

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Blossom

Staff were impressed with Caleb this week as he joined in confidently with his PE lesson. He listened to instructions given and followed the obstacle course, as well as encouraging his friends to participate too. Well done!

Rose

This week, the children in Rose class worked hard during their PE lesson. They listened carefully to instructions and showed great enthusiasm when taking part in a range of physical activities. In particular, Noah showed fantastic participation and impressed staff with his stretching and rolling.

Raspberry

During cookery this week, Korbyn was able to pour his own cereal and milk. He aimed for the bowl and was very happy when the cereal reached the top of the bowl. Korbyn was very brave and tasted the dry cereal, well done Korbyn!



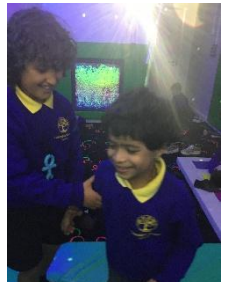
Strawberry

A special mention to Poppy this week who has tried really hard in maths and has been successfully ordering numbers 1 to 5! Well done Poppy!



Cherry

We are so proud of Cass and Mahad who have developed a lovely friendship this week. They have been holding hands on the yard and have been taking turns interacting with each other in the Sensory Room. It's been lovely to see them both smiling and seeking each other out.



Poppy

Jojo displayed fantastic initiative this week by seeking a familiar adult and effectively sharing his emotions, indicating exactly where he could feel pain. This is a very important life skill, well done Jojo.



Sunflower

Children enjoyed taking part in a sensory integration session, where they practised a range of gross motor skills while developing their ability to remain regulated. Max remained well-regulated throughout the session and was able to access most of the activities with reduced adult support. Well done!



Lavender

In music this week, the children have focused on identifying different sounds. First the children listened to four different instruments before having to identify which instrument they thought they could hear. After the session, the children had great fun taking turns and exploring each instrument.



Mint

The children in Mint class have blown us away by their enthusiasm in phonics this week. All children have been participating and trying their best and have been attempting to write letters. The children are also enjoying guided reading sessions and particularly liked identifying the different nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters.



Lime

This week in Lime class, the children enjoyed a fun interactive food tasting activity. Children had the opportunity to try a variety of foods, exploring different flavours and textures before sharing their likes and dislikes. This activity encouraged the children to think about healthy choices and the importance of trying new food. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying the experience!



Apple

Alina performed well during her PE lesson this week, particularly when practising movements such as running and jumping. She followed instructions consistently and demonstrated excellent listening skills throughout the session. Alina also confidently imitated the movements of a frog, butterfly and penguin after they were modelled by the adult.



Olive

The children in Olive class have been developing their independence during snack time by preparing and pouring their own juice. They have been encouraged to take responsibility for this, carefully pouring drinks into their cups and managing any small spills independently. This experience is helping to build their confidence, fine motor skills, and hand-eye coordination, while also promoting decision-making and self-help skills. The children have shown great enthusiasm and increasing independence, demonstrating pride in completing tasks for themselves and supporting their peers when needed. Well done, Olive class!



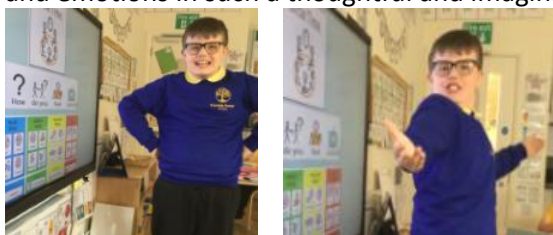
Forest

In PSHE, Forest Class have been learning to express their likes and dislikes. The children explored a range of images, including television programmes, areas of the school and different topics, and sorted them into things they liked and things they disliked. They then shared their choices with a partner and discussed their preferences. Through these discussions, the children discovered that everyone's opinions were different, and that this is perfectly okay. We talked about how we all enjoy different things and that our unique interests and preferences make us special.



