



Newsletter

October 2024

Headteacher Messages

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support.

It is always a true privilege to serve as Headteacher of this fantastic school, and I am continually amazed by the commitment and dedication shown by both our families and staff in creating such a nurturing and inspiring environment.

Over the past few weeks, I've had the pleasure of seeing our children flourish in so many ways. Their enthusiasm for learning, their growth in confidence, and the progress they have made across all areas of the curriculum have been wonderful to witness. This success is a testament to the strong partnership between home and school, and I deeply appreciate the role you play in supporting your child's journey.

As we break for half term, I hope you and your families find time to rest and enjoy quality time together. Your involvement and encouragement mean so much to us, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting half term on 4th November 2024.

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved break!

With warmest regards
Sarah

Upcoming Events

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| Photographer - individual photos | 04.11.24 |
| Yr 2 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall | 06.11.24 |
| Yr 1 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall | 13.11.24 |
| Flu Immunisation Yrs 1-6 | 20.11.24 |
| Parents Consultations 1.00pm - 7.00pm | 27.11.24 |
| 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 | 21-24.06.25 |

Attendance Figures

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

October 2024

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| R | 92.1% |
| Y1 | 95.2% |
| Y2 | 95% |
| Y3 | 92.2% |
| Y4 | 92.3% |
| Y5 | 95.3% |
| Y6 | 96.5% |
| All | 94% |



Mini Police

For the past five weeks, we have been participating in sessions as 'mini police.' During these sessions, we learned about important topics such as bullying, road safety, internet safety, personal safety, and anti-social behaviour. We also gained valuable skills on how to handle challenging situations and keep ourselves safe.



In our final session, we presented what we had learned to the entire school through an assembly.

Around School



Kindness

At London Colney, we place a strong emphasis on kindness as one of the core values we instil in our pupils. Kindness not only fosters a positive and supportive school environment, but it also helps children develop empathy, respect, and compassion—traits that are essential for their personal growth and for building meaningful relationships throughout their lives. We believe that small acts of kindness can make a big impact on our school community, creating a culture where everyone feels valued and supported. We are proud to recognise these children for consistently demonstrating kindness in their interactions with others. Whether it's helping a classmate, showing patience, or offering a word of encouragement, these pupils have gone above and beyond to embody the spirit of kindness. Their actions set a fantastic example for their peers, and we are incredibly proud of the positive difference they are making in our school.



After School Clubs



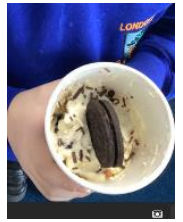
At London Colney, we place a strong emphasis on the importance of sports within the curriculum. Physical education is not just about fitness; it plays a crucial role in promoting teamwork, discipline, resilience, and leadership skills. Participation in sports helps build confidence, encourages healthy lifestyles, and teaches children the value of perseverance and fair play. Engaging in regular physical activity also



supports mental well-being, helping our children to stay focused and energised in their academic pursuits. We are proud to lead the District Sports Club, which provides our pupils with exciting opportunities to compete at a higher level, showcasing their talents while fostering a spirit of camaraderie and community. Being at the forefront of district sports allows us to offer children a platform to shine, both on and off the field, as they represent our school with pride and enthusiasm. Through our sports programs, we aim to inspire a lifelong love of physical activity while developing the skills that will benefit them in all areas of life.



At London Colney, we recognise the importance of teaching cooking as a valuable life skill. Through our cooking clubs, we provide our children with the opportunity to learn essential culinary skills that go beyond the kitchen. Cooking teaches children about nutrition, the importance of balanced meals, and how to make healthy choices that can benefit them throughout their lives. It also fosters creativity, patience, and teamwork, as students work together to prepare meals.

