



Newsletter

September 2024

Headteacher Messages

As we settle into the rhythm of the new academic year, I'm delighted to share with you the vibrant happenings at London Colney Primary and Nursery School. We kicked off the year with informative sessions for each year group, providing parents with insights into the year ahead - thank you to all who attended. Our pupils have already embraced a wealth of enriching experiences, demonstrating their enthusiasm for learning both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have been involved in the Mini Police programme, an initiative that fosters a sense of community responsibility and citizenship. Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils participated in Crucial Crew, an invaluable experience that equips them with essential life skills and safety awareness. Not to be outdone, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed the 'Joy of Moving' programme, promoting physical activity and well-being.

It's been heartening to witness our pupils step up to leadership roles, delivering inspiring speeches that showcase their growing confidence and articulation skills.

I'm thrilled to announce some exciting staffing developments. We've appointed new key stage leaders: Alicia for EYFS, Michelle for Key Stage 2, and Shabina for Key Stage 1. Their expertise will undoubtedly enhance our pupils' learning journeys. We've also allocated new subject leadership roles: Alicia for Art/DT, Shabina for Science, Ciara for History and Geography, Michelle for Maths, and Theresa for English. These appointments reflect our commitment to providing outstanding education across all areas of the curriculum.

A special congratulations to Nazish, who has successfully completed her teacher training and is now a fully qualified teacher. We're immensely proud of her achievement and the dedication she brings to our school community.

I must commend our Year 6 pupils for their admirable work ethic, attending extra lessons after school to further their learning. Your commitment is truly inspiring!

Looking ahead, I'm pleased to inform you that Louise will be returning from maternity leave after half term, joining Nazish in teaching Year 6. We're excited to welcome her back to our team.

Finally, please save the date for our upcoming Parents' Evening on 27th November. More details, including information about our booking system, will follow shortly. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and strengthen our home-school partnership.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we're nurturing a vibrant learning community where every pupil can thrive and reach their full potential.

With warmest regards
Sarah

Upcoming Events

Yr 6 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall	02.10.24
YR 6 PGL Parent Information Meeting - 3.15pm	04.10.24
Yr 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall	09.10.24
Yr 4 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall	16.10.24
Yr 3 Class Assembly 2.45pm in the school hall	23.10.24
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 1.00 - 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	19.03.25
District Sports Session 1	17.06.25
District Sports Session 2	19.06.25
Yr 6 PGL	21-24.06.25

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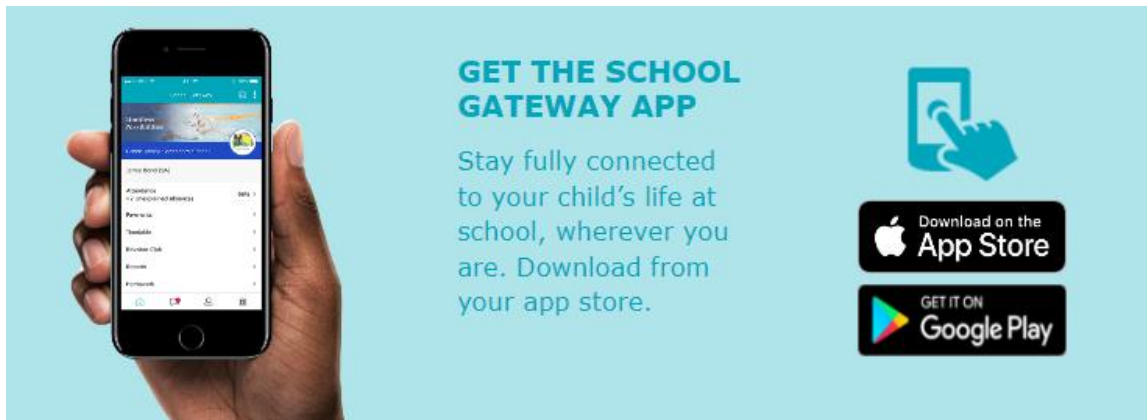
Attendance Figures

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

September 2024

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Y1	95%	
Y2	100%	WELL DONE
Y3	89.3%	
Y4	95.7%	
Y5	100%	WELL DONE
Y6	88%	
All	92.9%	

School Gateway Online Payment & Messages



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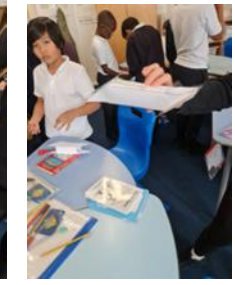
Download the APP or click on the link above or on the school website.

