



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

13th February 2026

Spring Term 2



Happy Half Term everyone and Happy Valentine's Day to all you love birds for tomorrow!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our 'Join Us!' event this week. We hope you enjoyed thinking of things we are grateful for and the focus on our mental health as well as helping to cut out some complex leaves in some cases!

It has been so wonderful to celebrate Children's Mental Health week this week too. Each day a selection of children have been part of the 'kindness crew'! They have loved spreading kind behaviour and have even asked if it can carry on after the holiday.

Mental health is as important as physical health. If you need some help or are worried about this for yourself or your child, please talk to us - we only want to help.

You should this week have signed up for parents evening which is in the first week back after half term as well as for the new round of clubs starting up!

Attendance and Lateness:

Over the last couple of weeks our attendance has dropped. This is due to some genuine illness (myself included!) but is mainly being caused by lateness. If your child arrives after 9am this is recorded as Late but if it is after 9.10am then this is logged as an **unauthorised absence**.

We know that the children are very tired at this time of year but I'm afraid they do need to be in school on time. When this is a one off event we can of course be sympathetic. When we reach a threshold of unauthorised absences though then we can also ask for medical evidence of absence or it can count towards a fine.

We would rather avoid all of this so after the holiday could you kindly help by making sure your child is in school before the gates close at **8.50am**.

Your class teacher will discuss your child's attendance with you at parents evening.

Medicines:

Please can I remind you that if your child needs medication then you must complete a medicines form for this in the office. We are permitted to only give medicines prescribed by the doctor with your child's name on it. We are able to give calpol but this can not be for an extended duration without the guidance of a doctor. Thank you for your help and understanding with this.

As mentioned last week the next half term will be a busy one so do get all the diary dates on now so you are ready for all of the fun!!

Shrove Tuesday at the Church

Children and families are warmly invited to our Shrove Tuesday activity morning at St Andrew's, Colyton.

Join us at 10am as we kick off with a short talk about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday, followed by a hymn and a prayer. Then the real fun begins. There will be toys for the toddlers, crafts and activities for older ones, where they can make masks, Mardi Gras decorations, and necklaces, there will also be some Lego building. There will be a piñata to break, a pancake tossing competition, and of course, plenty of pancakes to enjoy. At the end, we'll come together to share our creations and close with a final prayer.

It's going to be a morning full of laughter, creativity, and community spirit – a perfect way for children and families to celebrate together.

A few things to note:

- Children should be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Wear clothes you don't mind getting a little messy with crafts.

- Let us know if you or your children have any dietary requirements.
- Please tell us if you're coming so we can make sure there are enough pancakes and activities for everyone. Office@holyford.org

Don't miss out on the fun – we can't wait to see you there.

If you have older children, or prefer evenings, we have our Mission Community Pancake Party at Musbury Village Hall at 7.30pm Tuesday evening---again, all welcome. Savoury and sweet pancake options, and a quiz.

Founder's Day (Scouting) and World Thinking Day (Girlguiding) on Monday 23rd February 2026. This is the first day back after half-term.

We are super excited to once again support our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts or Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to wear their uniform to school on **Monday 23rd February**.

This is an international celebration honour the founders of both movements, and promote shared values such as friendship, kindness, teamwork and service to others. Allowing young people to wear their uniform provides a meaningful opportunity to:

- Celebrate their commitment to positive citizenship.
- Build confidence and pride in their achievements.
- Raise awareness of youth organisations and volunteering.
- Encourage discussion about community, diversity and global friendship.

Scouting and Girlguiding play a vital role in supporting young people's personal development, and it complements the learning that takes place in school. We can't wait to see the children wearing this kit on the first day back!

Finally, have a great week off, make sure you all rest as the children are exhausted! As always thank you for your help and support over the last half term.

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Clemmy for Commitment & Eva for Craftsmanship

Oak: Immy for Communication

Maple: Cosmo for Creativity & Tom for Confidence

Ash: Ivy-Rose & Percy for Commitment

Willow: Ruby for Confidence & Annabelle for Creativity

Beech: Louis for Confidence & Emily for Collaboration

Pride of Colyton: Noah & Summer

Important Dates



Monday 16th February

HALF Term

Monday 23rd February

First Day back

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February

Take a Tale Week

Monday 23rd February

Scouting and Girlguiding Members can wear their uniforms to school.