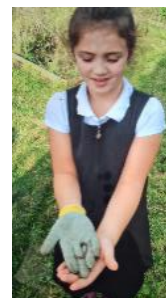


By engaging in cooking activities, children gain confidence in handling ingredients, following instructions, and problem-solving in real-time, all of which are transferable skills that support their broader academic and personal development. We take pride in offering this hands-on learning experience,

knowing that the knowledge and skills they acquire in the kitchen will serve them well into adulthood. Cooking is not just about making food; it's about empowering children with the ability to care for themselves and others.



We run a Gardening Club as part of our after-school enrichment activities, giving our children hands-on experience with nature and the opportunity to learn about plants, ecosystems, and sustainability. The benefits of Gardening Club are immense: children develop patience, responsibility, and teamwork as they work together to nurture the garden. They also gain a sense of accomplishment seeing the plants grow and thrive, which builds confidence and a connection with the environment. We were also thrilled to discover a frog in the garden—a wonderful surprise that gave everyone a chance to learn about local wildlife and sparked even more excitement



Speeches

Encouraging children to make speeches has proven to be an incredibly successful initiative at London Colney. The process of preparing and delivering a speech helps children develop essential communication skills, including public speaking, confidence, and the ability to express their ideas clearly. It fosters critical thinking, as they must organise their thoughts and present them in a structured manner.



Additionally, making a speech teaches resilience, as children learn to overcome nerves and deliver their message to an audience.

The hard work and dedication the children have put into preparing their speeches has been remarkable. They have shown tremendous growth in their confidence, creativity, and articulation. It's been a pleasure to witness their progress as they take pride in sharing their thoughts, ideas, and passions with their peers and teachers.

We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to parents for your continued support. Your encouragement at home has played a key role in helping the children succeed in this endeavour, and we are grateful for your partnership in fostering their development. Together, we have made this a truly rewarding experience for the children, and we look forward to seeing them continue to flourish.



The Nursery children were so excited to play with our new handmade car in our outdoor area. They on their turn taking skills and began to variety of role play and song into their game singing 'Wheels on the Bus' while role getting on and off the bus.



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Library Visits



As part of our learning adventure, Year 6 recently had a visit to the local library.

They learned about the history of the library and how it has been helping our community for many years. The library was full of so many different kinds of books! Fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, biographies, and even comic books! There's something for everyone, no matter what you're interested in.



They also learned how to use the library catalogue. It's like a special computer that helps you find any book you want in the library. All you have to do is type in the title or author, and it tells you where to find the book on the shelves. They also learned about the importance of quiet reading spaces. The library has comfy chairs where you can sit and enjoy a book without any distractions. It's the perfect place to escape into another world.



It was a great experience learning how to borrow and return books. The librarian explained that returning books on time is important so other people can enjoy them too.



Visiting the library reminded us how important reading is for our learning and imagination.

We learned how libraries help us learn, grow, and explore new worlds through books.

On Friday afternoon, Reception took a walk to visit the local library. We were very lucky as the library had opened especially for our visit! When we arrived, we took part in a scavenger hunt around the library. We

had to find different animal toys. We then learnt about the different types of books we can find at the library - from information books to picture books. The lady showed us where we could find each of these books and showed us some different examples. Some of us then signed up for a library card and had the opportunity to pick a book to take home! We even found out we could take up to 30 books home (although we decided to only pick one this time!). We had so much fun exploring the different books available and cannot wait to come back again!



Theresa recently attended a Black History Month event organised by the Hertfordshire Black and Asian Association, which was a fantastic opportunity to engage in important discussions around diversity, inclusion, and the celebration of Black and Asian heritage. Events like these reinforce our commitment at London Colney to fostering a culture of respect, equality, and ambition among our students.

We are also working closely with the local police force to ensure our children are raised with these values at the core of their education. By partnering with key community groups and law enforcement, we aim to provide our children with positive role models and promote an understanding of equality, fairness, and respect for all individuals, regardless of background. This collaborative approach helps us create a school environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to pursue their aspirations with confidence.

