



Newsletter

November 2024

Headteacher Messages

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved and share the exciting plans we have in store for the coming weeks. It's been a fantastic few months, with plenty of memorable moments that have brought our school community closer together.

Half-Term Highlights

This half term has been full of activity and accomplishments:

- **Open Day Success** We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families to our Open Day. It was a privilege to showcase the vibrant, nurturing, and inclusive environment we've cultivated at London Colney Primary. A big thank you to the staff, pupils, and volunteers who helped make the day a success. Your enthusiasm and pride in our school truly shone through!
- **Family Consultations** Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in our family consultations. These meetings are a vital opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and set goals for the future. It's always inspiring to see how committed our community is to supporting each child's growth and success.
- **Music Lessons Begin!** We are thrilled to have launched our **drumming lessons** and **piano lessons** this term! These lessons have already been met with enthusiasm, and it's wonderful to see the children exploring their musical talents. Learning an instrument is not only a fun and rewarding experience but also helps build confidence and discipline. We can't wait to hear more from our budding musicians as they progress!

A Thank You from the Heart

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support and involvement in our school. From attending events and consultations to encouraging your children in their learning, your contributions make London Colney Primary a truly special place. We are immensely proud of what we've achieved this term and are looking forward to sharing even more wonderful experiences as we approach the end of the year. Let's make this festive season one to remember!

With warmest regards
Sarah

All Upcoming Events

ELF day Dress as an Elf - no donations	04.12.24
Flu Immunisation 2 nd session Yrs 1-6	10.12.24
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day	12.12.24
KS1 Nativity Play 2.00pm in the school hall	13.12.24
KS2 Christmas Sing-a-long 2.00pm in the school hall	16.12.24
Reception Christmas Performance 2.00pm in the school hall	17.12.24
Class Christmas Parties PM	18.12.24
Yr 6 SATs Workshop	09.01.25
Come Learn Phonics with me	20.01.25
Yr 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament	22.01.25
Multiplication Check, Information Workshop	29.01.25
World Book Day	06.03.25
Voice in a Million Wembley Arena	19.03.25
District Sports Session 1	17.06.25
District Sports Session 2	19.06.25
Yr 6 PGL	20-23.06.25

Attendance Figures

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am every day

November 2024

R	78.2%
Y1	94.1%
Y2	95.3%
Y3	89.1%
Y4	95.4%
Y5	93.2%
Y6	95.4%

Overall 91.4%

Spotlight on Our Specialist Teachers!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our outstanding team of specialist teachers at London Colney Primary and Nursery! Their dedication and expertise enrich the learning experience for every pupil:

Sarah, our Reading Specialist, ensures that every pupil enhances their reading proficiency and engagement, promoting a lifelong love of reading through targeted support and innovative strategies.

Theresa, our English Specialist, provides focused support in reading, writing, and literacy skills, fostering a love of language across all year groups. Her work is key to nurturing strong communication skills and a deep appreciation for literature.

Louise, our SEN Specialist, ensures that every child with special educational needs receives the support they need to thrive, advocating for inclusive, personalised learning for all. Her commitment is essential in fostering a welcoming and supportive environment.

Michelle, our Maths Specialist, brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for numbers to help students excel in their mathematical understanding. Her innovative teaching methods inspire curiosity and confidence in maths for students of all levels.

Shabina, our Key Stage One Specialist, is skilled at teaching writing and focuses on the unique needs of younger learners, guiding them through crucial early learning stages with dedication and expertise.

Sophie, our Music Specialist, brings creativity and energy to our music program, inspiring students through singing, instruments, and rhythm, and developing their musical talents. Her classes are filled with joy and artistic expression.

Hannah, our Early Years Specialist, provides nurturing and expert guidance to our youngest learners. Her expertise ensures that the foundation of learning is strong, joyful, and engaging, setting the stage for lifelong educational success.

Alicia, our Phonics Specialist, leads our phonics program with a tailored approach that helps each child build a strong foundation in reading and language skills from the earliest stages, ensuring that literacy development is a top priority.

At London Colney Primary and Nursery, we value the importance of specialised teaching to give every child the best possible experience. Join us in celebrating the incredible work Sarah, Shabina, Michelle, Theresa, Sophie, Alicia, Hannah, and Louise do every day!

We are extremely fortunate here at London Colney to have a dedicated team of specialist teachers who bring a wealth of expertise and passion to their roles, enriching our pupils' learning experiences every day.

Each of these dedicated professionals helps us create a well-rounded, supportive, and inspiring environment for every child. At London Colney, we are proud to offer this level of specialist support as we work together to nurture our pupils' growth, confidence, and love for learning.





At London Colney, we place great value on the importance of pupil leadership. We believe that fostering leadership skills in our pupils not only empowers them but also helps build confidence, responsibility, and a sense of community. By providing opportunities for pupils to take on leadership roles, we are nurturing future leaders and encouraging a positive school culture where every voice matters.

