

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter



25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Blossom

Mason did a great job during our communication session this week. He came to the table and joined his peers, patiently waiting for his turn. He pointed inside the box for the toy he wanted, and with support, attempted to use the communication board. Well done!



Rose

This week in Rose class, the children have been working on their pouring and mixing skills. They used visual aids and adult support to pour Rice Krispies and milk into a bowl. Well done to Benjamin for showing great engagement with this activity, coming back to the table to have multiple turns.



Raspberry

Daisy enjoyed her mark-making and art sessions this week, practising her finger strength and demonstrating her ability to use a range of mark-making materials. Well done, Daisy!



Strawberry

Thomas has shown a strong interest in phonics this week, especially when he realised it was 't/t/t for Thomas'! Keep it up, Thomas!



Cherry

Connor impressed us this week by working hard in his reading and phonics sessions. He identified some known graphemes and looked closely at our new book, Humpty Dumpty, to find the objects on the page. Well done, Connor!



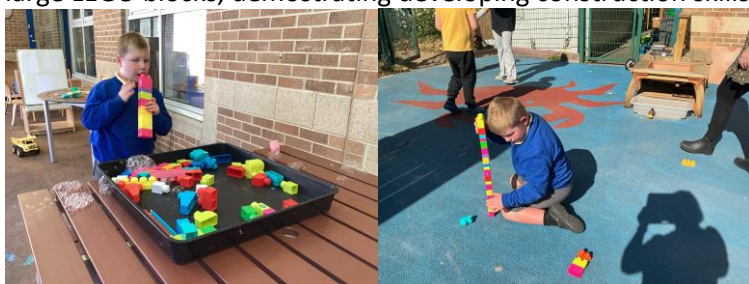
Poppy

Lucas has shown outstanding bravery during his recent operation. His courage has made both his family and everyone at school incredibly proud. Well done, Lucas!



Sunflower

Sunflower class have been exploring the indoor and outdoor provision, accessing a range of different resources. Freddie has started to show increased interest in toys and objects; he enjoys building towers using Unifix cubes and large LEGO blocks, demonstrating developing construction skills and increased concentration. Well done!



Lavender

This week in Lavender class, children have been developing their mark making skills. They have been exploring Matman by building him together as a whole class before having a go at doing it independently on a whiteboard. Staff have been impressed with the children's drawings... take a look!



Mint

Mint class have been working very hard this week on recognising emotions. Children read the story of The Colour Monster to help learn how to identify different feelings, before making a giant class collage, reflecting their different feelings.



Lime

Lime class have been working hard to use their phonic knowledge to segment CVC words. Sophia has impressed staff this week by independently organising magnetic letters to represent given words. Well done Sophia, keep up the good work!



Apple

Ella has impressed staff this week during her phonics lessons. She has been enthusiastically joining in with the actions and singing along to the rhyme 'Down at the Station'. Ella has also been using her knowledge of letter sounds to spell CVC words and tricky words using magnetic letters. It has been wonderful to see her growing in confidence. Well done!



Olive

The children have been enthusiastically exploring their new outdoor equipment, developing their curiosity and investigative skills through hands-on play. They spent time observing how different objects travelled down sections of guttering pipe, making predictions and testing their ideas. The children explored how changing the position and angle of the pipes affected the speed and direction of objects. They also investigated how the weight and size of different items influenced how they moved through the guttering.



Forest

This week, children have been learning about different occupations. They looked at photographs of different jobs and used clues to guess each occupation. The children talked about the roles and responsibilities of people in these jobs and discussed whether they would enjoy doing them when they are older. They then drew pictures of what they would like to be when they grow up and shared their ideas with their friends. A firm favourite was becoming a bus driver, with many children excited about driving passengers around and helping people get to their destinations!



Peacock

Peacock class have been developing their independence skills by learning how to make their own juice at snack time. The pupils have been practising pouring and taking responsibility for preparing their own drinks, helping to build their confidence and independence. A special well done to Lily, who has worked especially hard to fill her cup accurately and showed great determination during the activity. Well done, Lily!



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
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 Lime class who had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Blossom	Rose	Raspberry	Strawberry	Cherry	Poppy	Sunflower
Attendance	98%	90%	98%	92%	98%	88%	94%
	Lavender	Mint	Lime	Apple	Olive	Forest	Peacock
Attendance	90%	86%	100%	94%	92%	96%	93%

Class	Star of the Week
Blossom	Georgia: For sharing equipment with peers during choice time. Well done!
Rose	Elijah: For amazing participation in all of his lessons. Well done!
Raspberry	Klay: For using his words for the first time in Raspberry Class, saying the word 'flying' in context to our morning Makaton song. Well done!
Strawberry	Sadie: For trying hard in all of her lessons. Well done!
Cherry	Luna: For working hard in maths lessons by subitising the dots on the dominoes.
Poppy	Edie-Mae: For guiding an adult to the door and tapping the toilet symbol to effectively communicate her needs. Well done!
Sunflower	Max: For following daily transitions within his classroom routine. Well done!
Lavender	Lincoln: For demonstrating excellent throwing and passing skills in P.E. Well done!
Mint	Joseph: For trying lots of new foods at lunchtime and snack this week. Well done!
Lime	Hully: For saying 'please' when requesting items this week. Well done for being such a brilliant role model to your peers, keep up the good work!
Apple	Leo: For spelling CVC words using magnetic letters. Well done!
Olive	Harrison: For brilliant work in cookery this week, following a set of instructions, he independently weighed his ingredients and measured the right amount of water. Well done!
Forest	Kaden: For making great choices all week. Well done!
Peacock	Franky: For great progress in reading and using his segmenting skills to read CVC words.

Class	Lunch Time Stars
Poppy	Edie-Mae: For making clear choices around what she wanted to eat at lunch time.
Rose	Quinn: For collecting his own dinner from the hatch without adult prompting.
Lavender	Ollie: For putting his rubbish in the bin independently.
Apple	Liam: For making requests and asking questions to Sharon, as well as having great manners!
Forest	Luke: For being an excellent role model to others and helping to tidy his table.

Sarah's Star of the Week

Sarah was blown away with Bobby (Poppy class) this week, watching him use Makaton signs to sing 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'. Take a look at our Facebook page to see Bobby's impressive signing!



Thank you to those who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning this week. It is always great to have parents/carers come into school to support such events.

Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday!

J. Lines

Headteacher