Peacock

This week, pupils have been exploring different emotions and learning how to recognise, name and explain how they are feeling. Through discussion, creative activities and sharing their experiences, the children have been developing important emotional literacy skills and building their confidence in expressing themselves. A special shout out goes to Aaron, who showed fantastic creativity when expressing his feelings. Well done, Aaron, for sharing your thoughts and emotions in such a thoughtful and imaginative way!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
25.9.26	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:00-11:00	Whole School
5.10.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Lime and Apple
6.10.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Peacock, Forest and Olive
7.10.26	Mams/Female Carer Coffee Morning 9:30-11:30 @ Washington Mind	All Mams/Female Parents and Carers
7.10.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Sunflower, Mint and Lavender
8.10.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Poppy, Cherry and Strawberry
9.10.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Raspberry, Rose and Blossom
15.10.26	Dads/Male Carer Coffee Morning 9:30-11:30	All Dads/Male Parents and Carers
16.10.26	School Photograph Day	Whole School
21.10.26	Halloween Disco (after school)	Whole School
26.10.26	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
2.11.26	School re-opens	Whole School
5.11.26	Outdoor Classroom Day	Whole School
6.11.26	Inset Day – School Closed to Children	Whole School
12.11.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Lime, Mint and Apple
13.11.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Peacock, Forest and Olive
16.11.26	Odd Sock Day	Whole School
19.11.26	Dads/Male Carer Coffee Morning 9:30-11:30	All Dads/Male Parents and Carers
20.11.26	Children in Need	Whole School
23.11.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Lavender, Sunflower and Rose
24.11.26	Mams/Female Carer Coffee Morning 9:30-11:30 @ Washington Mind	All Mams/Female Parents and Carers
25.11.26	SALT Parent Information Session for New Starters	TBC
26.11.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Blossom and Raspberry

27.11.26	Parent Stay and Play (2pm)	Strawberry, Cherry and Poppy
2.12.26	SALT Parent Information Session for New Starters	TBC
9.12.26	Christmas Disco (after school)	Whole School
10.12.26	Christmas Lunch Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
14.12.26	Christmas Party	Peacock, Forest, Olive and Sunflower
15.12.26	Christmas Party	Apple, Lime, Mint and Lavender
16.12.26	Christmas Party	Poppy, Cherry and Strawberry
17.12.26	Christmas Party	Raspberry, Rose, Blossom and The Nest
18.12.26	Last Day of Term Pyjama Day	Whole School
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Key dates for the wider school year

5.3.27 INSET Day (school is closed to children)

30.4.27 INSET Day (school is closed to children)

25.6.27 INSET Day (school is closed to children)

Schools will close to pupils on Tuesday 20th July 2027.

Attendance: Well done to Cherry, Sunflower and Lime class with 100% attendance this week!

Class	Blossom	Rose	Raspberry	Strawberry	Cherry	Poppy	Sunflower
Attendance	80%	94%	98%	94%	100%	98%	100%
	Lavender	Mint	Lime	Apple	Olive	Forest	Peacock
Attendance	98%	96%	100%	94%	90%	89%	96%

Class	Star of the Week
Blossom	Jacob: For accepting touch during his TACPAC session this week. Well done!
Rose	Leo: For doing some amazing independent mark-making during his maths lesson.
Raspberry	Theo: For tolerating different sensory objects relating to the weather, well done Theo!
Cherry	Nancy: For becoming more independent in her toileting, well done Nancy!
Poppy	Bobby: For saying a range of single words in context within different environments and with different people. Well done!
Sunflower	Will: For making choices during his maths lesson. He pointed to indicate which counting song he wanted to listen to. Well done!
Lavender	Luke: For sharing toys with his peers and making great progress with his writing and blending in phonics. Well done!
Mint	Lilly E: For developing her confidence around familiar adults in her class. Well done!
Lime	Myla: For making great progress in phonics this week. Well done!
Apple	Alfie: For fantastic participation and singing during his music lesson!
Olive	Aliyah: For fantastic work in P.E. Aliyah listen well and followed all instructions.
Forest	Harry: For fantastic work in his reading session this week. Well done, Harry!
Peacock	Lyla: For amazing perseverance in her swimming lessons. Well done!

Class	Lunch Time Stars
Peacock	Emre: For great table manners. Well done!
Mint	Alexander: For clearing away his plate when he finished his dinner. Well done!
Blossom	Aiden: For exploring new foods. Well done!

Peacock	John Joe: For good waiting in the dinner hall.
Lavender	Luke: For using a big voice when choosing his food in the dinner hall.
Olive	Phoebe: For trying new food. Well done!
Poppy	James: For great table manners. Well done!

It has been another busy week in school with after school clubs running for the first week this term. It was great to see such a big uptake with after school clubs. As well as this, earlier in the week, a number of children had their flu immunisation and showed how brave they are; staff were incredibly proud!

Looking ahead to next week, we have our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday and would love to see as many of you as possible there to support this worthwhile cause.

Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday.

J. Lines

Headteacher