



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

20th March 2026

Spring Term 2



Happy Comic Relief Day!

This week has been a great week - mainly because the sun is shining! With this comes a few problems; sun hats and sun cream to protect our children and namless jumpers. The children get so warm running around in the sun so they take off their jumpers and if there is no name then it is tricky to return it to you. This week we have had about 8 new lost jumpers to our ever growing lost property mountain. PLEASE NAME YOUR CLOTHES!

It was great to visit the church this week and meet with Father Steven. He talked to us all about lent, Easter and the Anglo-Saxon cross. The children were also given the opportunity to ask him some questions and some of them were pretty deep!

Attendance

I regularly see lots of attendance letters, blurbs, posters and announcements at other schools and on social media trying to encourage families to have good attendance.

Here are our numbers as of 13th March 2026:

Average attendance 95.7% and our target is 96.5% (we are 6th out of 29 schools) so not far to go! Persistent Absentees (below 90%) - 12 children (target, ideally we want 5 or less!)

So as you can see we are really close to being amazing! What I need from you is that children are in school, on time and not having the 'odd day' here and there for holidays and illness that can be managed in school.

If we could have the next two weeks of some excellent attendance from everyone then this would be a win!! Thank you.

Forest School:

Mrs Derryman has now almost completed her forest school training and is hastily completing risk assessments and her essays so that she can pass the course to start our forest school groups again.

She has been in school today and will be working on this next Thursday afternoon and Friday to also clear the area at the top following such a stormy, wet winter. If you have ANY **time to donate** to help her on these days then she would love it!

We also need some **volunteers** to help us **build a wood store** and a **saw horse** as well as lots of **donations of wood** ready to make fires. If this could be you then please contact Mrs Derryman asap!

Next Week:

On Friday there is a non-uniform in exchange for Easter eggs and chocolate. Please remember to bring your donations in on the day. This is for the following week's Easter Egg Tombola and money raised goes to Biff's Battle and FAFA - two amazing things to give to. You can always donate more than one egg too.

Parent Rep:

As part of the First Federation Trust we have a parent representative on our Hub Board. Currently, we have one, the amazing Mr Makemson but it is a lonely job for him and we would love a second one! The best bit about this role is that you get to come in and visit the school with myself or other staff and have an in depth perspective on what happens. You need to then feed some of this back at hub meetings. You get to meet other parents from other schools and sometimes even visit them. So if you are super keen to do this then please talk to me, Mr Makemson (year 2 parent) or ask Mr Foster in the office for the details of our Trust lead on this.

Finally, have a super weekend and use the time to begin planning your Easter Egg and Bonnet competition entries for the following week - I know they are always so egg-straordinary!

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Caleb & Jackson for Confidence

Oak: Daisy for Commitment

Maple: Loki for Confidence & Emersyn for Commitment

Ash: Sky & Alice for Commitment

Willow: Thalia & Aria for Commitment

Beech: All of Year 6 - for Commitment

Pride of Colyton: Maddie, Brooklyn, Florence & Alesha

Important Dates



Monday 23rd March - 29th March

FAFA Auction of Promises goes live 23rd - 29th March

Friday 27th March

Non Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Chocolates

Monday 30th March

Easter Egg Tombola

Tuesday 31st March

Year 3/4 Play at School 2pm

Wednesday 1st April

Easter Service at Colyton Church

Thursday 2nd April

Decorate an Egg or Easter Bonnet Competition

Tuesday 2nd April

Last Day of Term

This weeks Words and Big Question

Big Question:

School Notices



- **ARBOR:**

We are still be using Parent Pay for Lunches and Trips.

- **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.

Upcoming Events and Information

**COLYTON
PRIMARY
ACADEMY**

ONLINE AUCTION



RAISING FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT

**UNMISSABLE LOTS UP FOR AUCTION,
SCAN TO BID:**



CHARITY NO: 1022325

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT

COLYTON CARNiVal

Royalty

IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED
PLEASE GET IN
TOUCH

CONTACT LOUISE-
LRPIGOTT1@YAHOO.
CO.UK





Please wear
non uniform
on Friday 27th
of march in
exchange for
an easter
egg donation



These donations will
be used for our
easter egg tombola
on Monday 30th
march. Thank you.



