

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

16th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

This week in Rainbow, we have been developing our independence skills. The children have been learning to identify their own coats, work with an adult to put them on, and practise zipping them up by themselves. Super work, Rainbow!



Blossom

Gabrielle has demonstrated great listening and following instructions this week. She has been working really hard with familiar adults, making lots of progress. We are so proud, well done!

Rose

Rose Class have engaged really well this week, joining in with all activities even when they have been presented in a new format. We are so proud of you all, well done!

Pink

We have been stepping up and down and have focused on balancing on the benches this week in P.E. Jayden balanced on one foot independently, great work Jayden!



Scarlet

Luna and Louis have demonstrated some brilliant sharing this week. Louis handed Luna blocks while she built a tower in the construction area then helped to rebuild it when it fell down. Well done!

Ruby

Nyrie went into the resource unit and found the props for our counting song, 5 Little Monkeys. She brought it to a member of staff and tapped on it. The song was played on the large whiteboard and Nyrie began to smile. After that she went and got the little ducks which is this week's song and requested that song on the whiteboard. Well done Nyrie for requesting songs from our Maths sessions.

Lavender

Joseph has been doing some amazing blending during his phonics session. This has including blending words such as 'sit' and 'pin'. Well done!

Sage

Aliyah has impressed staff during her science sessions this week. She confidently identified the equipment and ingredients needed to make her own 'ocean in a jar'. She carefully helped the adult add the ingredients, demonstrating good control and coordination. Aliyah also commented on her finished jar, excitedly sharing that she could see the ocean inside.



Jade

Jade have had a wonderful week and have engaged well in the PSHE topic of self-care, looking at the importance of washing their hands. The children enjoyed washing the germs off their hands and then washing them off the laminated hands! Such a fun way to see how we are actually cleaning our hands!



Emerald

This week in Emerald Class, as part of our daily *Squiggle Me Into a Writer* sessions, pupils have been practising forming the letter 'a'. They have engaged enthusiastically in learning the associated mantra, "around the astronaut's helmet and down into space," to support correct letter formation.



Forest

This week in Forest Class, we have been learning about number composition to 5. The children explored different square shapes and grouped them to make numbers to 5. They also learned the vocabulary "four" and "not four" to name quantities and show their understanding of number. Mason thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the maths lessons this week.



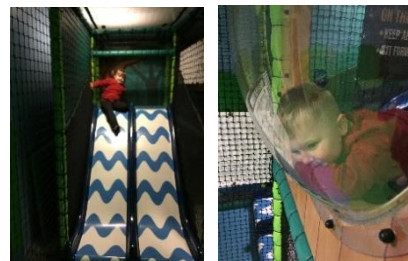
Navy

Emre showed off his amazing reasoning skills in maths this week, explaining why the number '8' is 8, using the words, "even" and reciting all of the number bonds that make '8'. Well done, Emre!



The Nest

In The Nest, our favourite time of the week is our Hedgehog Hideaway slot! The children have been excellent at developing their skills in transitioning into the main school building. We are super proud of Mason, who wore his shoes to transition around school, well done!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
26.1.26	INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils	Whole School
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:

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	98%	98%	94%	84%	100%	91%	89%
	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	87%	91%	100%	98%	94%	95%	96%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Jack: For joining in with every group session and independently following all of the actions. Brilliant, Jack! ☆
Blossom	Joshua: For independently using the toilet at home and school!
Rose	Elias: For showing responsibility in walking to and from the toilet independently!
Pink	Jo Jo: For great verbal communication saying his name, toilet, cracker and biscuit.
Scarlet	Vinnie: For asking for interactions with adults using his words.
Ruby	Hashir: For listening to the adults and following their instructions, well done!
Lavender	Lincoln: For working independently in Attention Everyone and being independent in his toileting!
Sage	Beau: For fantastic use of a communication board during his art session! 😊

Mint	Matthew: For amazing pencil control when drawing a penguin.
Jade	Tommy: For making brilliant choices this week, he has then transferred these skills to home. Well done, Tommy!
Emerald	Morire: For brilliant resilience in swimming this week. Well done, Morire!
Forest	Jaxon: For beginning to write simple sentences using a capital letter and a full stop.
Navy	Aaron: For making enthusiastic progress in his maths sessions.
The Nest	Lilly: For making fantastic choices during choice time! 😊

It has been a great week in school and children have continued to impress the staff across school.
Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing the children in school on Monday.

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