



# Colley Lane Primary Academy

*"Never settle for less than your best"*



## *Newsletter - 8th September 2023*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer break! It seems like the weather is on our side this week, which is great news.



I wanted to let you know how impressed we are with how the children have come back to school. They're eager to learn, and they look so smart in their uniforms. At the beginning of the term, we held an assembly to remind everyone what makes Colley Lane special. We also talked about how we can show pride in everything we do, from our work to the way we behave around school. This year, we're focusing on building pride and encouraging everyone to contribute to the school community. By doing so, we can all achieve our personal and academic goals.

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring the children look so smart in their uniforms and PE kits. If you're interested, we have pre-loved uniforms available in school, and you can find the expectations for uniform on [our website](#).

Over the summer, we've been working on a number of building projects. We've replaced the broken wooden bridge in the playground, installed LED lights throughout the building, and put in new flooring in Nursery, Reception, and on the stairs. A huge thank you to the site staff for all of their hard work.

We've also made some changes to lunchtimes and the layout of the hall. We've made it more sociable, with sandwiches and hot dinners sitting together. The children love it because they can sit with their friends, regardless of what they've chosen to eat. Tuck is still popular, so please ensure your child's account is topped up if they're going to have tuck.

We've had a great start to the academic year, and we're excited about the journey ahead. Have a great weekend!

Mr Dominic Simpson  
Headteacher

### Key Dates

**Monday 11th September**  
4.45pm Welcome to Year 3 meeting  
5.15pm Welcome to Year 4 meeting

**Tuesday 11th September**  
4.45pm Welcome to Year 5 meeting  
5.15pm Welcome to Year 6 meeting

**Thursday 14th September**  
4.45pm Welcome to Nursery and Reception meeting

**Monday 25th September**  
Reception Open Day for 2024 entry  
9.15- 10.30am

**Tuesday 26th September**  
Reception Open Day for 2024 entry  
3.30 - 5.00 pm

**Wednesday 4th October**  
Parents Evening

**Thursday 5th October**  
Parents Evening

**Thursday 5th October**  
Nursery closed due to parent meetings

**Friday 27th October**  
INSET Day

**Half term**  
27th October - 5th November  
Return to school - Monday 6th October

### Attendance

Overall this week:

**97%**

[Attendance information](#)

### Aspire

- I can work collaboratively
- I can communicate clearly

### School Menu

**Week 1**

[Link to Menus](#)

## Colley Lane Primary Academy

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

#### Nursery

It has been lovely to see the children back in Nursery. They have all returned well and settled back into routines quickly. Next week, we will be having new children start at Nursery and the children are excited to support them with settling in.

We have spent lots of time this week talking about our Summer holidays and the children have enjoyed sharing experiences with their friends again. On Wednesday, we also took part in National Read a Book day. The children enjoyed looking at stories with their peers and listening to a range of stories throughout the day.



Our topic for the next few weeks will be our family. We would like all children to bring a photo into school of their family which will be used for discussions and a display.

#### Reception

This week we welcomed all the new reception children into school. The children have settled well and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and school environment.



Children are making new friends each day and building on friendships from nursery. It has been lovely to observe the children interacting so well with each other.



For the next few weeks children will be talking and learning more about their family. We would like all children to bring a photo into school of their family which will be used for a display.

#### Year 1

Welcome to Year 1!

It has been an incredibly warm start to the Summer term but what a brilliant week we have had. The children have come back to school with a really positive attitude and it has been wonderful getting to know them all.

This week, we have explored the story 'The Dot' where children created some fantastic dot pictures. We have also been looking at routines and these have really helped the children to settle in well.

It was wonderful meeting so many of you at our parent workshop on Thursday. Don't worry if you weren't able to make it. You can catch one of us at home time if you have any questions or would like more information. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

#### Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful first week back at school, catching up with friends and settling in. As classes we have focused on our daily routines and our STAR behaviour. Ask your child if they can remember what each letter stands for. We have been amazed at how quickly and confidently they have settled into their new classes.

It has been lovely starting our year off with a bang and celebrating the first few children in the class. The children have enjoyed being the star of the day and teaching their class all about themselves!

We have had a very creative few days, where the children have produced some wonderful artwork inspired by the story 'The Dot' and the artist Kandinsky. The children have also learnt about democracy, where they learnt the importance of making things fair.