🎵 Exciting News! 🎵

Our pupils had an incredible time this term exploring rhythm and beats during special drumming sessions! From learning new techniques to creating amazing group rhythms, everyone was fully immersed in the energy and excitement of music. A huge thank you to our talented drumming teacher for bringing this fantastic experience to London Colney!

Music is such a powerful way to express creativity, and it's wonderful to see our pupils embracing it with enthusiasm.



Reception- Three Little Pigs



This week, our Reception class has been diving into the classic tale of The Three Little Pigs. The children have loved exploring this story through a range of exciting activities across the curriculum!

In Maths, we linked the theme to pattern making, with the children completing and creating their own patterns inspired by the story. In English, we focused on early writing skills, including labelling our drawings and creating story maps to bring the tale to life.

We also took our learning outdoors, where the children worked in groups to collect sticks for building miniature houses. They experimented with construction techniques and developed important teamwork skills as they competed to see which group could gather the most sticks.

We're looking forward to continuing with The Three Little Pigs next week as we build on the children's learning and creativity...

Around School



Children in Need – Dress as your Hero Day



PADDINGTON BEAR TOPIC

After Christmas we will be launching a whole school topic..... 'Paddington is from Peru, what about you?'

One of the aims of the topic is to explore the concept of immigration and inclusion in an engaging and meaningful way using Paddington Bear as a stimulus for our learning. Teachers are busy planning further ways in which to link the topic across curriculum subjects.

This week, we have launched the idea throughout the school to inspire and excite the children with each year group showcasing a display linked to Paddington Bear.



Christmas Events	
Wednesday 4th Dec	ELF DAY
Tuesday 10th Dec	2ND FLU SESSION
Thursday 12th Dec	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 13th Dec	Yr1&2 Nativity Play 2.00pm
Monday 16th Dec	Yr3,4,5&6 Christmas Sing-A-Long 2.00pm
Tuesday 17th Dec	Reception Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 18th Dec	CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday 20th Dec	LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH 1.30PM

Wishing you all a lovely holiday, see you in the New Year, from everyone at London Colney School



<https://login.schoolgateway.com/>



The School Gateway is our main communication tool, for emails, text messages and payments.

Please download the App.

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.

We have lots of events coming up, please keep a look out here in the Newsletter, on our Facebook page or contact us directly via, our Facebook page or email for more information:

Friends of London Colney Primary School

folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

Thank you, FOLCS

REMINDERS

- Please remember dogs are not allowed on the premises, whether they are walking or being carried.
- Vaping is not allowed anywhere on the school premises, and we respectfully request that you do not vape or smoke anywhere near to the school grounds.
- Mobile phones must not be used on the school premises.
- **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.

School Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind you that children must come into school wearing the correct uniform.

By attending our school, you are accepting the uniform policy that we have, and therefore we would appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform at all times.

- Any clothes or footwear that the children wear should be suitable for a day at school, skirts should be standard school skirt length, no heels, no jewellery.
- No make-up, false eyelashes or eyebrows, no nail varnish or jewellery, hair accessories should be small and plain coloured.
- Shoes must be sensible, plain black shoes, no open toes, no heels.

Thank you for your co-operation

REMINDER of the school's policy regarding the videoing and photographing of children during school events.

While we understand that many parents enjoy capturing memories of their children's achievements, we must ensure that this is done in a way that respects the privacy and safety of all pupils. Please be mindful of the following guidelines:

1. **Videoing Your Own Child:** You are welcome to video or photograph your own child during school performances, assemblies, or events. However, we kindly ask that you avoid capturing other children in these recordings unless you have obtained permission from their parents.
2. **Social Media:** To protect the privacy of all children, please do not upload any photos or videos taken at school events to social media if they include children other than your own. This ensures we respect the wishes of all families in our school community.
3. **School-Sanctioned Photos and Videos:** At certain events, the school may arrange for official photos or videos to be taken by staff. These recordings will adhere to safeguarding policies, and any images shared by the school will only include students with prior parental consent.

Your cooperation with these guidelines helps us to maintain a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all children.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

London Colney Primary & Nursery School - Term Dates 2024/2025



September 2024						
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Autumn Term
20.12.24
finish 1.30pm

January 2025						
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April 2025						
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Spring Term
04.04.25
finish 1.30pm

May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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August 2025						
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Summer Term
23.07.25
finish 1.30pm

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

Notable Dates	
4 Sept 2024	- Start of 2024/2025 Term
10 July 2024	- Secondary Transition Day
18 July 2024	- Last school day of 2024/2025

Autumn Term = 4 September - 25 October 2024	38 days
4 November - 20 December 2024	35 days
Spring Term = 7 January - 14 February 2025	29 days
24 February - 4 April 2024	30 days
Summer Term = 22 April - 23 May 2025	23 days
2 June - 18 July 2025	35 days
	190 days

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

190 + 5 inset + 1 Occ = 196 days

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.

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Our school email is: admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283

Remember our new start time, from Wed 4th September, school starts at 8.45am, gates open for a soft start at 8.30am.