



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Summer Term



Happy Friday and end of half term!

What a super way to end the half term with a gorgeous afternoon of country dancing and cream teas and then a fab, crazy start to the school day with 'Come to school in a crazy way!'

I went home yesterday absolutely buzzing from the excitement of the afternoon. It was such a lovely afternoon of dancing and merriment. The children danced brilliantly and apart from a slight hiccup in the Maypole weaving it all went smoothly. I know I may have told many of you this in the past but when I was at primary school one of my favourite memories was of country dancing through my town with my school and ending at the castle. This was something we did every year and is such a special memory for me. I know that this one will be the same for our children too. I am including some pictures of my country dancing days... can you spot a young Mrs Mills?

A HUGE, HUGE thank you to all of the FAFA team who helped arrange such a wonderful event. We really could not manage without them, they are the best FAFA any school could ask for. Another huge thank you for the generous donations of flowers and help to make the flower crowns, they looked so beautiful. And to Mr Mudd for lending us his extension lead at the last minute!

This morning did also not disappoint! What a crazy bunch we are...some highlights today included....

Again, thank you for helping us make primary school such a fun place to be.

The weather is looking amazing for next week so please make sure you enjoy your break, make sure the children have a good rest. They have worked so hard, especially our year 6s.

We return to school on TUESDAY 2nd June. Happy holidays,

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Rosie for Confidence & Sonny for Communication

Oak: Wilkie & Daisy for Confidence

Maple: Jasper for Commitment & Loki for Confidence

Ash: Billy & Beau for Confidence

Willow: Maddie & Iris for Confidence

Beech: All of Year 6! for Commitment & Confidence

Pride of Colyton: The FAFA, Ellenora's Mum, Archie T & Florence

Important Dates



Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

HALF Term

Monday 1st June

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June

First Day Back

Wednesday 3rd June

Forest School - Oak

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

save
unlock
crack
hang
bury

Shinobi

gingerly
fond
cherish
chaos
snare



Big Question: Why do flowers grow more in May?



- **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.

May Pole











Come to School in a Crazy Way





















Upcoming Events and Information

2026

Beer eats BOUTIQUE



an evening street food market looking out to sea
1st Friday of the month 4-9pm

1 May | 5 June | 3 July
7 August | 4 September

BEER JUBILEE, SW COAST PATH
///RELAX, HUSBAND HANDOVER
WWW.EATSBOUTIQUE.CO.UK



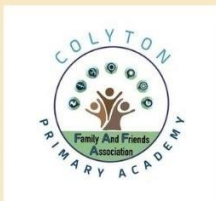
Friday 19th June

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





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Children's Sculpture Workshop

With Peter Margerum

Colyton Library | 26 May | 2 - 4.30pm

£3 members | £5 non-members

Join us for a creative and eco-friendly art activity!

Participants will craft 2D and 3D artworks using recycled and reclaimed materials like plastic, wood, metal, household objects, and beach waste. Add hand-operated moving parts and sound features for an interactive touch.



Suitable for for ages 4 - 11
booking is required please scan the QR code
or speak to a library staff member

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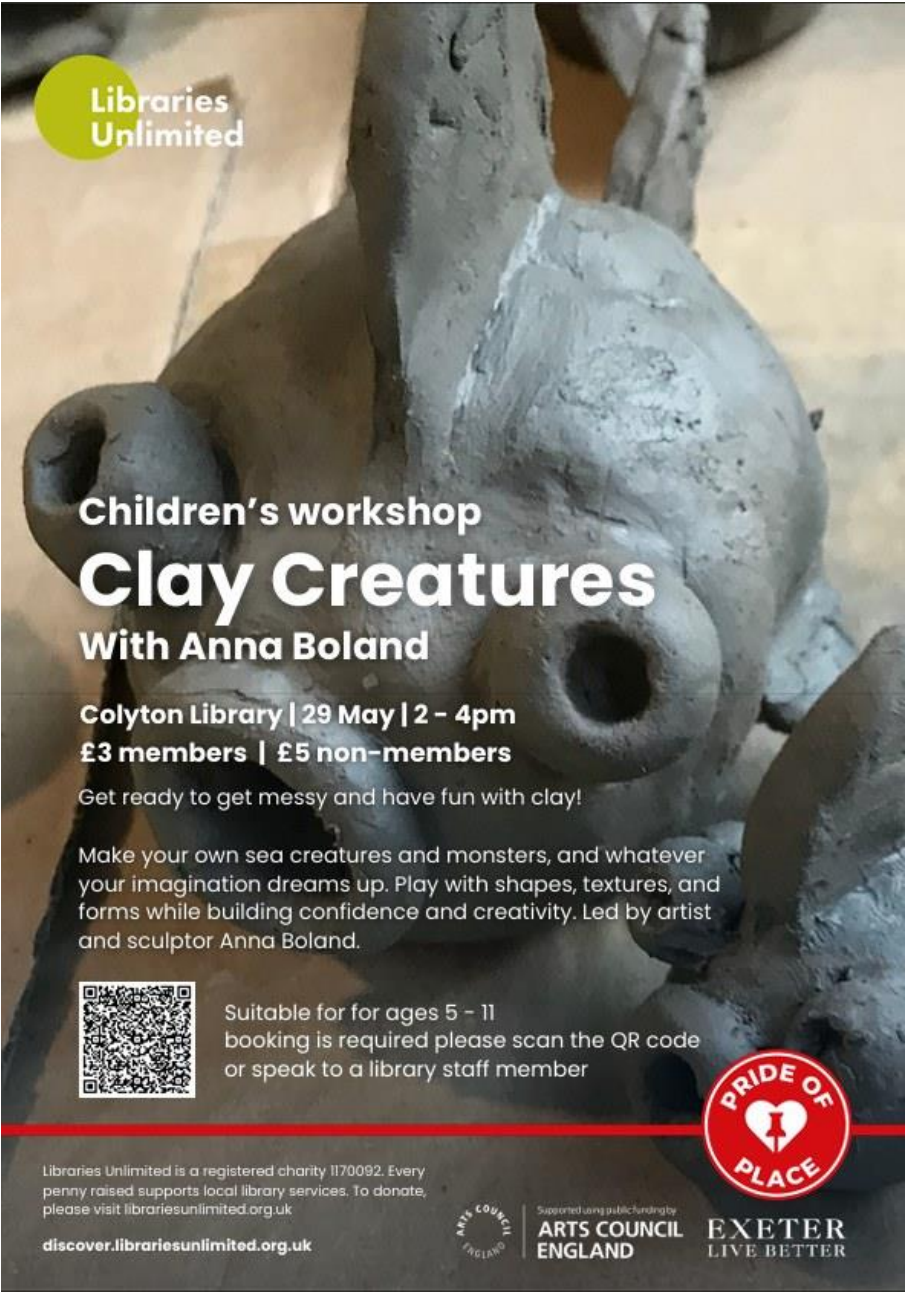
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LIVE BETTER



