

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter

15th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

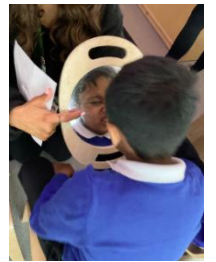
Rainbow

During outdoor choice time, Poppy and Thomas were both showing an interest in playing with the Peppa Pig ball and with a little adult support and encouragement, were able to take part in a short game of pass the ball with each other. Both demonstrated good control when it came to catching the ball and were even better at throwing it! A lovely way to spend shared time outdoors, well done!



Blossom

The children in Blossom class have been exploring their own emotions to help support with their daily regulation. This week, Raj engaged well and enjoyed making faces in a mirror, beginning to accept looking at himself and giving direct eye contact, well done!

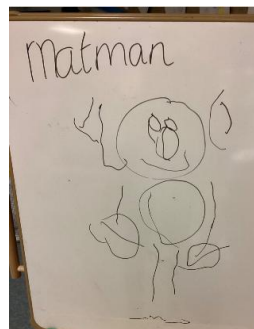
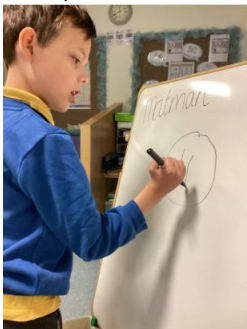


Rose

The children in Rose Class have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk as part of their topic, Big and Small. The highlight of the week was definitely Jenna's magic growing beanstalk!

Pink

Zack has been working incredibly hard during our Matman sessions and can independently use the straight and curved wooden pieces to create Matman, as well as drawing Matman on paper and on the big whiteboard. Well done, Zack!



Scarlet

James explored our mark making area during choice time and did a brilliant job of putting the Alphablocks in order! Well done, James!



Ruby

Tyler did really well in his phonics lessons this week and even remembered all of his tricky words! Well done!



Lavender

This week in Lavender class, the children have continued their learning all about big and soft (quite) sounds during Music, this week exploring a ukulele. Jax was very keen to take part in the music lesson and reached to play the ukulele multiple times.



Sage

Mahad impressed staff this week by independently copying and creating his very own Matman, well done!

Mint

How do plants grow? Mint class have been exploring how plants grow through their Sensology sessions; they felt the soil, sniffed the flowers, look at the sunlight, listened to the wind and rain and tasted some fresh fruit. Their favourite part was getting messy with the soil!



Jade

Jade class demonstrated excellent engagement throughout their Attention Everyone session this week. The activity began with the children exploring a selection of big and small objects from the bucket where they particularly enjoyed watching paint and shaving foam being splatted onto the floor. Following this, they were able to take turns blowing bubbles. During the independent activity, the children mixed paint, water and washing up liquid together and used playdough cutters to make their own bubble paint picture. Well done, Jade Class!

Emerald

Over the last few weeks, we have supported the children to make a pizza using wraps, tomato puree and cheese. This week we stood back to see what they would do with the ingredients on their own and each child independently made a pizza with at least one topping. We are so proud of them all, well done!



Forest

This week, the children have been developing their modelling skills using playdough; they carefully chose different colours to match the characters and objects from the story Jack and the Beanstalk and used their imagination to make hens, beanstalks, beans and golden eggs. Jaxon enjoyed the activity and participated with enthusiasm, showing creativity and good fine motor skills.



Teal

In cookery this week, children made toast and hot chocolates for snack time and were able to recognise when the kettle or toaster was hot what they needed to do to stay safe.



Navy

Navy Class enjoyed a memorable visit to the Tommy sculpture in Seaham, where they learned about remembrance, local history and the importance of honouring those who served. The children took time to observe the statue closely, discussing its details and reflecting on the emotions it represents. A special well done goes to Bobby, whose sketching skills truly shone during the trip. His careful attention to detail and thoughtful drawing impressed everyone.



The Nest

The children in The Nest have been developing their independence skills this week by putting on and taking off their own shoes! Class staff are especially impressed with Oskah, who has been able to put on his own shoes with very little adult support. He has also been removing his shoes independently and storing them safely under the bench when visiting the Hedgehog Hideaway.



COFFEE MORNING



COME ALONG FOR A CHAT,
A CUPPA AND SOME CAKE

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 9:30

We would love to see as many parents/carers as possible at our coffee morning on Friday 22nd May, 9:30-11:00. This is an opportunity to link with other parents/carers and to speak to school staff, developing links within the Columbia Grange community.

Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
20.5.26	National Numeracy Day and Whole School Picnic	Whole School
21.5.26	Dad's Group @ Columbia Grange 1-3pm	Dads/male carers welcome
22.5.26	Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers 9:30-11:00	Parents and Carers of whole school
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 Rose and Ruby class who both had 100% attendance this week!

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	95%	88%	100%	96%	86%	100%	98%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	98%	87%	98%	78%	96%	88%	96%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Evan: For listening to and following instructions more consistently, well done!
Blossom	Quinn: For engaging in mark-making activities independently, using paint and a paint brush to make a beautiful picture!
Rose	Daisy: For trying hard to lift her feet off the floor and swim independently!
Pink	Alia: For accessing a range of resources within her environment, remembering where her favourite things are and using this knowledge to play independently and with purpose.
Scarlet	Louis: For working hard in his phonics and reading sessions this week!
Ruby	Ugo: For using his communication book and communication boards effectively.
Lavender	Harriet: For great team work skills during PE lessons.
Sage	Connor: For fantastic independent work during his cookery session!
Mint	Leo: For fantastic overall behaviour and listening skills during our bus trip to the farm. Keep up the amazing work, Leo!
Jade	Phoebe: For trying hard to make good choices this week. Well done!
Emerald	Kray: For amazing blending in phonics. He is building words using magnetic letters and reading them aloud to his peers.
Forest	Mason: For using his creativity and imagination during small world play with a friend.
Teal	Lily: For her hard work in art, creating her very own plant pot! Well done.
The Nest	Elliott: For sensible walking down the corridor and being such a great role model to all your friends, well done!

It has been another jam packed week in school! Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

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Headteacher