



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

6th March 2026

Spring Term 2



Happy International Women's Day and Grizzly weekend!

Everyone looked amazing this week for World Book Day - so many imaginative and inventive costumes to really celebrate reading. In school we watched a LIVE assembly all about World Book Day, took part in lots of little activities and listened to the teachers read their different books. What a great day we had.

Next week we move from our love of reading to our love of science! It is our annual science fair on Wednesday. This is held in our school hall again this year. Please bring all your amazing scientific and engineering inventions and experiments to the school hall on Wednesday morning to be set up. Then throughout the morning, children and yourselves will be able to come and see them. We can't wait!

Lunches:

Polite request from teachers and the office staff. This week over 15 children had not ordered a school lunch. We always make sure a child has some lunch however the time it takes for the children to check their bags for a packed lunch, checking the numbers does take time and also adds time to the office calculations. Dinner numbers must be rung through each morning by 9.30 at the latest. Please can you make sure you have ordered your child's lunch for next week and even the remainder of the term - you can block book! If your child does not have a lunch then they will automatically be given the main for that day.

Time Keeping:

Last week attendance was great and so many of you returned from the break with excellent intentions of getting to school on time. This week has slipped. Children **MUST** be in school by 8.50am **AT THE LATEST**.

You must also ring the office to let us know if your child is not in. If your child is not in school and we can not contact you or your emergency contact by 10am then we will have to telephone the police and conduct a welfare check.

SEND White Paper:

You may have seen in the news this week that the Government have released their details regarding their plans for changes to the SEND system via a white paper. The white paper sets out how the government plans for children with special educational needs and disabilities to get help earlier, more consistently, and much closer to home, by making support clearer, speeding up assessments, improving teacher training, and ensuring every area follows the same national standards. Phase One is named 'Investment and building new system' and is planned to take place between now and 2028. Further clarity and updates will be available in time.

Here is a useful info graphic to help you understand some of the changes.

Have a lovely weekend in the spring sunshine, Mrs Mills

Please click [SEND | Colyton Primary Academy](#) to see two information sheets from the Department for Education (DfE) for parents. These sheets include DfE timescales for the changes. If, once you have read the documents, you have questions, please ask.

[Celebration Award Winners](#)



Elm: Louise & Leonora

Oak: George & Ashley for Commitment

Maple: Theo & Edison Commitment

Ash: Ottie & Edith for Commitment

Willow: Jess & Maddie for Commitment

Beech: Diggory & Cody for Commitment

Pride of Colyton: Herbie & Ziggi

Important Dates



Monday 9th March

Bikeability Year 5

Wednesday 11th March

School Science Fair (plan an investigation to share with the school and community) In the School Hall

Thursday 19th March

Year 3 Bake Sale

Friday 20th March

Non uniform day/Pyjamas for Comic relief

Monday 23rd March - 29th March

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

Thursday 26th March

Year 4 Maths Workshop - Please give consent on Parent Pay

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

brush
serve
grow
feed
construct

Shinobi

habitat
routine
adjacent
retrieve
tentative



Big Question: Who is your favourite author?

School Notices



- **Bikeability** please can year 5 parents sign up as soon as possible, link in the letter sent home
- **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.

- **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



A vertical calendar graphic with a dark grey background and a geometric pattern. On the left, a vertical grey bar contains the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' in white, with '2026' in large white numbers above it. To the right of this bar, five colored horizontal bars represent different events, each with a date label (FEB or MARCH) and a large number. The events are: FAFA MEETING (7.45PM) on Feb 05, COFFEE MORNING (10-12) on Feb 06, PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE (AFTER SCHOOL) on Feb 10, GRIZZLY MARSHALLING (DONATIONS OF SATSUMAS AND JELLY BABIES NEEDED) on March 08, and YEAR 3 CAKE STALL (AFTER SCHOOL) on March 19. At the bottom, a white text box provides information on where to find more details.

2026
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 05 FAFA MEETING
7.45PM

FEB 06 COFFEE MORNING
10-12

FEB 10 PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE
AFTER SCHOOL

MARCH 08 GRIZZLY MARSHALLING
DONATIONS OF SATSUMAS AND JELLY
BABIES NEEDED

MARCH 19 YEAR 3 CAKE STALL
AFTER SCHOOL

For more information visit
FAFA facebook and instagram pages



Cake to Plate

Class Bake Sale



Ash Class (Yr3)

Thursday 19th March

How it works:

- Children from the chosen class will be sent home with a plate and a date.
- Get creative and bake something to bring back on your class's bake sale day.
- Provide a note of any key allergens (e.g. eggs, gluten, wheat, dairy).

🚫 No nuts allowed.

We are looking for parent volunteers from each class to help at the bake sale. Please let your class teacher know if you can join us or email fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk

Charity No: 1022325



Upcoming

Events

THURS
19TH
MARCH

Year 3 cake stall

Afterschool- playground.

FRIDAY
27TH
MARCH

Non uniform day in exchange for easter chocolate

MONDAY
30TH
MARCH

Easter egg tombola

After school - bottom playground.

THURS
2ND APRIL

Easter bonnet and egg decorating competition.

Bring entries to the school hall.





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SHORT STORY COMPETITION

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WRITERS!

We are asking **7-11-year-olds** to write a story about **GOLD** using no more than **500-words**. The winner will receive **a gold coin, £5,000** for their school or local library, and their **story illustrated** by an artist.

Stories can be submitted between 16 February - 17 April 2026.



www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk
storycompetition@royalmintmuseum.org.uk



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	Petal Wreath Workshop
11am-11.30	12pm-12.30
Suitable for ages 6 & above	Suitable for age 6+
£3 per person (all materials included)	£5 per ticket
Limited to 12 spaces per workshop	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





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 Tuesday 7th April 2pm Includes £2 booking fee Tickets: Adult £13, Under 12's £12, Family of 4 £35. 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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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



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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

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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.

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THE KEY BENEFITS:

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



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& Guidance

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

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in person, via phone or online

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