



# Newsletter

## December 2023

### Headteacher Messages

September seems like a distant memory. It has been a long and busy Autumn Term. We are all looking forward to Christmas and our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

This term has been packed with activities and educational visits outside of school. This has all been in addition to our staff and children working extremely hard to cover the national curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfill their potential.

Our school continues to grow with additional children starting all of the time which is a wonderful compliment and testimony to the team here.

During a recent maths inspection our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner came to visit us. She said this is one her favourite schools and she always enjoys her visit to London Colney because she always learns new things. She said it was a delightful visit and the children were all so well behaved. She recognised the good teaching that was evident and that is something we all have contributed to. The findings of the visit were :

There was clear progression of maths across the school  
There were lots of opportunities to explore maths learning in EYFS  
EYFS was very calm and purposeful with children engaged in their learning

Very strong interactions with children

All staff know the needs of the children well

There was evidence of practical activities being used across the school

Good modelling and good verbalising of maths language

Good use of manipulatives

Good models of working walls evident across the school

Good examples of children being able to explain their learning

Agile teaching evident

Maths leader is displays strong effective leadership of the subject

The highlights for me were the amazing Christmas performances and Sing Along's , whereby lots of parents attended to watch fantastic acting, singing and dancing. It was great to see the confidence in our children and the smiles on their faces. Again, these events enrich the curriculum to allow education to take place inside and outside of the classroom. The choir singing at the Christmas Light Switch On was also an honour to attend. I was so proud of all the children who performed in the choir.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time of the year and hope 2024 brings you more amazing experiences.

Merry Christmas to you all from everyone at London Colney Primary and Nursery School.

Best wishes

Sarah

### Upcoming Events

Christmas Choir at St Peters Church	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Menu Change - Options will be Pizza or Fish	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Finish 1.30pm End of Term	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec
Yr 6 SATS parent information session	Tues 9 Jan @ 3.15pm
Yr 4 Multiplication check, parent information session	Mon 29 Jan @ 3.15pm
Yr 1 Phonics, parents information session	Wed 31 Jan @ 9.00am

### Attendance Figures

*Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am every day. Children should be here by 9.00am at the latest.*

*Registers close at 9.05am and if your child arrives after that time they will be marked as late – thank you*

### 01.12.23 – 15.12.23

Y1	90%
Y2	93.8%
Y3	86%
Y4	88.5%
Y5	85.8%
Y6	81.5%
ALL	86.3%



## PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2023 - 2024

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Head Boy  
Lucas



Deputy Head Boy  
Niles



Head Girl  
Samantha



Deputy Head Girl  
Zayna



MP  
Kevann



MP  
Gabriella



MP  
Max



MP  
Ariana



MP  
Jack G



MP  
Billie Grace



MP  
Ema

## ON TIME IN SCHOOL - OTIS

At London Colney Primary and Nursery School we recognise that there are many children within our school that have exceptional attendance and work hard every day to make sure they are in school and arrive on time.



Our OTIS ambassadors are a group of children who have shown their commitment to attending school to the best of their ability. These children and their roles are known within school and they are happy to help and speak to children who may need help with getting to school every day and on time.

We are very happy to announce that our new OTIS Ambassadors are:

<b>Afnan</b>
<b>Clea</b>
<b>Nakai</b>
<b>Deekshaa</b>
<b>Owen</b>
<b>Matthew</b>
<b>Precious</b>

Well done on achieving exceptional attendance and for gaining your position as an OITIS Ambassador.



**Our Lunchtime Hosts had a reward treat – a trip to DJ Jungles, where they had a great time playing.**

**A well-deserved treat as they are all superstars at lunchtime, helping to serve, clean up and guide the other children through lunch.**

**Thank you to them all for their hard work.**

DEC  
**14**  
2023

## The Jolly Christmas Postman

The children in Nursery were amazed this week to watch our home corner transform into a Christmas post office inspired by our story 'The Jolly Christmas Postman.' We talked a lot about the features in letter writing and what needs to go on the front of an envelope.

The children were very excited to write their own letters either to Father Christmas or a character from the story. The children were so proud of their work and we were very proud to take the children for a local walk to the postbox to post our letters. The children listened to the adults beautifully and were a real credit to our school!



**Year 1 had a great trip to a local garden to visit Santa and look at all the lovely light displays.**





**WELL DONE to KS2 for their brilliant Christmas Sing A Long, they worked very hard learning all the words and we hope you'll agree it was a splendid performance.**



Our Choir children gave a brilliant performance at St Peter's Church this week, it was really lovely.

We received this message from the Church thanking the children.

*'The concert was a joy to listen to the children singing heartily. They all did very well. Wishing you and all the staff a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024'*

*Kind regards*

*Della C,W*

*St. Peter's Church,  
London Colney*



Thank you for your support

To London Colney School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Your collection total £129.54



Thank you for your very generous donations for this year's Poppy Appeal.

We raised an amazing £129.54.

