

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

30th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

Rainbow Class have enjoyed sharing stories with adults this week. They especially enjoyed hearing the adults make a range of expressions and exploring different textures. Super listening Rainbow Class, well done!



Blossom

Elijah has been recognising and following classroom instructions very well this week. We are super proud of you Elijah, well done!

Rose

Luna drew a face in the shaving foam and shouted her brothers name!



Pink

Edie-Mae did fantastic spreading of tomato puree in cookery this week, well done!



Scarlet

Kai did some lovely mark making in our Squiggle session. He copied the “hump” movement independently, using an isolated finger to do it. Well done!

Ruby

Ruby class have been developing their independence skills this week. Georgia, Freddie, Ugo and Hashir tried their very best during our teethbrushing sessions to clean the prop teeth using their toothbrush and toothpaste. They have done very well during our daily handwashing sessions and are able to follow the steps to clean their hands using a soap dispenser and water.



Sage

Ellie has been identifying and copying body language and facial expressions during her morning Zones of Regulation session. She did particularly well with sad and angry. Well done!



Mint

Kane has been using his time in the provision to add to our maths working wall display with his representation of different numbers.



Jade

In Jade Class this week, we have been working incredibly hard to follow our class rules both inside and outside of the classroom to earn Dojo points. The children absolutely love collecting Dojo points, and it has been a fantastic motivator, encouraging them to make good choices throughout the day. Well done, Jade Class!

Emerald

This week in our *Daily Squiggle Me Into a Writing* sessions, we have been focusing on forming the letter 's'. The children have been working hard to practise the correct letter shape using our Little Wandle rhyme: "Down the snake from head to tail."



Forest

This week we have been practising our cookery skills. The children enjoyed handling the peelers and knives with great care. Jackson concentrated well and completed the activity as independently as possible. Although he does not like to eat cucumber, he tolerated the smell while peeling it. Well done!



Teal

Teal class made some bird feeders as we have been learning all about animals and how to care for them. It is also 'Big Schools Birdwatch' month which is running from 6th January to 13th of February. What birds can you spot when you are out and about at the weekend?



Navy

Bobby and Ollie wowed us with their balance and climbing skills in P.E. this week. They climbed to the top of the apparatus, showing no fear at all. Very brave!



The Nest

The Nest have been thoroughly enjoying their topic, 'Winter Wonderland'. This week, we have enjoyed a sensory story – "We're Going On a Polar Bear Hunt" and have made polar bear pictures, printing with white paint using a fork to create the polar bear's fur.



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
11.2.26	Well-being Wednesday <i>Children invited to wear clothes that they are comfortable in (this could be school uniform if preferred).</i>	Whole School
23.2.26	HALF TERM	Whole School
2.3.26	School re-opens	Whole School
5.3.26	World Book Day <i>Children invited to dress up as their favourite book character!</i>	Whole School
20.3.26	Red Nose Day <i>Children invited to wear something red and bring a donation for Comic Relief.</i>	Whole School

23.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Rainbow, Blossom and Rose
24.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Mint, Sage and Jade
25.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Pink, Scarlet, Ruby and Lavender
26.3.26	2:00pm - Parent Stay and Play <i>No siblings/children to attend stay and play.</i>	Forest, Emerald, Teal, Navy and Nest
2.4.26	Last day of term	Whole School
3.4.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Navy class who had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	96%	95%	88%	75%	85%	89%	97%
	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
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Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Sadie: For using a visual on 3 occasions to request. Fantastic, Sadie!
Blossom	Gabrielle: For using symbols to request. Well done, Gabrielle!
Rose	Ariana: For completing a 15 piece puzzle independently! Well done, Ariana!
Pink	James: For using symbols in his PECS file to request food at snack time and starting to travel to an adult to hand over the symbol.
Scarlet	James: For following adult agendas and listening to instructions.
Ruby	Nyrie: For tolerating and enjoying spending time looking at books.
Lavender	Joseph: For taking part in an art activity using a communication board to select different colours of paint.
Sage	Maisie: For following personal hygiene routines! Well done!
Mint	Ella: For improved independence skills. Well done Ella, keep up the good work!
Jade	Adrian: For working so hard in P.E. and showing determination when completing his balancing challenge!
Emerald	Zac: For developing independences skills through his school day! Well done, Zac!
Forest	Logan: For allowing adults join in his play, well done!
Teal	Elliot: For excellent work in Phonics, well done!
Navy	Martha: For trying really hard to learn to play the instruments in music and creating a lovely tune. Amazing Martha!
The Nest	Lilly: Fantastic work in maths and reading. Well done, Lilly!

It has been a wonderful week in school. Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday!

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