



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

1st May 2026

Summer Term



Happy May Day everyone - who can believe it is May?

What a Sunday last week was - the whole staff team were on pins all day as we tracked Miss Hutton in the London Marathon. We are all so, so proud of her and her amazing achievement. Miss Moul went to London to support her and sent us videos and updates through the day. Miss Hutton said it was one of the best things she has ever done and I think she is still on cloud 9 from it all (with maybe a few sore limbs!)

It has been a lovely week at school with the sun shining and lots of chances for the children to get some fresh air. Well done to those who remembered hats and sun cream this week. Please remember to send these in but also that they are NAMED!

The next term is always a busy one with events and trips so please keep an eye out for the diary dates and also if you think we have missed a date let us know! One thing we do have coming up in June is Careers Week - this is when we invite as many people as we can in to talk about their jobs. If you are able to come in to talk about your current or previous jobs then let us know!

There has been some concern this week that the children are not allowed access to water in the lessons. This is not the case. Children all are allowed a water bottle in the class and these are kept near the sinks. Some children who do not have one are allowed to use the spare cups that we keep in the rooms. Children are actively encouraged to have a drink when they return from break or lunch and if they need one in lessons. However, we do remain firm that during the main teaching input, when the teacher is talking and explaining the tasks, that

children are not to get up and get drinks. As you can imagine once one child does this then everyone does this and then soon there are 30 children all getting a drink during the most vital part of the teaching. Children walking around the class to get drinks while the teacher is delivering the lesson is also disruptive to other learners. Children are asked to wait until an appropriate time to get a drink. We did, for a while, allow drinks on desks but this caused a lot of problems with condensation from colder bottles dripping on the table and on to school work and also spillages meant some books were damaged so we moved back to keeping them in trays near the sink. We have also reminded all children of this today.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we return to school on Tuesday.

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Alistair for Confidence & Sonny for Commitment

Oak: The Whole class for Collaboration and Commitment

Maple: Libby for Confidence & Otis for Commitment

Ash: Piper & Amelie for Confidence

Willow: Phillipa for Commitment, Jess for Creativity, Bobby for Communication & Summer for Confidence

Beech: Johnny & Louis for Confidence

Important Dates



Monday 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th May

Bads2School Collection

Monday 11th May - Friday 14th May

KS2 Testing Week (SATs)

Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May

Walk to School Week – Culminating in Come to School in a Crazy Way (Friday)

Thursday 21st May

Maypole Dancing & Cream Tea (Church Lawn)

Friday 22nd May

Flourish Friday

Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

HALF Term

Monday 1st June

INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June

First Day Back



Big Question:

Bonus question:



- **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

- **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.



A huge congratulations to the wonderful Miss Hutton on completing the London Marathon—an incredible achievement that reflects determination, resilience, and true commitment. We're all so proud of this milestone and the inspiration it brings to our school.

We'd also like to give a nod to our fantastic TA Mrs Woodward, who completed this remarkable challenge twice a few years ago.

It was a lovely reminder of the dedication and spirit shared amongst our staff.

Well done your efforts are genuinely inspiring.

The big question is who is going to run it next?

Upcoming Events and Information



WHO WILL BE THE NEXT

COLYTON CARNIVAL

Royalty

IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED
PLEASE GET IN
TOUCH

CONTACT LOUISE-
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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

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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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Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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