



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

5th June 2026

Summer Term



Happy Friday and welcome back for the last half term of this year! Wow, time flies when you are having fun and it is not over yet!!

This half term promises to be another one of exciting trips, whole school events and visits.

Let's start with some exciting and lovely news, Mrs Edwards has had her baby. A little boy, no name yet although year 1 have sent her some options, Jim Bob is my favourite so far. Congratulations to Mrs Edwards and her family.

The sign up and excitement around Rocksteady this week has been amazing! I know many of you were disappointed not to get any slots. If, after half a term, next year the enthusiasm is still as high we will try to get them in to run more sessions. Thank you to everyone who has already gone on to book.

Class Structures 2026 - 2027

I know many of you have been asking me about class structures for next year. Please forgive the delay in getting this out to you. I'm afraid this was information that I was waiting for from the "money" people within the Trust.

Next year I am delighted to report that we will be remaining at 6 classes. They will follow this structure;

Elm - Reception - Mrs Derryman & Miss Shoesmith

Oak - Year 1 - Currently teacher unknown

Maple - Year 2 - Miss Moul & Mrs Mills

Ash - Year 3/4 - Mrs Davey (Miss Cox will be on maternity leave)

Willow - Year 4/5 - Mr Russell & Mrs Whitehorn

Beech - Year 6 - Mrs Evans

Many of you will notice the absence of Miss Hutton. Miss Hutton is embarking on an exciting sabbatical next year. She has family in New Zealand and she will be spending the year with them so that her children can spend some quality time with their grandparents. SHE WILL BE BACK! This is only for one year and we can't wait to welcome her back full of stories of the southern hemisphere but she will be very sorely missed. In the coming weeks we will be interviewing new teachers to temporarily replace her and Mrs Edwards while she is on maternity leave.

There will be some more changes in September too. Mrs Webber, our SENDCO, is also expecting her first baby. She will be with us until the end of July. Again, we are currently recruiting for a replacement while she is off.

If your child is in Year 4 then you will notice that the year group will be split. They will remain together for maths and spelling and some afternoon subjects but will be split for part of the day. We will split the children so that we have equal numbers of boys and girls, a range of abilities and try to maintain as many friendship pods as we can. Mr Russell or Mrs Davey may speak with you in the next few weeks about which class your child may be in. We will let you know this as soon as we have done all of these conversations and made our final decisions.

Please ask if you have any questions about the year 4 split or any of the class structures.

Next week, Year 6 are off canoeing and Years 3 and 5 are off to the Fossil Festival.

The week commencing 22nd June is Hopes and Dreams week - do you have a cool (or you may think not so cool!) job you can come in to talk to the children about? Do you know anyone else who might be keen? Contact the office to get signed up! Children are then invited to come to school on Friday 26th June dressed as their future self (and might be inspired by your job!)

Have a dryish weekend, Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Eva , Theo & Rosie for Confidence, Sonny for Communication

Oak: Immi & Maeve for Craftsmanship

Maple: Cosmo for Creativity & Theo for Curiosity

Ash: Jack & Eira for Commitment

Willow: Riley & Jess for Confidence Ollie & Aden for Commitment

Beech: Isla, Jacob & Freddie for Commitment

Pride of Colyton: Riley & Emily

Important Dates



Monday 8th June - 12th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Wednesday 10th June

SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 16th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 17th June

Forest School Maple Class

Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June

Hopes and Dreams Week

Wednesday 24th June

Forest School - Ash Class

Tuesday 23rd June - Wednesday 24th June

Year 4 to Escot - please make payment on Parent Pay

Wednesday 1st July

Forest School - Willow Class

Friday 10th July

Year 5 Camp out

Wednesday 15th July

Forest School - Beech Class

Wednesday 15th July

Helper's Cream Tea

Wednesday 22nd July

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 23rd July

SUMMER Holiday

Monday 7th September

First Day back



Big Question: How does summer affect where and how we live?



- **ARBOR:**

From September onwards we will be using Arbor to order meals and any Trips.

Can we ask parents that have outstanding debts on parent pay that these are paid off as soon as possible.

Current trips on Parent Pay are unaffected currently so please continue to make instalments on the residentials.

Clubs will be live on Arbor from 18.00 on 02/04/2026

- **School Dinners:**

Booked on Parent Pay

These need to be booked by **Sunday** for the following week you can book all they way up to the end of term if you wish too. The cost of these is £2.70 per meal for paying parents.

PGL Residential 2026

The remaining balance is now on Parent Pay.

Year 4 Escot

This trip is now available on Parent Pay

Swimming Year 4 & 6

Please give consent and pay on parent pay

Year 3 & 5 Fossil Festival

Please give consent and pay on parent pay.

