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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year Letter from the Head Teacher: Results and Key Events from September 2024 to July 2025

As we come to the end of another rewarding academic year, it's a pleasure to reflect on the many experiences that have shaped school life at Collis from September through to July. Each term brought with it meaningful opportunities for learning, celebration and community. The variety and breadth of learning this year speak volumes about the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of our children, staff and parents.

Autumn Term
We began the year by welcoming families into school for class curriculum meetings – an important part of building strong communication and shared expectations. Throughout the term, pupils enjoyed a number of memorable trips, including visits to museums, local farms, and even post boxes as part of early writing projects.
Year 6 students participated in the Junior Citizen safety programme, learning vital skills for life beyond primary school. Our Collis Kitchen Garden volunteers were once again a source of pride, growing and harvesting a range of high-quality vegetables which the children loved helping with.
We celebrated birthday assemblies, our Harvest Assembly with the Salvation Army, and took part in multiple fundraising cake sales across the term. One of the standout community events, our Fireworks Night, was a glowing success, and the run-up to Christmas was full of festive spirit.
The Christmas shows, Christmas Fair, and the magical moment of The One Show filming featuring Rob Brydon created memories that will stay with the children for a long time. The Pupil Parliament also represented the school with confidence and maturity on their trips.

Spring Term
This was a landmark term, not least because of our Outstanding judgement from Ofsted – a result that reflects the collective hard work and shared values of our whole school community.
The children engaged in a range of enriching events, including World Book Day, which once again brought books and stories to life across the school. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils sang as part of the Young Voices concert at the O2 – a spectacular and uplifting event.
There was an inspiring Lifeboat Assembly, followed by a themed mufti day which raised valuable funds for the RNLI. Our fundraising continued through cake sales, and Year 5 particularly enjoyed their visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.
Birthday assemblies remained a valued tradition, while the term was also filled with well-attended school discos, popular film nights and swimming sessions which provided both physical challenge and enjoyment.

Summer Term

The summer brought warmth, celebration and many achievements. Our Bounce-a-thon energised the school community while raising funds, and Collis Day provided a wonderful chance to celebrate our Ofsted success together, with music, games and a real sense of bouncin' pride on the MUGA.

Year 6 tackled their SATs week with calm confidence and maturity, followed by a well-earned residential at PGL, full of challenge, team-building and personal growth. Their brilliant production of Wonka will showcase creativity, talent and humour in equal measure.

We also welcomed visitors and opportunities for learning and transition – including a visit from Grey Court School, a poetry session with the brilliant Karl Nova, and transition visits for those preparing for secondary. Sports Day gave everyone the chance to shine and support each other through healthy competition. The Summer Fair, themed this year as the Collis Circus, was a joyful celebration of our school spirit. We also continued our commitment to listening to parent voices through a dedicated Governors' and parents Focus Group meeting – part of our ongoing work to ensure Collis remains an inclusive and forward-thinking school.

Thank Yous and Acknowledgements

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Collis Parents Association (CSA) for their unwavering commitment to enhancing school life for all pupils. A special thank you to Alicia, Cindy, Helen, Anna, Liv, Julia, Rebecca, Lianne and Monkey Sox and the entire committee for their tireless work throughout the year. From cake sales and the spectacular Fireworks Night led by Liv and the team, to the Christmas Fair and the always-popular Junior and Infant Discos, your efforts have helped to raise vital funds and create joyful experiences for our children. Your dedication and sense of community spirit make a real difference.

We are also immensely grateful to Jim Smith, Inga Judge, and Rob Addis for their exceptional contributions in art, photography, and technical support. Their creative expertise has brought colour, vibrancy and innovation to many areas of school life, and we are truly thankful for the generosity of their time and talent.

A special thank you goes to the Collis Gardeners, so wonderfully led by Carrie and the team, whose work continues to transform and nurture our school's green spaces. Their care and commitment help bring outdoor learning and sustainability to life for our pupils. We also extend our thanks to Lee Addis, whose monthly organisation of baking for our birthday assemblies has become a much-loved tradition at Collis. These small touches help build community and a sense of celebration that our children genuinely value.

I'd like to acknowledge the thoughtful contributions of the Parent Focus Group, who have played an important role in shaping key aspects of school policy this year. Through constructive dialogue, they've helped us refine our approach to areas such as class mixing, the addition of extra Christmas show performances for next year, and the development of our new smartphone policy, which will take effect from September. Their feedback also played a part in shaping our transition to a new school meals provider – a change that will enhance the lunchtime experience for all pupils.

Staff Leavers and New Appointments

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is always with a mixture of gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to colleagues who are moving on. Their contributions have shaped the life of the school, and we thank them sincerely for their commitment and service.