CHARITY NUMBER: 1022333

EASTER EGG

TOMBOLA

MONDAY 30TH
MARCH

AFTER SCHOOL ON THE
BOTTOM PLAYGROUND



£1.50 a ticket. Prize every
time. Money raised to be
split between FAFA and
Biff's Battle



Bring in your

DECORATED EGG OR EASTER BONNET

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

Bring your entries to the school hall at the beginning of school. Prizes to be won. £1.00 per entry. Entries to be decorated by the children themselves.



Charity number-
1022325

SEATON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-12 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, DODGEBALL, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, EASTER ACTIVITIES, CRICKET, NINJA WARRIOR & MUCH MORE!!!



PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £24

TIMES:

STANDARD- 8:30AM - 3:30PM

2026 Dates:

MONDAY 13TH APRIL
TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

SEATON PRIMARY SCHOOL
VALLEY VIEW
SEATON
EX12 2HF

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/04/13/seaton-primary-school-easter-holiday-camps-2026>

More Information: james@primary-sports.co.uk / 07415293798





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



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

SCAN



Request for Contact



Family Cinema Day at The Beehive
Peter Rabbit Double Feature

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

10.30am **PETER RABBIT** (PG)
 12.30pm **FREE CRAFT WORKSHOP**
 2pm **PETER RABBIT 2** (PG)

TICKETS:
 £5 Adult
 £4 U 16
BOOK BOTH FILMS
 £7 Adult
 £6 U 16

 

 beehivehoniton.co.uk
 Box Office: 01404 384050
 Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LZ

EASTER FAMILY FUN
 at The Beehive, Honiton
 SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 10am-3pm
 FUN FOR ALL AGES

Flower Workshops with Sally from Wood Lane Flowers
 Table Top Sale, Raffle, Tombola, Facepainting
 Call the Box Office on 01404 384050 to book flower workshops/table top

WHAT'S ON

 **'Wonderland' by Theatrix Arts**
 55-minute show + FREE workshop Includes £2 Booking Fee
 Tuesday 7th April 2pm
 Tickets: Adult £13, Under 12's £12, Family of 4 £36.
 Join the Hatter for a whimsical adventure with puppets, music, hats, and a fun puppet-making finale!

 **The Neverending Story**
 Thursday 9th April 11am Includes £3 Booking Fee
 Tickets: Adult £6, Under 16's £5, Family of Four £20.
 While hiding from bullies in his school's attic, a young boy discovers the extraordinary land of Fantasia, through a magical book called The Neverending Story.

 **The Ultimate Bubble Show**
 Saturday 11th April 11am Includes £2 Booking Fee
 Tickets: Adult £14, Under 12's £10, Family of 6 £42
 Experience the best in soap bubble entertainment.

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Flower Workshops
with Sally
from Wood Lane Flowers

Saturday 4th April
The Beehive, Honiton
Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LZ

Easter Bloom-in-a-Tin Workshop 11am-11.30	Petal Wreath Workshop 12pm-12.30
Suitable for ages 6 & above £3 per person (all materials included) Limited to 12 spaces per workshop	Suitable for age 6+ £5 per ticket Limited to 12 spaces per workshop
Add a burst of spring creativity to your Easter celebrations with this hands-on, family-friendly workshop! Join us for a relaxed and crafty session where you'll plant a seasonal bulb in a tin and decorate it using beautiful fabrics to create a unique, handmade spring keepsake.	Bring a burst of natural beauty into your day with our hands-on Petal Wreath Workshop! In this creative, family-friendly session, you'll decorate a cardboard wreath with fresh flower petals, creating a colourful and unique spring-inspired piece to take home.

Book online: beehivehoniton.co.uk or Call 01404 384050

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KILMINGTON KANTER

 **SATURDAY 25th APRIL**
6PM

Logos in background: Devon Air Ambulance, Kilmington Kanter, and a circular logo with a tree and the text 'KILMINGTON KANTER'.

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Parentland

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THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

Selected items. Minimum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & Asda Go Local. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible spend is donated. Parents/teachers/primary schools must register with Parentland by 30/12/2013. Full T&Cs at asda.com/AsdaPotForSchools. Rewards 1/12/13 at asda.com/parentland/CDs. Ends 30/11/14.