

London Colney Primary & Nursery School

December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a successful term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on everything we've achieved together. It has been a term filled with hard work, progress, and memorable moments that have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff, who work tirelessly every day to provide the best possible experiences and opportunities for our children. Your dedication and passion are truly inspiring.

A big thank you also goes to our parents and carers for your unwavering support. Whether it's attending events, helping with learning at home, or simply encouraging your children, your involvement is a vital part of what makes our school community so special.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. May the holiday season be filled with peace and happiness, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Highlights

Reception Performance We want to express our thanks to all of you for supporting our Reception Performance. The children truly brought the magic of Christmas to life with their wonderful performance, and it was a joy to see so many of you in the audience. Every child played their part beautifully. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and charm shone through, making the event a truly memorable occasion. We couldn't be prouder of their achievements!

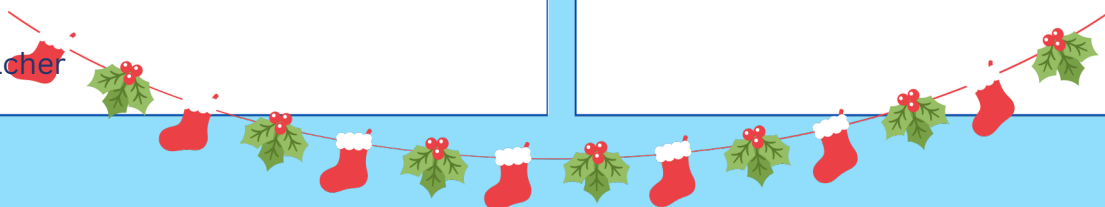
Key Stage 1 Nativity A huge well-done to our Key Stage 1 children for their wonderful Nativity performance. The children worked so hard, and it was truly magical to see their confidence shine on stage. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with costumes and supported their children in learning lines and songs—it made all the difference!

Key Stage 2 Sing-Along Our Key Stage 2 Sing-Along was another highlight of the season! The hall was filled with beautiful voices, festive cheer, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who attended and joined us in celebrating the joy of the season. As we wrap up this term, we want to thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a peaceful and joyful holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sarah
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

09.01.25	Yr 6 SATs Workshop
20.01.25	Come Learn Phonics with me
22.01.25	Yr 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament
23.01.25	Paddington Experience Trip Year 1 & 4
29.01.25	Multiplication Check, Info WShop
11.03.25	Paddington Experience Trip Year 2 & 3
06.03.25	World Book Day
19.03.25	Voice in a Million Wembley Arena
17.06.25	District Sports Session 1
19.06.25	District Sports Session 2
20-23.06.25	Yr 6 PGL 20-23.06.25



Nursery

The Nursery children were curious to find our suitcase containing some items belonging to a mysterious character.

The children discussed the various items, what they looked like and who they could belong to. We thought about different story characters and the children determined that the suitcase belonged to Paddington Bear.

Linking into our whole school topic in the Spring term, we talked about who Paddington Bear was and thought about other stories about bears.

The children were very excited to see our home corner turn into the three bears cottage and have been very engaged with role playing as the three bears.

Our porridge oats sensory tray was a very popular choice where the children retold the story using the props available and compared the sizes of the bowls where they were able to use their mathematical vocabulary.



YEAR 1

From 7th January 2025

Yr 1 will be released at the end of the day from the main playground.

🎅🌟 Elf Day! 🌟🧝

Last Friday, our school was transformed into a festive wonderland as pupils and staff embraced the magic of Elf Day!

🎄📺 From jingly hats to pointy shoes, everyone looked amazing in their elf-inspired outfits.

The day was filled with festive fun, laughter, and holiday spirit, all while raising awareness for Alzheimer's Society .

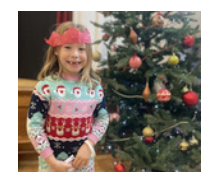
Thank you to everyone who took part and made the day so special—it's truly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! 🎵



We had a great day enjoying our delicious Christmas Dinner and wearing our Christmas Jumpers or colourful clothes. There was lots of music, fun and laughter.



A great big thank you for our kitchen staff who prepared, cooked and cleaned up for us all.



Attendance News

I am delighted to share some fantastic news about our attendance this term. Our school has worked incredibly hard, and the results truly reflect everyone's efforts.

Here are the attendance percentages for each year group so far this term:

- Year 1: 96.5%**
- Year 2: 95.5%**
- Year 3: 94.4%**
- Year 4: 96.2%**
- Year 5: 95.8%**
- Year 6: 95.3%**

Our target is 95.5%, and it's wonderful to see how close most year groups are to achieving or exceeding this goal. A huge congratulations to Year 1, who lead the way with an impressive 96.5% attendance!

To celebrate this amazing achievement, Year 1 will be rewarded with a special trip next term, fully funded by the school.

Well done to Year 1 and to all our classes for working hard to improve attendance. Let's keep up the great work and aim even higher next term!



Year 1 & Year 2 worked so hard
and they were amazing in their
performance of
The Bethlehem Bake Off

We hope you enjoyed the show.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Christmas Sing A Long



To ensure safeguarding at future performances and the comfort of our children, we kindly ask that you **do not arrive before the specified time** and **wait behind the gate**, rather than outside the main front door or in the office area.

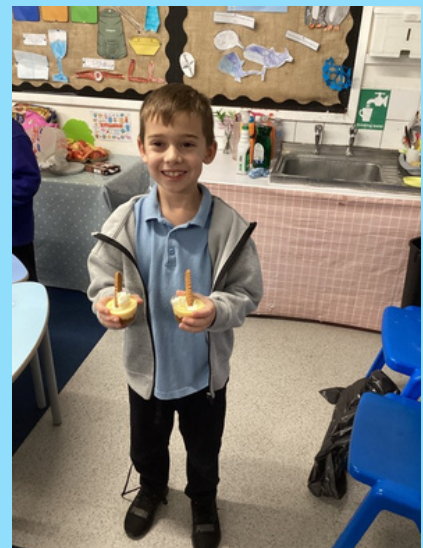
This is important because:

- The children are outside throughout the day, and we need to maintain a safe and clear space.
- Some children have expressed feeling uncomfortable walking through large groups of adults gathered near the Office.
- The front door is a designated fire exit and must remain unobstructed at all times.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Please don't take offense if you are kindly reminded to wait outside.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone!

Making delicious Biscoff trifle in Laurels Club





Our lunchtime choir children walked to the Caledon Club to sing for the Christmas Lunch Club.

The children said it was really, really, really, really really, really good!!



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



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Autumn Term
20.12.24
finish 1.30pm

Spring Term
04.04.25
finish 1.30pm

Summer Term
18.07.25
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

Updated June 2024

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

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

Our school telephone no is: 01727 823283

Remember our new start time,
school starts at 8.45am,
gates open for a soft start at 8.30am.

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.