Year 6 Canoeing

Please pay and give consent on Parent Pay

- **Free School Meals:**

Find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals! Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

- **Attendance:**

If you are unsure if your child should be in school then visit this website [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) or check the school website for information [School Attendance | Colyton Primary Academy](#) This also covers holiday during term time.

Remember, your child must be on time for school - this means arriving **BEFORE** 8.50am not at this time. Lots of children are having late marks. Also, if you take a holiday during term time but tell the school that your child is ill then we can and will still issue a fine.

Children are very honest and they often tell us when you have been away. If we have reason to believe that you are on a holiday then our policy now states that we must follow the protocol for fining.

- **Nut & Sesame Free School:**

A reminder we are a nut free school, this includes Tree Nuts, Peanuts and Sesame.

When bringing a packed lunch or snacks into school please ensure there is no food foods containing nuts or sesame such as Nutella or other hazelnut spread, Pesto, Humus, and Peanut Butter

Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Events and Information





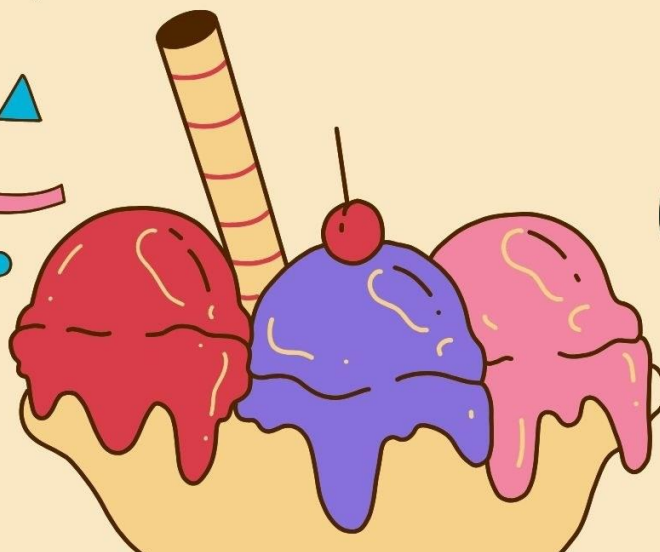
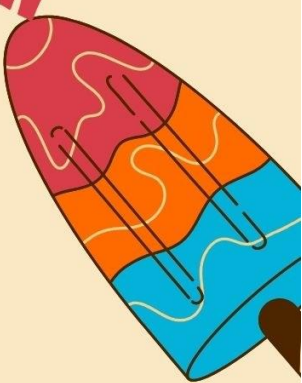
Friday 19th June

straight after school

FAMILY

FUN GAMES AFTERNOON

Join us afterschool on
the top playground for
fun games and
refreshments.



WHO WILL BE THE NEXT

COLYTON CARNIVAL

Royalty

IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED
PLEASE GET IN
TOUCH

CONTACT LOUISE-
LRPIGOTT1@YAHOO.
CO.UK



18TH JULY – 26TH JULY 2026

HOST FAMILIES WANTED

PAYMENT OF **£250**
PER STUDENT TO THE
HOST FAMILY

SEATON SUMMER SCHOOL



Host Family Responsibilities

- » Provide Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- » Chatting with student(s) to help their understanding of English (no German required)
- » Spending time with the Student(s) in our beautiful area



CONTACT ANDREW OR EMMA:

seatonsummerschool@gmail.com
07395 413363





Family Hub Advice &
Guidance Line, 0800
5385458

Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

‘Connecting Moments’- Digital SEND Support for Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**?

Join us for **Connecting Moments** – a friendly online space designed just for you.

What’s it all about?

- **Connect with other families** in a small, welcoming group
- **Share experiences and ideas**
- **Build a peer support network**

Please join us on the **27th January at 12noon**, for a **1 hour session**—to book a space please fill in the form using the QR code below, places are limited and the session will be run via Teams.



The Ambassador Volunteer Programme

Supporting Families with SEND

DiAS
Devon Information
Advice and Support
for Special Educational Needs and Disability



Little Ninjas 3-7 Years



Juniors 7-13 Years



Adults 13+ Years



Little Ninjas

Our Little Ninjas Kickboxing program is more than just a class; it's a dynamic adventure for children aged 3 to 7.

We blend professional instruction with exhilarating, age-appropriate activities to cultivate not just physical prowess, but also vital life skills. Our mission is to empower your child, building a robust foundation for their confidence, discipline, and overall well-being.

