

Colne Junior Council
Colne Town Council Annual Parish Meeting
13th May 2026



Firstly, we would like to apologise for not being able to attend the meeting tonight. Many of us are in Year 6 and this week we are completing our SATs tests in school. Mrs Cockburn-Price kindly agreed to read out a summary of our work.

This school academic year Colne Junior Council have been set a Headteacher Challenge.

Did you know that Pendle has the highest rate of child food poverty in the UK?

Did you know that over 200 billion aluminium cans are used every year?

Did you know that aluminium can be collected then sold and money raised?



This year we are working hard to care for Colne and in doing so raise money for the Junior Council's chosen charity 'Colne Open Door'.

We have established a 'cans for cash' scheme across the five schools that make up the junior council (Christ Church, Trawden Forest, West Street, Park Primary and this academic year Primet Primary who have joined the council too). Our aim is to collect a tonne of aluminium that can then be weighed in and sold. Suez Recycling and Recovery have agreed to support us with this and, on 12th June, they will collect our cans. We will turn people's trash into cash. We will give the proceeds to Colne Open Door – who we know will put the money to good use in providing much needed support for families in our community.

We have worked hard promoting the scheme and have been learning about recycling. Tooba Amjad (Pendle Borough Council Recycling Officer) came to one of our meetings to explain the importance of the new food waste recycling scheme that came into force across the borough in April. We then saw first hand how all of our waste is recycled by visiting Eco Town at Farington Waste Recovery Park in Leyland. This experience (which was kindly supported by a donation of £600 from Colne Town Council) enabled us to discover how everyday household waste can be transformed into valuable resources and

even renewable energy (that is what our food waste will produce – through a process called Anaerobic digestion!)

Pendle Borough Council have also organised for the 'Dennis to the Rescue' mobile classroom to visit Colne where children from each of our school's can learn even more about recycling and becoming more sustainable.

Our work has inspired others to join us and at our last meeting we agreed that Lord Street Primary will join the council from September 2027.

We would like to thank Mrs Cockburn-Price and Mrs Langley for their support with the Junior Council.