuals to support them with waiting their turn and have even started requesting to play different games together. Well done!



## Jade

Jade class have had a great week doing some lovely Easter themed activities. This included egg splatting outside in the tough spot and Easter crafts in the classroom.



## Emerald

This term we have been focusing on developing speaking and listening skills through a simple but powerful activity. The children explored a picture together, taking time to really look closely and think about what they could see. To support their ideas, children used the sentence stem, 'I can see...' which helped to build clear and confident sentences. The children also passed around a speaking object, reminding them that we only speak when they are holding it. This encouraged everyone to listen carefully, take turns, and respect each other's contributions. It was fantastic to see all children engaged, sharing their observations and growing in confidence as speakers. A great example of how structured talk can support learning across the curriculum!



## Forest

On Tuesday, Forest Class visited the farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed observing the different animals and were very engaged as they carefully recorded their findings, showing great curiosity. All pupils participated well throughout the visit, demonstrating excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explored the environment and learned new things. It was a highly enjoyable and valuable experience for everyone involved.

## Teal

This week we had two special visitors in Teal class. On Monday Joanna, a nurse came in to tell the children all about internet safety; she told us how important it is for children to tell adults what they are doing online and to never talk to strangers. On Tuesday we were visited by Emma, a Reverend, who read us a story from the Bible. Teal class were very welcoming and demonstrated great listening in both sessions. Well done, Teal class!

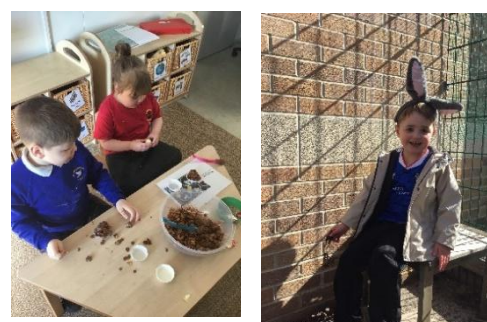
## Navy

Navy Class have shown amazing public independence skills this week and have demonstrated how much their confidence is growing. The class used public transport to take us to McDonalds restaurant where the children queued, waited their turn, gave their food order and paid. Everyone then ate their food in the restaurant and cleared away their own rubbish. Absolutely amazing independence skills!



## The Nest

The Nest have had a fabulous week engaging with Easter enrichment activities such as a Easter themed Sensology session and lots of arts and crafts! The children especially enjoyed making chocolate crispie cakes – they were delicious!



## Reminders/Key Dates

| Date    | Event                           | Year Group   |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 3.4.26  | EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED | Whole School |
| 20.4.26 | School Opens                    | Whole School |

**Attendance:** Well done ot Emerald class with 100% attendance this week!

| Class      | Rainbow | Blossom | Rose | Pink    | Scarlet | Ruby | Lavender |
|------------|---------|---------|------|---------|---------|------|----------|
| Attendance | 88%     | 92%     | 98%  | 90%     | 95%     | 85%  | 95%      |
| Class      | Sage    | Mint    | Jade | Emerald | Forest  | Teal | Navy     |
| Attendance | 94%     | 88%     | 82%  | 100%    | 92%     | 100% | 98%      |

| Class    | Star of the Week   |
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| Rainbow  | Thomas: For consistently using communication board to request in all lessons. Amazing Thomas!  |
| Blossom  | Oscar: For trying hard to walk independently around school, well done!   |
| Rose     | Elias: For engaging well with staff during TACPAC sessions!  |
| Pink     | Will: For following instructions and engaging in lovely interactions during our educational visit.   |
| Scarlet  | Tommy: For accepting adult support in co-regulation strategies when becoming overwhelmed.  |
| Ruby     | Everyone in Ruby class: For fantastic swimming lessons this half term. Well done!  |
| Lavender | Lincoln: For working extremely hard during his mark-making activities to draw Matman, write the letter 'a' and write his own name! Well done, Lincoln! |
| Sage     | Aliyah: For great work during her phonics session and reading tricky words.  |

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| <b>Mint</b>     | Liam: For his continued effort in maths this term with his subitising skills. He is super speedy now! Well done Liam, keep up the good work!           |
| <b>Jade</b>     | Alfie: For having a brilliant week, making good choices and being kind to his friends.   |
| <b>Emerald</b>  | All of Emerald class for brilliant teamwork throughout this term. We are proud of you all!   |
| <b>Forest</b>   | All pupils in Forest Class; you have had a marvellous Spring term and have worked so hard— well done, Forest Class!                                    |
| <b>Teal</b>     | All of Teal class for working so hard this term; children have worked together as a team and have showed great friendship skills. Well done, everyone! |
| <b>Navy</b>     | Bobby: For his continued positive attitude in class and helping his friends whenever he can. Well done, Bobby!   |
| <b>The Nest</b> | All of The Nest children for such a fantastic half term, we are so proud of the progress all the children have made during the Spring Term.            |

We ended the week celebrating the children across school with 100% attendance. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring children are in school regularly. We also raffled 3x £20 Amazon vouchers for children with most improved attendance from the Autumn to Spring term and 1x £100 Amazon voucher for children with 100% attendance in both Autumn and Spring term. Take a look at our Facebook page to see who the winners were!

As the term comes to a close, we say a temporary goodbye to Ellie who is starting her maternity leave. I'm sure you all join us in wishing Ellie all the best as she prepares to add another little girl into her family. While Ellie is on maternity leave, a newly appointed teacher, Sarah, will be teaching Jade class.



Enjoy the Easter holidays (and the Easter chocolate) and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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