



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

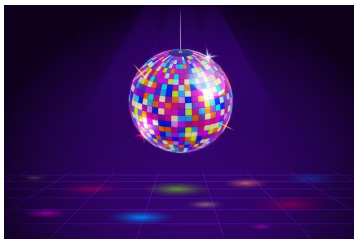
*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 10th February 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week for Year 6 with residential and activity week and great to see children trying new activities that test their resilience and courage. Year 6 are working hard so this week has been an opportunity to shine brightly in other aspects of school life.



Next week, Friends of Colley Lane are hosting their second event to raise funds for school projects. On Thursday 16th February there will be the "Half-Term Friendships Discos" at the following times - Nursery, Reception & Year 1 from school until 4pm; Years 2, 3 and 4 from 4:15pm - 5:15pm and Years 5 and 6 -

5:30pm - 6:30pm. We have extended the deadline to purchase tickets into next week if you would like to support this event.

This week we have added to the information on our website about the cost of living support and keeping children safe when walking to school. Take a look here: [News and Blogs](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

### Key Dates

**Tuesday 14th February**

9-10am - 3.30-4.30

Nursery Open Day for prospective parents

**Thursday 16th February**

Nursery to Year 6 Half Term Disco

**Monday 20th-24th February**

Half Term

**Wednesday 1st March**

9-10am - 3.30-4.30

Nursery Open Day for prospective parents

**Thursday 2nd March**

World Book Day

**Tuesday 28th March**

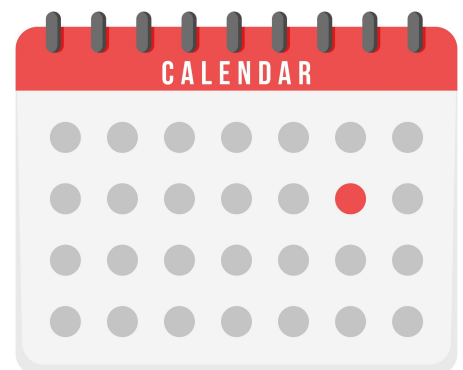
Nursery new starter Discovery session

3.30-4.30pm

**3rd April - 14th April**

Easter Holiday

### CALENDAR



### Attendance

Overall this week:

**95%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I am responsible
- I can be organised

### School Menu

**Week 1**

[Link to Menus](#)

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## *What's been happening in school this week?*

### Nursery

This week we have continued to learn all about different occupations. The children have continued to enjoy using their imagination to role play as different professionals and have been using great language!

Our wow moment this week was having a visit from Haden Cross Fire Service. We got to see a fire engine, all the tools firefighters use and meet 4 firemen. One of them was even called Sam!



### Reception

To end our occupations topic the children had visits from Mr Simpson, Mrs Gold and the fire service and learnt about lots of different occupations. They asked lots of important questions and really enjoyed sitting in the fire engine and looking at all the equipment needed to fight fires.

RR took part in The Big Schools Birdwatch and worked well in pairs to spot different birds.



### Year 1

We have really enjoyed exploring story through music this week in Year 1. We have used the all time classic story, the Three Little Pigs, adding our own musical twist.

We began this week by looking at how we can use our voices to add emphasis and effect to the story. The children definitely had fun pitching their voices high for the pigs and low for the wolf. Later in the week the children were tasked to think more critically in selecting appropriate instruments for different parts of the story. The children had great fun playing their instrument as we worked our way through the story. They can't wait for their next music lesson and have already eyed up the instrument they want to play!



### Year 2

The children have really enjoyed our music lessons this week. In our first session the children explored musical instruments and grouped them according to their similarities. When we had discussed and named the instruments, the children had to recognise them in the orchestral version of Goldilocks and the three bears.

In the next session, the focus was on how the music was used to support the telling of the story. They had to identify the instrument and how it was used for effect in the story 'The Snow Queen'. I wonder what stories we shall look at next week...

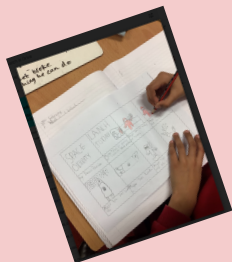


## Year 3

The children have really enjoyed seeing and hearing how a ballad tells a story in our music lessons this week.

As you may know the children have been finding out about the story behind 'Space Oddity' by David Bowie, listening to the song, learning the lyrics and performing it with actions.

Well done everyone!



## Year 4

In Year 4 this week the children have had a fantastic time looking at how music tells the story of a river. They even had a go at performing a vocal ostinato to represent different sounds rivers make.

We have also begun our new maths topic 'Time' where the children are learning how to tell the time to the nearest minute and convert between 12 hour and 24 hour digital time. It would be great for you to practise this with them at home.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Year 5

This week's highlight has been Theme. The year group came together on Wednesday morning to begin putting together our 'Alice in Wonderland' musical piece.

The children practised the song that we have been learning as a year group - they sounded incredible! We also started to add dance movements and sequences to the piece and the children learnt the steps so quickly. We had a fantastic rehearsal and can't wait to share the final piece with you all.



## Year 6

All Year 6 children have had an amazing time this week either at the residential or in school.

The children in school showed great creativity and responsibility whilst cooking and playing board games.

The children on the residential showed great independence and resilience away from home.

Well done to everyone!



## *Pupil Achievements*

Congratulations to Daniel Grainger in 3W for gaining his first red stripe on his jujitsu belt. Great work Daniel!



Violet Holloway 2E got her 10 metre badge in swimming - well done Violet!

If you would like your child's achievements for activities they do beyond school this year, please email [info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@colley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk)

## Praise Assembly Shining Stars: (see Class Dojo for the teacher comments)

NURS	RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Darcie (AM)	Elias	Mustafa	Nathan	Siena	Joshua	Amelia	James	Andrew	
Zachariah (AM)	Louie M	Ethan	Dylan	Lily	Jack	All children			

## Hot Chocolate Friday children:

RR	RTW	1MS	1Y	2D	2E	3H	3W	
Zunairah	Isla	Raid	Shaheer	Adam	Maysa	Jacob	Rahmah	
Violet	Jenson	Poppy	Eva	Lucia	Layla Ab	Ruby	Veronika	

## Club News

It's been a busy week for competitions. The school football team played their two monthly fixtures at Leasowes. Then the sportshall athletics team put in an amazing performance to finish in 4th place and today the cross country are going to compete in the Dudley Cross Country race against 30 other primary schools. We are extremely proud of everyone who has represented the school this week.



All clubs will run as normal next.

Don't forget to check the website and our social media accounts for more information:

[Colley Lane Website](#), [School Blogs](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Class Dojo](#)

More useful links:

[Term Dates](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Breakfast and After School Club](#)

[Essential information](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Extracurricular Activities and School Clubs](#)

[Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

[Dudley's Cost of Living Support Hubs](#)

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