Teaching Staff Leavers

This year, we will be saying goodbye to a small number of teaching staff.

We extend our thanks to Debbie Bartholomew, our Music Teacher, for sharing her expertise with pupils across the school. Jody Windsor (yr 6 teacher) will also be leaving us, as she embarks on an exciting year travelling around Australia – we wish her safe travels and wonderful adventures.

A special mention must go to Hanne Macleod (Reception teacher), who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to Collis. Her dedication, warmth and professionalism have had a lasting impact on generations of children and colleagues, and we thank her deeply for her enormous contribution to the school and wider community.

Support Staff Leavers
We also say goodbye to several valued support staff members who have worked tirelessly to support children in their learning and development:

- Jenny Ashton-Vale (CATS Team)
- Caroline Corfield (LSA)
- Rachel Galvin (LSA)
- Sam Blakley (TA)
- Debbie Cardamone (LSA)
- Charlotte Cubitt (Nursery TA)
- Megan Kelly (LSA)

Each of them has played an important role in the day-to-day life of Collis, and we are very grateful for their contributions. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

New Staff Appointments
Looking ahead, we are delighted to be welcoming two highly experienced practitioners to the Collis team in September. Alicia Kiernan, joining us from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Junior School in NW2, and Megan Smy, from Dunraven School in SW16, will both be joining the Year 6 team alongside Mr Dawson. Their expertise and enthusiasm for upper Key Stage 2 teaching will be a great asset to the school, and we look forward to working with them as they become part of the Collis community.

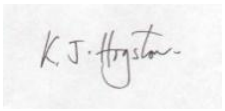
A Final Word from Me
I want to express my gratitude to the entire Collis team. Their tireless commitment to our children, our values, and the shared vision of our school has once again been nothing short of exceptional. From our support staff, office and site teams to our teachers, every member of staff has played a crucial role in fostering both the academic progress and personal development of our pupils.

As I complete my tenth year as Head of the school, it is a special personal landmark. It is a privilege to be the Head Teacher of such a wonderful community school. This year has brought with it a great deal of pressure and expectation due to the long-anticipated Ofsted inspection, which finally took place after 10.5 years. The responsibility of leading a school through such a high-stakes moment weighed heavily at times — and, on a personal note, there were moments when the waiting and the burden felt overwhelming. But what got us through, without question, was your unshakeable support, shared belief, and spirit of togetherness across the Collis community. The inspection itself lasted just two days, but the report we received reflects years of continuous hard work, high standards, and unwavering dedication. It is an outcome that the staff and the Collis school community truly deserve.

Finally, the icing on the cake is our end-of-year assessment results, shown in the table below, which reflect the exceptionally high standards we continue to set. Once again, Collis has exceeded both national and Richmond averages in SATs — a testament to the quality of our teaching, the hard work of our children, and the strong partnership between home and school.

I wish you all a restful summer holiday, when it arrives, filled with happiness, peace, and time with loved ones. May the break bring the rest and renewal we all need, and I look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting chapter in the life of our school.

Warmest regards,



Kevin Hogston
Head Teacher

SCHOOL SATS RESULTS (unofficial data)

The information below compares the attainment of our pupils with local authority and national averages. We are delighted with the excellent results across the school. They are a tribute to the children, parental support and the staff.

EYFS - % of children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD)

Reception	Collis	Richmond Average	National Average
2025	**88**	77	68

Phonics Screening - % of children reaching the threshold or higher

Year One	Collis	Richmond Average	National Average
2025	**98**	89	80

The tables below show the percentage of children who achieved the nationally expected standard in the Year 6 SATs, compared to the local authority and national averages. Collis performance is high in all areas. *The Richmond and National results are provisional figures.*

COLLIS, LOCAL AUTHORITY AND NATIONAL COMPARISON **Year 6 SATs Results %**											
	Reading		**Writing***		**GPS**		**Maths**		**Science**	**RWM**	
	EXS	HIGH	EXS	GDS	EXS	HIGH	EXS	HIGH	EXS	EXS	HIGH
COLLIS 2025	**93**	**53**	**93***	**19***	**92**	**52**	**93**	**46**	**97**	**87**	**14**
RICHMOND 2025	*87*	*53*	*83*	*26*	*86*	*51*	*88*	*46*	*90*	*77*	*21*
NATIONAL 2025	*75*	*33*	*72*	*13*	*73*	*30*	*74*	*26*	*82*	*62*	*8*

***EXS** – Expected Standard (Scaled Score of 100 and above)*
***GDS** – Greater Depth*
***HIGH** – High standard (Scaled Score of 110 and above)*
***RWM** – Reading, Writing, Maths combined*

* *Teacher Assessment*