



Newsletter

Summer 1 newsletter

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SEND in the Spotlight



Each half-term, I write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related.

I highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area. This half-term, I am shining the spotlight on emotional regulation.

At Colburn Community Primary School, we understand that supporting children with emotional regulation can sometimes feel overwhelming. However, with patience, understanding and a few simple strategies, parents and carers can make a huge difference in helping children feel safe, calm and supported.

Establishing consistent routines can help children feel secure and reduce anxiety, while creating a calm space at home with comforting items such as cushions, colouring activities or books can support regulation when emotions feel overwhelming. Encouraging children to talk about their feelings in a safe and supportive way also helps them better understand and express emotions.

Simple mindfulness activities such as breathing exercises, relaxing music or family yoga sessions can further support emotional wellbeing.

SENDCo - Miss Kirwan



Miss Kirwan, our SENDCo, works closely with staff, children, and families to ensure every child receives the support they need.

Headteacher's highlights

Last half term, former pupil Jake returned to Colburn Community Primary School after raising an incredible £285 towards our Year 6 London residential.

Jake was lucky enough to experience the London trip during his time at Colburn and wanted to give something back to help create the same opportunity for our current pupils. We are extremely proud of Jake for showing such kindness, generosity and community spirit. Keep an eye out though — Jake has not finished raising money for charities and other great causes just yet!



Sports' Day 2026

We would like to thank our parents and carers for supporting our children during Sports' Day! We loved the day!



#SportsDay26

Each half term we will highlight our proud moments from our different classes



EYFS



Our EYFS children have enjoyed watching caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies. They helped to care for them, observed the changes over time, and learned about the butterfly life cycle. The highlight was releasing the butterflies into the wild and watching them take flight.



**Together we care.
Together we grow!**



Year 3



In RE, Year 3 have been learning about different festivals celebrated around the world.

We explored why festivals are important to different religions and cultures. As part of our Diwali lesson, Year 3 made their own diya lamps and learnt how they are used to symbolise light and hope during the festival.



Year 1



As part of Year One's English focus on the story Jim and the Beanstalk, we each planted our own bean plant. It took a while for our beans to germinate, but now we continue to enjoy watching them grow a couple of centimetres every day. We are hoping to be able to harvest some tasty runner beans before the summer holiday!



Year 3



Year Two

Year 2 had a fantastic time taking part in the national 'Big School Workout' with fitness coach Joe Wicks! Alongside thousands of children from schools across the UK, pupils joined the exciting 30-minute online workout designed to promote healthy lifestyles, exercise and positive mental wellbeing. The children showed brilliant energy, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the session and loved being part of such a huge nationwide event.



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Year Four



In science, we have begun to learn about electricity. The class have independently loved exploring how to make circuits work and investigating how more bulbs become less bright with only one cell. They can't wait to make more circuits next half term – where will the learning take them?

Tune in next time to find out!



Year 3 & 4 VR headset morning

Year 3 and 4 recapped and revised their Volcanoes and Romans topics and had an absolute blast doing it using VR headset.

Their questions, listening, engagement and participation were off the scale. What a brilliant group of learners



Year 5



This half term, Y5 have thoroughly enjoyed diving into their exciting new History topic on the Ancient Greeks. They have shown fantastic curiosity as they explored myths, gods, battles and everyday life in Ancient Greece. The excitement continued as they reached the end of the brilliant class book, 'Who Let the Gods Out?' — a story that had everyone hooked from start to finish! The children loved discussing the characters and twists in the story, and it has certainly sparked even more interest in the fascinating world of Greek mythology.



Year Six



This half term, our Y6 children sat their SATS. We were super proud of their efforts and their attitude towards them. Next half term, they will have lots to do as they continue to get ready for secondary school and work towards their production with Year 5 on Thursday 9th July @ 5pm -SAVE THE DATE!



Summer Key dates



Monday 8th June - School Photograph day

Monday 29th June - Tuesday 30th June - Richmond School Y6 transition

Monday 29th June to Wednesday 1st July - Wensleydale School Y6 transition

Tuesday 30th June - Wednesday 1st July - Risedale School Y6 transition

Wednesday 1st July to Thursday 2nd July - St Francis Xavier School Y6 transition

Tuesday 14th July - Reports out to parents

Wednesday 15th July - Friday 17th July - Y6 London residential

Friday 17th July - Last day of school

We are back on Wednesday 9th September 2027



Reminders

Uniform

Please ensure children are adhering to our uniform expectation. Children with shoulder length hair must tie it up. Also we do not allow hooped ear rings.

Pick up time

It is very important that children and parents are encouraged to use the path when leaving the site. Also please make sure you supervise children if you have picked them up.

Sun protection

Children are allowed to bring in and apply their own sun cream. It must be labelled with their name.

Morning drop off

If you need to pass a message on to the teacher in the morning, please speak to a member of staff in the office or on the gate. Thank you.

 [View our facebook page for further updates.](#)



Importance of good attendance

Good attendance is essential for children to succeed at school. Every day counts, and even small amounts of absence can quickly add up, leading to gaps in learning and missed opportunities. We aim for all pupils to achieve at least 96% attendance, helping them to stay on track, build strong friendships, and make the most of every school day.



Safeguarding in the spotlight



Children are spending more time online than ever before through gaming, messaging and social media. While technology can be a positive tool, it is important that children use it safely.

Please take time to check the apps your child is using, know who they are communicating with and encourage them to talk openly about their online experiences.

A simple question such as, "Can you show me what you've been doing online today?" can help start important conversations and keep children safe.

Together, we can help our children enjoy the online world safely and responsibly.

Photo of the term!
#topcricketer!