The School Gateway is a 'one stop shop' to communicate with parents and carers. School Gateway is a parent portal, available for free on Apple and Android phones, that allows parents to:

- pay for items including trips
- pay for school dinners
- receive and send messages to and from school.

Messages sent into school are monitored on a regular basis during the day by members of our Admin team and are managed similarly to email and phone messages.



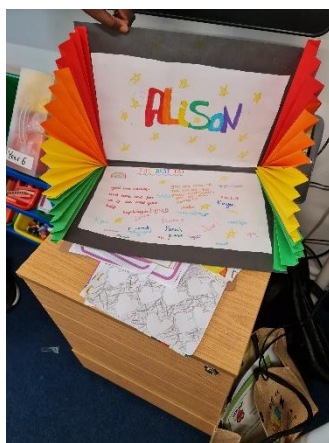


Year 6 made periscopes in Science.
They were discovering the reflection of light and how it enables us to see.



Year 5 & 6 have been enjoying 'Mini Police' sessions.
We are very appreciative of our local PCSO's who come into school each week to deliver this programme to the children. The children have said how much they are enjoying the sessions.

Sports Day was great fun.
Well done to all the children for taking part and doing their best.
Thank you to everyone that came in to support the children too.



A great big thank you to all our Teaching Assistants, on National Teaching Assistant Day



London Colney Polling Station was busy this week, following speeches and campaigning the children voted for their choice of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy & Deputy Head Girl. Well done to everyone for your speeches.

We are delighted to announce the following appointments, huge congratulations to everyone, we know you will all be brilliant.

Head Boy Yunus	Head Girl Paresa
Deputy Head Boy Mohammed	Deputy Head Girl Olivia
London Colney Parliament, MPs	Subject Leaders:
Year 1 Samuel & Edith	English Sienna
Year 2 Leila & David	Maths Daniel, Kaobi, Jesse
Year 3 Sorena & Elijah	PE Iyla, Luca & Matthew
Year 4 Precious & Aabis	Science Adom
Year 5 Mariam & Teddie	Art Primrose, Billie-Grace
Year 6 Goodnews & Cassidy	Music Camellia, Aveya, Anna-Maria, Stevie Ray
	History Aggelos
	Geography Zayn (Year 6)
Year 6 House Captains:	Year 5 - Vice House Captains:
Kindness Kaobi	Kindness tba
Ambition Alfie	Ambition Zak
Bravery Jack	Bravery Umar
Respect Hepzibah	Respect tba
Curiosity Nahid	Curiosity Nafisa
Equality Frankie	Equality Zenia

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.

FOLCS are looking forward to the year ahead and are in the processing of planning lots of fun events for the children.

We already have the Pantomime scheduled for the 6th December, we will be welcoming back the Magical Story Elves and this year the performance will be Sleeping Beauty. We are also organising another breakfast for Santa this year for the 12th December.

We are always looking for volunteers for our events so if you would like to help out then please contact us via classlist, our facebook page or email- folcs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

If you cant volunteer there are other ways you can support us.

At the moment Asda Cashpots are donating to schools across the UK. You can sign up to Cashpots and choose which school you would like to donate without this affecting your own cashpot. You can also sign up to Your School Lottery at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and buy tickets for their weekly lottery drawers. With this you will be in with the chance of winning lots of great prizes and for every ticket brought the school gets a donation.

We will update on further events soon and look forward to seeing you all soon.

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

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](#)
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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							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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Autumn Term
20.12.24
finish 1.30pm

January 2025							February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
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Spring Term
04.04.25
finish 1.30pm

May 2025							June 2025							July 2025							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 2025	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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