



# Newsletter

## April / May 2024

### Headteacher Messages

We are well into the Summer term now and are able to reflect on the good progress the children are making in their learning. This is thanks to your continuing support for the school and your commitment to making sure your children attend regularly.

The Year 6 children have now completed their SATS tests. I would like to say a big WELL DONE to every child as they all worked so hard.

### Diary Dates

Next term is very busy with lots of trips and activities planned; letters will be sent home to you via email, they are also posted on the school website. Dates of upcoming events can be found on the monthly newsletter where you will also find our term dates for this year and next.

### Reception Play Area

In the coming weeks you will be aware of works going on in our Reception play area. This is a very exciting time for us all at London Colney School as we will be having new surfaces installed and new play equipment built too. The children in Reception and Year 1 will indeed be very lucky once the play area is complete, which will be late Summer.

### Staffing update

Our Key Stage Leaders from September will be:

EYFS – Alicia

KS1 – Shabina

KS2 Michelle

Huge congratulations on your promotions and welcome to the leadership team.

I am also delighted to welcome 2 new TA's who will be joining our team, Aly after half term and Fadoua from September. We wish them both well and look forward to working alongside them.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Best wishes

Sarah

### Upcoming Events

Yr 5&6 First Aid Training	07.06.24
Herts Choral Concert St Albans Abbey	13.06.24
Knebworth House Trip Reception	14.06.24
District Sports Day Field Events	18.06.24
District Sports Day Track Events	20.06.24
Postal Museum Trip Yr 2	21.06.24
Science Museum Trip Yr 4	24.06.24
PGL Residential Trip	21-24 June
Bubble Planet Trip Yr 1&3	01.07.24
Legoland Trip Yr 6	08.07.24
School Sports Day (Back up Date 12.07.24)	09.07.24

### 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***

### 01.05.24 – 24.05.24

<b>R</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>90.8</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>90.1%</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>89.5%</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>92.1%</b>
<b>All</b>	<b>89%</b>



**We have been given an amazing opportunity for the children to sing at the Abbey in St Albans alongside another school and the Abbey Choristers.**

**We currently have an amateur from the Hertfordshire Music Services coming into school weekly, who is teaching the children a variety of different songs from around the world. The songs are suitable for everyone, whatever religion or ethnic background.**

**We really would like your Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 children to take part and join in with this concert, it will be an amazing experience, singing in the Abbey with Choristers. Please do encourage your children to join in.**



A big well done to our kids who took part in the London Colney FC Youth Football Tournament and Trials over the weekend. Lisa went to watch and saw Yunus, Thomas and Mohamed and a few of the younger children playing.



So lovely to see the children playing on the field again – sorry if they get a little bit muddy!

The nursery children enjoying a bit of sunshine whilst playing outside.



**Reception class making forkies with spoons!**





Year 2 have been busy exploring outside in the field for microhabitats. They have been recording the different insects and bugs found.

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## Easter Nests

The children had a fantastic last week of term, they have enjoyed lots of fun activities such as icing biscuits, an egg hunt in our nursery garden and making Easter nests. The children described this as “the best day ever!”



Year 1 measured themselves with string and then drew a matching chalk line on the playground!



The children have been very interested in talking about the different seasons in the year. They were able to discuss the differences and similarities between the seasons before we focused on the spring.

The children have engaged in our carpet discussions, talking about what they have noticed about the spring. We looked at different photographs and explored our outdoor areas for signs of spring. We also talked about the different flowers that are growing during the spring time. The children were fascinated to learn about the different parts of a flower and created some beautiful drawings and observational paintings.



### Science week:

Last term, our focus has been on the British Science Week. Year 4 have enjoyed doing all sorts of experiments as well as exploring key Science vocabulary. For example, variables, hypothesis, predictions etc...

They were all very intrigued with the volcano experiment. We combined our whole school focus - recycling, with Science week by using up our empty, plastic water bottles and left over paper to build our volcano model. Once our models were complete, we went out onto the field and brought our volcano's to life- using bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid and vinegar!



Some of our Yr 5 children testing out the new Astro-Turf, thank you Cotlandswick Leisure Centre for the opportunity.



