COLLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year Letter from the Head Teacher

As another school year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on just how much has been packed into the last twelve months. Collis is a remarkable place. In the space of a single year, children grow in confidence, knowledge and character. New friendships are formed, challenges are overcome, talents emerge and countless memories are created.

2025/26 has certainly been a busy one. There are so many achievements to celebrate they include:

- *Results and attainment remain strong at all key stages.*
- *Attendance is high, with over 700 children loving coming to Collis.*
- *CATS and clubs continue to go from strength to strength.*
- *The Collis Nursery has grown, giving our youngest pupils a flying start to their learning.*
- *Pupil numbers remain high, and we continue to be the popular local choice for families.*
- *Our governors and bursar work tirelessly to ensure the school remains financially and strategically sound, enabling us to provide children with additional resources and opportunities.*
- *We have the best parent association in the land, balancing community spirit with incredible fundraising.*
- *Our grounds have been further developed with new resources and equipment.*
- *Our teaching is excellent and continues to be firmly rooted in evidence-informed practice, guided by the very best educational research to ensure every child benefits.*
- *Our dedicated support staff who work tirelessly every day to support our children and ensure the school runs smoothly.*

These achievements are only possible because of the combined efforts of our children, staff, governors and parents. Thank you for the part each of you plays in making Collis such a special place to learn and grow.

Highlights of 2025–26
Throughout the year, children have benefited from an extraordinary range of opportunities both inside and beyond the classroom.

Our curriculum was enriched through memorable experiences and visitors. Children explored science through the fascinating Moon Rocks project, while staff benefited from professional development opportunities with educational experts including Daisy Christodoulou and Dr Tim Mills. These opportunities help ensure that our teaching remains informed by the very best educational thinking.

We were delighted to introduce Digital Leaders alongside our established School Council and Sports & play Leaders, giving more pupils opportunities to contribute to school life and develop leadership skills.

There were many moments of excitement and celebration throughout the year. The CSA Fireworks Night once again lit up the autumn term, while Christmas brought festive performances, celebrations and even special messages from darts sensation Luke Littler.

Educational visits and residential experiences continued to play an important role in enriching learning. Year 6 pupils completed Bikeability training, participated in the Junior Citizen programme and enjoyed a memorable residential visit to PGL. Across the school, trips, workshops and visitors helped bring learning to life and create lasting memories.

Reading remained at the heart of school life. World Book Day was a particular highlight, while our visiting poet, Karl Nova, inspired Year 6 children through the power of words and creativity. We also continued valued traditions, including birthday assemblies, Harvest celebrations, and a variety of fundraising events supporting both school and charitable causes.

Sport has once again been a significant strength of the school. Hundreds of children represented Collis in competitions, festivals and tournaments throughout the year, demonstrating determination, teamwork and sportsmanship. Sports Day provided a fitting celebration of participation, effort and achievement.

As always, Year 6 have been exceptional role models. They approached SATs week with maturity and resilience, embraced the challenges of residential life and concluded their time at Collis with a spectacular production of School of Rock. Their energy, humour and talent were on full display, and we wish them every success as they move on to secondary school.

Thank Yous and Acknowledgements

My sincere thanks go to the Collis School Association (CSA) for their incredible commitment throughout the year. Alicia, Helen, Anna, Liv, Julia, Rebecca, Emma, Lianne, Monkey Sox and the wider CSA team have given countless hours of their time to organise events, raise funds and strengthen our school community. From Fireworks to the Christmas and Summer Fairs, discos, film nights, uniform sales and fundraising initiatives, their efforts have created wonderful experiences for our children whilst providing valuable support for the school. We are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

We are also immensely grateful to Inga Judge and Rob Addis for their contributions in 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.

A special thank you must also go to Carrie, Becca and the Collis Gardeners. Their hard work and enthusiasm continue to enhance our outdoor spaces and provide opportunities for children to learn about nature, sustainability and growing food. The school garden remains a source of great pride.

I would also like to thank our governors for their dedication to the school throughout the year. We were delighted to welcome new parent governors and have continued to strengthen communication with families through parent focus groups and consultation meetings. Your feedback helps shape the future direction of the school and ensures that we continue to grow and improve together.

I would like to express my thanks to every member of the Collis staff team. Their professionalism, care and dedication to our children are extraordinary. Day after day, they go above and beyond to create a school where children feel safe, valued, challenged and inspired.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers. The partnership between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of Collis. Whether supporting learning at home, attending events, volunteering, fundraising or simply encouraging your children each day, your contribution plays a vital role in their success.

A Final Word

We always say that there are three essentials to a rounded education at Collis:
Academic success – to learn the knowledge and skills needed to become confident learners, while developing a lifelong love of learning.

Social development – to build positive friendships and relationships, work successfully with others, and develop the skills to manage and resolve conflict.

Emotional development – to recognise, understand and express feelings, developing the resilience and emotional awareness needed to thrive.

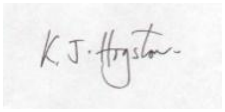
These three principles along with the 5cs will continue to guide everything we do, and we look forward to building on this year's successes when we return in September.

To our Year 6 pupils, thank you for the contribution you have made to Collis. You leave with our very best wishes, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes.

To all our families, I wish you a happy, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. I hope the weeks ahead provide opportunities to relax, recharge and spend precious time with your children.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Collis.

Yours sincerely,



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