

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

27th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

In cookery, Rainbow class have been learning how to make toast. The children are doing an amazing job at following a sequence of instructions to make their toast as independently as possible. They then use communication boards to request their favourite topping. Super job, everyone!



Blossom

In swimming, Joshua blew us all away with how quickly his confidence has flourished! This week he began to move his arms in a circular motion in an attempt to swim independently, keeping his head above water and stopping for a breath. Well done, Joshua!



Rose

On Monday, we welcomed our parents for a Stay and Play where we had an Easter themed Attention Everyone, an Easter Egg Hunt and lots of Easter crafts!



Pink

Alia has been 'playing teacher' within her independent play. She has been watching the teacher intently during lesson times, then gathers the resources and re-enacts aspects of what she has seen. Well done, Alia!



Scarlet

Scarlet class enjoyed welcoming their parents in for Stay and Play this week! We had lots of fun on the Discovery Park, searching for the hidden eggs to exchange for some chocolate!

Ruby

This week, Georgia has been doing a great job on working on her independent skills. She knows where all of her belongings are and can collect them independently. Georgia has been using her communication board within the dinnerhall too! Well done, Georgia!

Lavender

This week, in Lavender class, we have been exploring light and dark. After our trip on Monday, we created our own night sky using white paint on black paper. Jax in particular waited patiently for his turn and giggled when he had the chance to splat paint on the paper.



Sage

Connor has been impressing us with his writing and is making good progress with his letter formation, especially when writing the letters from his name. Well done, Connor!



Mint

Dillon has been practising his chopping skills this half term and continues to develop his independence and confidence each week. This week, Dillon did a great job chopping fruit. Well done!



Jade

Jade class enjoyed taking part in ESFA Football Week! The children participated in a football-themed P.E. lesson with June, where they developed their dribbling skills and showed great enthusiasm throughout. A highlight was practising their shooting; aiming balls at benches and trying to score through the gap, which brought lots of excitement for everyone involved.



Emerald

We've been using communication boards during snack time to help children build their vocabulary. The boards show pictures and words for snacks and simple phrases like "more, finished, I like, I don't like and please" so children can point to what they want and join in.

It's been great to see everyone getting involved, making choices, and practising new words; well done boys!



Forest

On Thursday, we welcomed parents and relatives to join our Easter Stay and Play session. Vinnie had a lovely time with his mum, listening carefully and completing Easter egg decorations. Well done!



Teal

Teal class enjoyed football week and demonstrated great skills in our sessions. Well done Jayden for engaging with the session!



Navy

This week, Navy had the opportunity to take part in a football skills session with our very own headteacher, John. All of the pupils worked extremely hard and showed excellent resilience when learning new skills. Martha and Evan were amazing and demonstrated excellent teamwork. Fantastic work Navy Class!



The Nest

The Nest have had a very busy and exciting week! To celebrate ESFA football week, the children took part in a session led by our headteacher, John! The children worked hard to develop their skills in rolling, kicking, throwing and tapping the footballs. We were very impressed with Oskah, for kicking the ball so efficiently. We have also had a wonderful time with our parents and carers for our Easter Stay and Play session; thank you so much to all the families who came to join us and made it so special!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
2.4.26	Last day of term	Whole School
3.4.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

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

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	91%	90%	88%	86%	100%	88%	92%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	93%	87%	94%	95%	88%	94%	94%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Alfie: For using a small piece of chalk to copy lines and circles on a chalk board.
Blossom	Gabrielle: For trying hard with her words and saying 'five', 'four' and 'three'!
Rose	Oscar: For following instructions and displaying good behaviour!
Pink	James: For managing his emotions well during times when he needs to wait at school.
Scarlet	Lennox: For matching the "o" pictures in phonics independently!
Ruby	Nyrie: For communicating using her Go Talk.
Lavender	Hully: For showing excellent exploratory skills and curiosity while on our trip to the Life center on Monday.
Sage	Leo: For fantastic work during his writing session!
Mint	Leo: For a consistent positive attitude to all his lessons.
Jade	Tommy: For showing off his fantastic football skills in P.E. this week!
Emerald	Zac: For brilliant work in Maths this half term. Zac is always willing to give anything a go!
Forest	Harry: For joining in, listening, and performing a great dance during his P.E. session.
Teal	Olivia: For showing great enthusiasm to learning and having a go at all activities!
Navy	Daniel: For excellent team work and participation skills in our sporting activities this week.
The Nest	Aahil: For fantastic work in our football sessions, kicking and throwing the footballs.

With one week to go before we break up for Easter, a reminder that we have an option to win your height in Easter eggs and are selling raffle tickets for £1 per strip. Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday.

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