**Year 3 won the penny collection, and they enjoyed eating delicious donuts in the sunshine.**



**Year 1 learning the names of the different parts of a flower.  
Lovely artwork!**

Year 2 have been busy learning about, 'The Great Fire of London'. They have enjoyed making models of the event and created pictures of London on fire using different shades of orange paint.



**Giggle Club!!**

## 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 would like to say a big thank you to everyone that took part in the coin challenge this month, in total you brought in 2826 coins totalling £121.42.

Year 3 collected the most money with a whopping £55.56 and will be getting doughnuts for the class.

### Dates Calendar

We have lots of exciting events coming up in the next few months including:

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Crazy hair day followed by a cake sale at 3.15pm

**14<sup>th</sup> June** - BBQ and Bounce from 3.30pm

**28<sup>th</sup> June** - Amigos magic show - times to follow


**5<sup>th</sup> July** - Magician - after school/evening

**6<sup>th</sup> December** - Panto

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Breakfast with Santa

We will also be running an online raffle and auction through June. If you own or work for a business that would be happy to donate to this, then please get in touch.

As usual we update regularly on our Facebook page and via classlist <https://classlist.page.link/o4bZaWiEF76Bc2hA9> so please consider joining them to keep up to date. We are also always looking for volunteers for all of our events and if you can help then please contact us via the above or our email [folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk](mailto:folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)



The logo features a blue shield with a white letter 'C' in the center. Surrounding the shield are various white icons: a calendar, a smartphone, a pair of glasses, and a hand holding a heart. Below the shield, the text reads 'Join our school's Classlist community'.

**Classlist - Kinder school communities**  
Connect with other parents on the kinder social network for schools.  
[classlist.page.link](https://classlist.page.link)

We have recently agreed to donate £1000 towards phonics materials for the school and we are looking towards our next project to fundraise for.

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](mailto:folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk).

Thank you, FOLCS

Please note, we have a slightly changed lunch menu.

Effective from 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

## Summer / Autumn 2024



WEEK 1				
15 <sup>th</sup> April 7 <sup>th</sup> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork Sausages with Gravy Mashed Potato or Potato Wedges	Chicken Breast with Tomato Pasta	Roast Beef & Gravy With Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Creamy Chicken Pasta Bake	Battered Fish fillet With Oven Chips or Pasta
Cheesy & Tomato Quiche (V)	Mild Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with brown or white rice (V)	Vegetarian Mince Slice (V)	Quorn Hot Dog with Diced Potato (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	
Tuna Baguette	Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Spread Sandwich	
Halal Chicken Sausages	Halal Chicken Breast with Tomato Pasta	Halal Roast Chicken	Halal Creamy Chicken Pasta Bake	All options are Halal
WEEK 2				
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> July 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Grill with Diced Potato & Garlic Bread	Chicken Pie with Mash Potato or Couscous	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potato or Brown & White Rice	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges or Herby Bread	Fish Fingers with Oven Chips or Pasta
Creamy Macaroni Cheese (V)	Moroccan Tagine (V)	Plant Balls with Gravy (VE)	Cheesy Pasta Bake (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	
Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Baguette	Cheese Spread Sandwich	
Halal Chicken Grill	Halal Chicken Pie	Halal Roast Chicken	Halal Beef Burger	All options are Halal
WEEK 3				
29 <sup>th</sup> April 20 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> July 16 Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Curry with Rice or Diced Potato	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges(V)	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potato or Wholemeal Pasta	Beef Lasagne with Herby Bread or Diced Potato	Fish Fingers with Oven Chips or Pasta
Vegetable Burger (V)	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Roast Quorn with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy (V)	Chipolata Sausages with Gravy (VE)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	
Cheese Spread Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Baguette	Ham Sandwich	
Halal Chicken Curry	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges(V)	Halal Roast Chicken	Halal Beef Lasagne	All options are Halal

Gravy is always available & is in a separate jug.

Bread, Vegetables & Salad are available daily

Fresh Fruit & a choice of desserts are available daily.

**Main Meal**    **Vegetarian Meal**    **Jacket Potato**    **Sandwich**    **Halal**

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**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.

## **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.

### **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.

**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](mailto:admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk)**

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