Thank you

London Colney Primary  
& Nursery School

*SATS parent  
information session 9th  
Jan @ 3:15pm*

Come and find out about the Year 6  
SATS in May 2024.

9th January @ 3:15pm

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& Nursery School

*Multiplication  
check*

Come and find out about the  
multiplication check for Year 4 in June  
2024

29th January @ 3:15pm



## **FOLCS (Friends of London Colney School)**

Friends of London Colney School are a small but dedicated group of relatives of pupils who organise events to fundraise for the school. If you are interested in joining in, in any way you can, please get in touch with us via the School Office.

Wow what a busy month we have had, we had a stall at the London Colney light switch on, ran an online auction and raffle, had our panto and breakfast with Santa events as well as our colour raffle. From these we raised the following;

Light switch on - £74.20

Online raffle- £213.36

Online auction - £419.46

Panto- £230.62

Breakfast with Santa- £159.71

Colour raffle - £181.90

We have had a great month and loved seeing the children enjoying the panto as well as seeing the magic of them meeting Santa. We have had some amazing support from local companies with The Bread Factory providing us with yummy pastries for the breakfast and The Holiday Inn donating money to buy the cereal and juice.

Since the start of this school year we have raised a massive £2152.27 and we hope to raise even more in the new year. We do however rely on volunteers and we have lots of ideas that simply can't go ahead without your support. So if you can spare any time to help with our events either on the day or planning in advance then please contact by our email [folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk) or sign up to [classlist](https://classlist.page.link/vUzBHckUxJVoke9Z7) <https://classlist.page.link/vUzBHckUxJVoke9Z7>

Thank you, FOLCS

*Please be mindful of the building work that is still going on across the road from us. It changes daily, but there are always heavy construction vehicles manoeuvring and various different parking restrictions in place. We ask that you park away from school and walk up to the gate to help ease any congestion and keep it safe for all of the children. Building work will continue for the foreseeable future so please be patient and mindful of others – thank you.*

**REMINDER – DO NOT PARK OR STOP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE GATES.**

It is dangerous, illegal and inconsiderate to our school community and puts our children in danger. You may think it's ok to do it for a few minutes but it is not, thank you.

**We'd like to thank you all for your continued daily support, please do come and speak to us about any issue, good or bad.**

**Our school website is: [www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](http://www.londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school email is: [admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

**Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283**

London Colney Primary & Nursery School - Term Dates 2023/2024



September 2023						
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Spring Term  
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May 2024						
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Summer Term  
18.07.24  
finish 1.30pm

Calendar Key	
Term Time	
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	
Inset Days	
Occasional Day	
Secondary Transition Day	
Swimming Year 4	

Notable Dates	
1 Sept 2023	- Start of 2023/2024 Term
11 July 2024	- Secondary Transition Day
23 July 2024	- Last school day of 2023/2024

Autumn Term =	1 September - 20 October 2023	36 days
	30 October - 21 December 2023	38 days
Spring Term =	4 January - 16 February 2024	32 days
	26 February - 28 March 2024	24 days
Summer Term =	15 April - 24 May 2024	29 days
	3 June - 23 July 2024	37 days
		<b>196 days</b>

190 Pupil Days, 5 Inset/Teacher Training Days, 1 Occasional Day

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Calendar Key	
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School Holidays	
5	Bank Holidays
5	Inset Days
1	Occasional Day
1	Secondary Transition Day
30	Swimming Year 4

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190 Pupil Days, 5 Inset/Teacher Training Days, 1 Occasional Day

190 + 5 inset + 1 Occ = 196 days

## HERE IS A REMINDER OF OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Our school uniform gives our children a sense of belonging. It is designed to be both smart and practical. It is expected that children attending London Colney Primary & Nursery School comply with these guidelines.

### Winter Uniform

- Grey or black trousers, plain black leggings, skirt or pinafore
- Plain white, royal blue or sky blue polo shirt
- Royal Blue jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece with school logo (logo optional)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights
- Flat black shoes or trainers, no logos or colours on footwear  
*If children cannot tie their own laces, they should have shoes with Velcro fastening*
- Small plain blue, white or black hairbands or ribbons

### Summer Uniform

- Grey shorts or trousers, white or royal blue polo shirt and grey or white socks
- Blue and white checked or striped dress, blue cardigan, white or grey socks
- Sensible shoes (no sliders, flip flops or crocs)
- Hat or cap
- Sun lotion to be applied before school

### Active PE Uniform

- Black jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings (*these must be plain, no logos or stripes/colours*)
- White or royal blue t-shirt
- Blue or black sweatshirt if it is cold (no hoodies)
- Plain black trainers, no logos, stripes or patterns

### Important Information

- Make up, false eyelashes, nail varnish, false nails must not be worn in school.
- Smart watches must not be worn.
- No tattoos or temporary tattoos are allowed.
- Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of head lice.
- No jewellery to be worn, only small stud earrings are permitted.

Uniform is available from Smarty Schoolwear, 65 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0JJ, email, <https://www.smartyschoolwear.co.uk/> 01707 263909