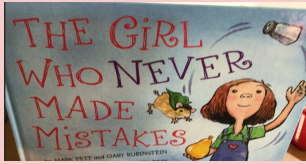
It was great meeting lots of you at our parent workshop on Thursday. We will be posting the presentation on class Dojo this evening so you are all aware of what was said. If you do have any questions though, please pop and see a member of the year 2 team.

We can't wait for next week when we will be starting

our first History Theme of the year! Have a super weekend.

## Year 3

We have all had a busy, fun but very hot week back at school! The children have really impressed us with their listening skills, attitude to learning and learning new routines in such a short space of time.



We are enjoying getting to know each other and have been finding out about likes/dislikes and dealing with

different emotions. The children found out in our book how important being resilient is, even though it can be frustrating when things go wrong. Not giving up can lead to happiness. The children loved drawing as many things as they could that made them happy - what a wide range we saw!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our meeting in the hall on Monday, if you can make it and to tell you more about Year Three.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## Year 4

Welcome to the new Year 4!

It has been a wonderful, busy (and rather warm) first week back at school. All children have settled in well and impressed teachers with their positive attitude and willingness to learn new routines.



We've enjoyed writing a story in English, creating artwork in the style of cave drawing in theme and also discussing emotions and behaviours in PSHE.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parents meeting on Monday to inform you further about what will be happening in Year 4 this year.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 5

We have had a fabulous first week in Year 5! We are so happy to have the children in our year group and can't wait for all the exciting events we have coming up in Year 5.

This week has been filled with lovely activities to get the children started. We have explored our new surroundings and have gotten to know our new classrooms. We had a very creative art lesson this week and created our own Mandalas, using dot art as our inspiration. They were incredible!



On Thursday we made a stunning start on our new Theme topic, the Ancient Greeks. The children worked on a factfile all about Modern Greece, introducing them to the country and culture they will be exploring over the

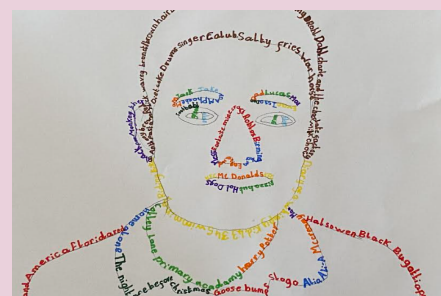
## Year 6

Welcome back and welcome to Year 6!

We are so happy to be back in school and ready to learn! We have been practising routines all week so that all children know what is expected of them this year.

If you wish to find out more about Year 6 and to meet your child's teacher then please come along to school on Tuesday 12th September at 5:15pm for a Year group meeting in the hall.

We have been getting to know each other this week through creating portraits like the one below with words to describe ourselves written on to form the outline.;



Have a restful weekend.

next few weeks. They all did a fantastic job and their work looked fabulous!

We wish you a lovely weekend in the sunshine and look forward to meeting you on Tuesday at our Year 5 parent meeting.

## *Pupil Achievements*



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)**

<b>NURS</b>	<b>RR</b>	<b>RW</b>	<b>1MS</b>	<b>1Y</b>	<b>2D</b>	<b>2E</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>3W</b>
Miles and Emilia	Next week	Next week	Aleeza	Myah	Bobby	Ryan	Sebastian	Tatum
	<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
	Bethany	Ellena	Logan	Muhammad	Kiana	Jamie	Mohammed	

### **Hot Chocolate Friday children:**

<b>RR</b>	<b>RTW</b>	<b>1MS</b>	<b>1Y</b>	<b>2D</b>	<b>2E</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>3W</b>
Next week	Next week	Jack	Axel	Harrison	Dania	Armaan	Caleb
<b>4A</b>	<b>4H</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>6G</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>6S</b>	
Gerald	Yasseen	Isla	Alyssa	Kyle	Adam	Pippa	

## *Club News*

The forms for key stage 2 school run clubs have been sent out. All clubs start next week apart from Fridays clubs which start on Friday 22nd September. The children have a place at any club they want to attend apart from dance and Mrs Gould will let you know if your child has a place.

Hopefully we will have many competitions and festivals to attend this year where the children can use the skills learnt at clubs to represent the school. Be brave and try something new this school year.

Check out our [After School Newsletter: Summer 2 2023](#)

## **Pre-loved Uniform**

We do now have a pre-loved school uniform rail that all parents are invited to use. It is located in the entrance to school. Ask the office for sizes.



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:

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School Club](#)

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