THE KEY BENEFITS:

- Enhanced Motor Skills
- Boosted Confidence & Self-Esteem
- Cultivated Discipline & Respect
- Foundational Self-Defence
- Positive Energy Outlet
- Sharpened Focus & Concentration
- Promotes Physical Fitness
- Develops Social Skills
- Fosters Problem Solving
- Fosters Resilience & Perseverance
- Stranger danger
- Emotional Regulation
- Develops Goal-Setting Habits
- Provides a Structured & Safe Environment
- Drug awareness
- Anti bullying

Juniors

Is your child ready for an activity that's exciting, challenging, and builds lifelong skills? Our Junior Kickboxing program for ages 7-13 is specifically designed to provide a dynamic environment where children thrive, both physically and mentally, while learning invaluable lessons in respect, confidence, and how to stand strong against bullying and essential life skills.

We go beyond just kicks and punches, focusing on comprehensive development that instills positive character traits and practical self-defence.

Adults

Tired of mundane workouts? Ready for a fitness journey that profoundly impacts every facet of your life? Our Adult Kickboxing program for ages 13+ offers an exhilarating, supportive, and transformative experience designed for anyone seeking to build strength, master new skills, and unlock their absolute best self.

GREAT CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

DARCH MARTIAL ARTS
CALL: 07976 268 155

www.darchmartialarts.co.uk

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THE KEY BENEFITS:

- Explosive Fitness & Energy
- Sharper Focus & Mental Resilience
- Practical Self-Defence Mastery & Awareness
- Unstoppable Confidence & Self-Belief
- Stress Mastery & Emotional Well-being
- A Thriving, Supportive Community
- Goal Achievement



FREE
Family Advice
& Guidance

**For Parents/Carers of children aged
0-19 and Young People aged 13 –19
(25 with SEND or Care Leaver)**

Single Session Appointments available
in person, via phone or online

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Request for Contact



SIDMOUTH & EAST DEVON FENCING CLUB

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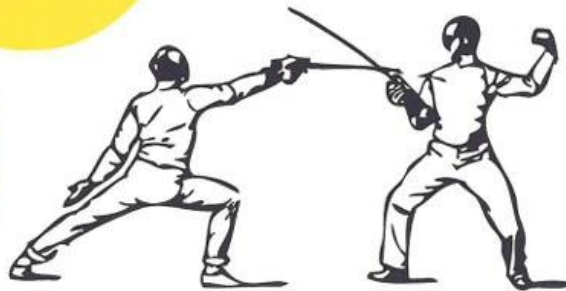
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Try fencing.
It's not fighting; it's fencing.

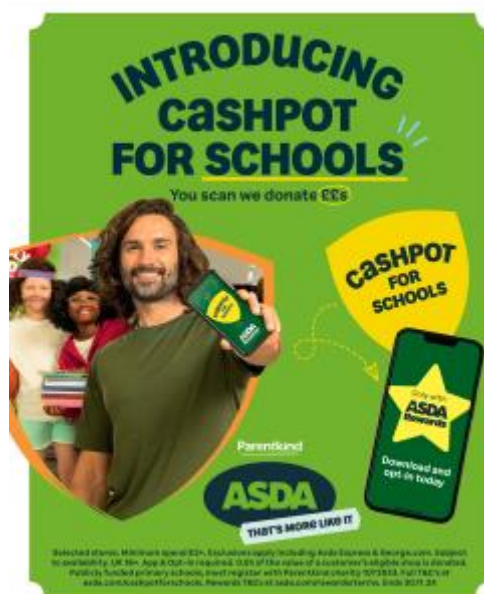
Wear trainers &
trousers.
All kit provided.

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our Facebook
page or phone
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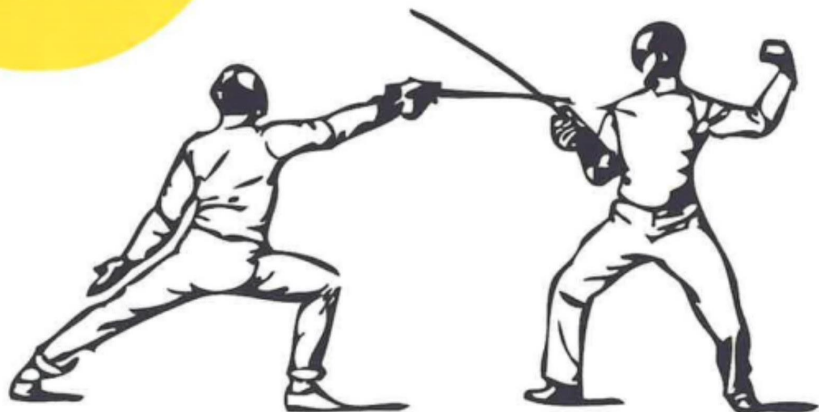
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