

# Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

## Rainbow

Children in Rainbow class thoroughly enjoyed exploring the water area during outdoor choice sessions this week. They demonstrated their developing understanding of capacity by filling and emptying a range of different-sized jugs, showing curiosity and engagement in their play. It was also lovely to see them taking turns and working cooperatively with one another. Super work, everyone!



## Blossom

Raj has impressed staff by engaging in co-regulation activities, tolerating intensive interaction and then reaching his hand out for more, well done!



## Rose

Finn has impressed staff this week with his conduct in the community, following instructions and showing great independence! Well done!



## Pink

Will thoroughly enjoyed his reading for pleasure session in the Library this week; he sat with an adults, used their finger to point to the words and found the whole experience hilarious! He requested for this activity to be repeated back in the classroom using clear gesture and eye pointing.



### Scarlet

Scarlet Class had a brilliant time at their Picnic this week. The children used communication boards to ask for food and did some lovely sharing, even offering food to children from other classes who came to take a look.



### Lavender

This week in Lavender class, the children took their learning outside! They took part in a maths themed Attention Everyone activity which included bucket time, big and small bubbles, 5 current buns (messy activity!) and shape matching. Joseph was keen to take part in all activities he could and showed great understanding when matching 2D shapes.



### Sage

Beau did exceptionally well in his writing session this week, showing great independence when creating his own Mat Man without using a visual model. Well done, Beau!



### Mint

Well done to Myla-Rose for showing more independence in cookery this week. Myla was able to communicate what we needed to make toast, use a toaster safely, use a communication board to request what she wanted on her toast then spread her jam independently. Well done, Myla-Rose!



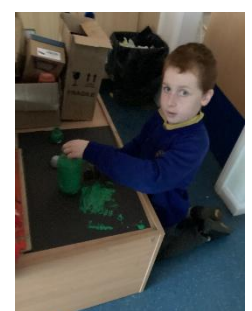
### Jade

Jade class had a fantastic last day of term; they enjoyed a visit from an illustrator who showed them how to draw a range of different animals. Some children even had a go at copying her drawings and drawing their own cartoon animals!



### Emerald

This half term, Oscar has loved reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. During choice time he painted a bottle to represent the caterpillar and retold the whole story. Well done, Oscar!



## Forest

It has been a birthday filled week in Forest class! It was wonderful to see the children joining in with singing, sharing cake with each other and celebrating each other so positively. The class showed kindness and excitement throughout the celebrations, making it a very special week for everyone.



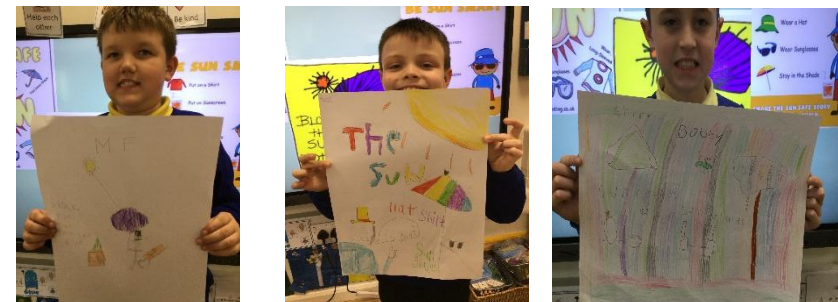
## Teal

Teal class have worked hard this term on developing their independence skills. Children have been shopping and visited a café, demonstrating skills such as placing orders, looking for items, asking a staff member for something, waiting, using money, and sitting nicely at the table.



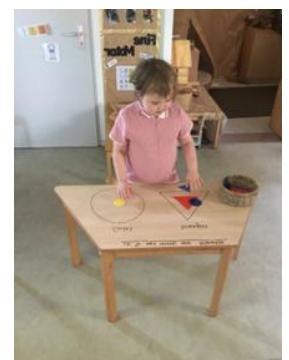
## Navy

Navy Class have worked with the charity Melanoma Me Foundation this week to learn how to stay safe in the sun. As the weather is improving, they shared what they have learned with others by making their own posters to ensure everyone has fun and stays safe in the hot weather.



## The Nest

In Maths lessons this week, children have been investigating shapes and staff are especially proud of Lilly who was able to sort circles and triangles into groups by counting their sides. Well done, Lilly!



## Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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
23.6.26	Newly ADDED: Coffee Morning for Mams/female carers @ Washington Mind, 9:30-11:00  <i>*We will look to organise further sessions both inside and outside of school hours</i>	Mams/female carers of 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 Ruby and Teal with 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	98%	98%	96%	98%	86%	100%	92%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	96%	96%	94%	93%	89%	100%	98%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Jack: For recalling all the speedy sounds he has learned so far by pointing to each grapheme correctly and even saying the correct sound. Absolutely amazing!
Blossom	Oscar: For wonderful interactions and requesting with staff, using Makaton 'more' and waiting his turn. Well done, Oscar!
Rose	Oscar: For amazing effort and progress with this learning, behaviour and communication this half term!
Pink	Jayden: For using his voice to clearly communicate 'yes' and 'no' at school.
Scarlet	Maxwell: For having a regulated week in Scarlet class.
Ruby	Nyrie: For using the communication board to request co-regulation.

<b>Lavender</b>	Ruben: For being a good friend to a new child in our classroom and activity interacting with our rhyme time activities!
<b>Sage</b>	Oscar: For his fantastic effort in independently trying to write CVC words.
<b>Mint</b>	Presley: For working hard with his pencil grip and pencil control.
<b>Jade</b>	Tommy: For having a wonderful week and taking excellent care of his beanstalk in class and knowing the plan needs water and sunlight.
<b>Emerald</b>	Frankie: For independently writing 'o' during choice time. Well done, Frankie!
<b>Forest</b>	Ivy: For being independent and lining up to get her own lunch.
<b>Teal</b>	Nathan: For working hard and showing good listening and behaviour, well done!
<b>Navy</b>	William: For being a great friend this week, showing great maturity.
<b>The Nest</b>	Nancy: For fantastic requesting using a communication board!

Although it has been a short half term, it has been a jam packed 5 weeks in school. Enjoy the half term (and hopefully some sunshine) and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

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