**Libraries
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Children's workshop
Clay Creatures
With Anna Boland

Colyton Library | 29 May | 2 - 4pm
£3 members | £5 non-members

Get ready to get messy and have fun with clay!

Make your own sea creatures and monsters, and whatever your imagination dreams up. Play with shapes, textures, and forms while building confidence and creativity. Led by artist and sculptor Anna Boland.



Suitable for for ages 5 - 11
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EXETER
LIVE BETTER

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



Maypole Dancing and Refreshments



*Join us for an afternoon of dancing by the children
from Colyton Primary Academy and refreshments.*

*Thursday may 21st from 1.00pm on the Church
Green. Dancing from 1.30pm*





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

Darch martial arts



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

Saturday 13th June 4pm

Nintendo + ILLUMINATION

**THE SUPER
MARIO
GALAXY
MOVIE**

(PG)

Tickets Adult £8. U16's £7 Family f 4 £27
Includes £1 Booking Fee



BOX OFFICE: 01404 384050

beehivehoniton.co.uk

Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LZ



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

CALL:

Advice & Guidance Line

0800 5385458

Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact



SIDMOUTH & EAST DEVON FENCING CLUB

THURSDAYS

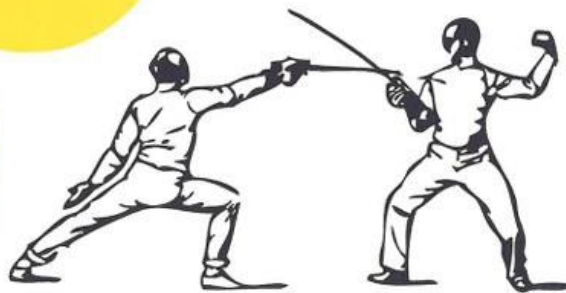
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SENIORS: 18.45-20.00

Be special; be different!
Try fencing.
It's not fighting; it's fencing.

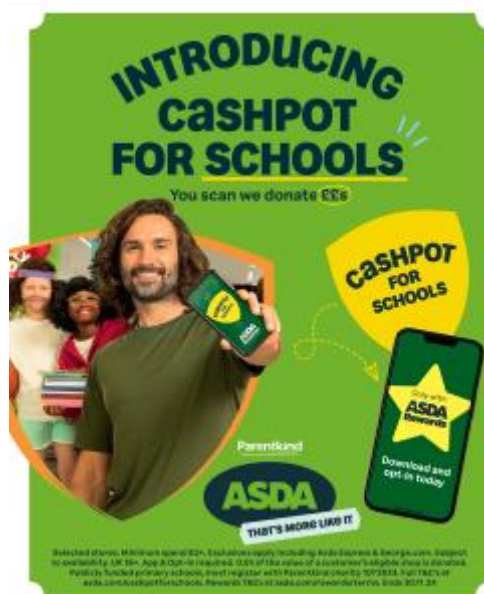
Wear trainers &
trousers.
All kit provided.

For more
information see
our Facebook
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LED on:
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LED SIDMOUTH LEISURE CENTRE
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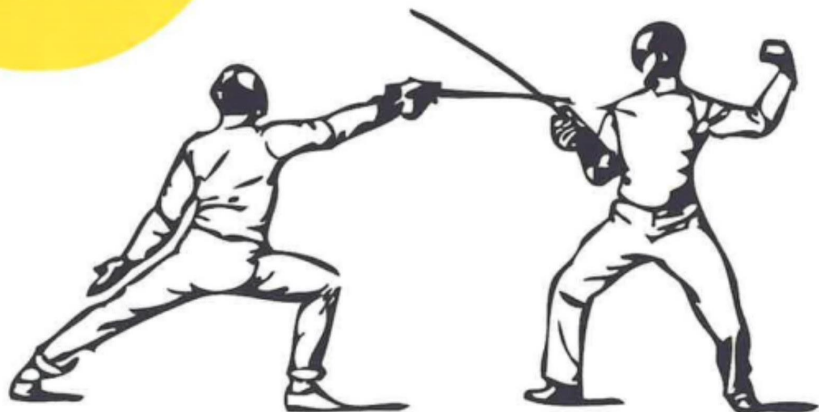
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