Music



At London Colney, we strongly believe in the value of teaching instruments as an integral part of a well-rounded education. Music club not only fosters creativity and self-expression but also enhances critical thinking, discipline, and teamwork. We are incredibly fortunate to have a specialist music teacher who brings a wealth of expertise and passion to our school. Their dedication ensures that our pupils receive high-quality music instruction, enabling them to develop their musical abilities and appreciation for the arts. We are proud to offer this enriching experience to our children, knowing it plays a key role in their overall development.





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From Monday 4th November we have a new menu, please see below.

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

Winter 2024 / Spring 2025



| WEEK 1 | | | | | | |
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| 4 th Nov | 25 th Nov | 16 th Dec | 6 th Jan | 27 th Jan | 24 th Feb | 17 th Mar |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | |
| Breaded Chicken Brown & White Rice or Pasta Shapes | Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes | Roast Beef & Gravy With Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | Quorn Hotdog with Penne Pasta or Diced Potatoes (V) | Battered Fish fillet With Oven Chips | | |
| Margherita Wrap (V) | Veggie Sausage & Bow Pasta (V) | Shepherdess Pie (V) | Cheesy Pasta | Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) | | |
| Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Beans | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Beans | | | |
| Tuna Baguette | Cheese Spread Sandwich | Ham Sandwich | Cheese Sandwich | | | |
| Halal Breaded Chicken | Halal Chicken Pie | Halal Roast Chicken | All options are Halal | | | |
| Iced Vanilla Sponge | Fresh Fruit Wedges | Fresh Fruit Jelly | Black Cherry Chocolate Pudding | Oat Cookie | | |
| WEEK 2 | | | | | | |
| 11 th Nov | 2 nd Dec | 13 th Jan | 3 rd Feb | 3 rd March | 24 th Mar | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | |
| Veggie Sausages & Gravy with Diced Potato or Garlic Bread | Chicken Pasta Bake | Roast Pork with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy with Roast Potato or Pasta | Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges | Fish Fingers with Oven Chips | | |
| Macaroni Cheese (V) | Vegan Sausage Roll & Gravy with Pasta or Diced Potatoes (V) | Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy (VE) | Tomato Bolognese with Spaghetti (V) | Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) | | |
| Jacket Potato With Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Tuna | Jacket Potato with Beans | | | |
| Tuna Baguette | Ham Sandwich | Cheese Spread Sandwich | Cheese Sandwich | | | |
| Veggie Sausages or Macaroni Cheese | Halal Chicken Pasta Bake | Halal Roast Chicken | Halal Beef Burger | All options are Halal | | |
| Iced Finger Bun | Fresh Fruit Wedges | Fresh Fruit Jelly | Apple Strudel with Custard | Chocolate Brick Wall | | |
| WEEK 3 | | | | | | |
| 18 th Nov | 9 th Dec | 20 th Jan | 10 th Feb | 10 th Mar | 31 st Mar | |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | |
| Pork Sausage & Gravy with Mashed Potato or Pasta Shapes | Chicken Curry with Potato Wedges or Rice (V) | Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potato or Pasta | Beef Bolognese | Fish Fingers with Oven Chips | | |
| Cheese Pinwheel (V) | Quorn Burger in a Bun | Creamy Quorn Pie(V) | Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill with Pasta or Diced Potato (VE) | Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) | | |
| Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Beans | Jacket Potato with Cheese | Jacket Potato with Beans | | | |
| Tuna Baguette | Cheese Spread Sandwich | Ham Sandwich | Cheese Sandwich | | | |
| Halal Chicken Sausage | Halal Chicken Curry | Halal Roast Chicken | Halal Beef Bolognese | All options are Halal | | |
| Chocolate Mousse | Fresh Fruit Wedges | Fresh Fruit Jelly | Pear & Apple Crumble with Custard | Marble Cookie | | |

Gravy is always available & is in a separate jug.
 Fresh Fruit & a choice of desserts are available daily.
 Bread, Vegetables & Salad are available daily

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

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



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

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

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| 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.