Tuesday 24th February

Parents Evening - Booking available on Arbor

Thursday 26th February

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Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th March

International Women's Day

Friday 6th March

Join Us

Friday 6th March - 15th March

National Science & Engineering Week

Monday 9th March

Bikeability

Name the Bear Competition



This weeks Words and Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper	Shinobi
cheap	cause
rough	harsh
smooth	flock
gloomy	explanation
wake	abolish

VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: With half term next week, what are your favourite things to do on a holiday?

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

Year 5 Parents please make sure the deposit is paid by the 30th January to secure your child's place for this Octobers residential.

- **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 bar contains the text 'UPCOMING EVENTS' in white and teal. To the right of this bar, dates are listed in large white numbers, with the month (FEB or MARCH) written in a slanted, colorful font above each date. Each date is followed by a horizontal bar of a matching color containing event details in white text.

Date	Month	Event	Time
20	FEB	FAFA MEETING	7.45PM
26	FEB	COFFEE MORNING	10-12
05	FEB	PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE	AFTER SCHOOL
06	FEB	GRIZZLY MARSHALLING	DONATIONS OF SATSUMAS AND JELLY BABIES NEEDED
10	FEB	YEAR 3 CAKE STALL	AFTER SCHOOL
08	MARCH		
19	MARCH		

For more information visit
FAFA facebook and instagram pages

Family

ALL WELCOME!

PANCAKE PARTY

**St Andrew's
Church, Colyton**

**Tuesday 17th
February**

10am–12noon

Please let us know if you
plan to come so we make
enough pancakes!

✉ office@hollyford.org



PANCAKES FOR TEA?

Crafts, games & pancake races!





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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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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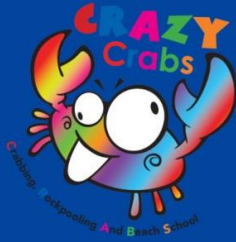
www.darchmartialarts.co.uk

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



Crazy Crabs



21st of February - Crabbing - 15:30-17:30

Please remember £3 per child and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

To book a place please email or text Claire or Finn at:
crazycrabsbeachschool@gmail.com
07979 531109

For Rockpooling meet at: Seaton Hole, EX12 2PX
For Crabbing meet at: Axmouth Harbour, EX12 4AB
For all other sessions meet at: Fisherman's Gap, EX12
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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL
SIDMOUTH, UNITED KINGDOM

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

HOLIDAY CAMP

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

8:15am – 5:15pm

Ages 5-12

6+ Activities Planned Everyday

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At The Axminster Sports Centre

FOR UNDER 12^S

Starting Monday 12th January 5-6pm
for 10 Weeks (excluding 16th Feb)

FOR UNDER 13^S & 14^S

Starting Monday 23rd February 5-6pm
for 5 Weeks

Costs £45 or £5 per session

for any enquiries please contact
Eddie on edandoc@btinternet.com



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Chardstock CC - www.chardstockplay-cricket.com
Kilmington CC - www.kilmingtonplay-cricket.com



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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





VALENTINES

Red Tombola

Saturday 14th

February

9am-11am

Outside Colyton

Town Hall



Family

ALL WELCOME!

PANCAKE PARTY

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FEBRUARY HT

A Activate Camps

at Axminster Town AFC

- Sports & Games
- Challenges
- Creative Arts
- Pizza Making Lunch
- Fun Activities

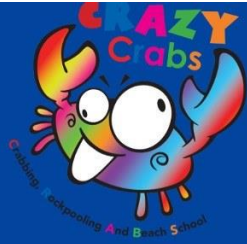
Activate Camps are our multi-activity camp near you this holiday!

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme provides local authority funded free holiday places across our multi-activity camp, including a healthy lunch, for eligible benefit related, free school meal (FSM) children. The camp is open to both day for places and night funded places. **Funded places are limited.**

Venue Tiger Way, Dard Road, EX17 5AB Funded Places Fully funded for all benefit related free school meal eligible children Cost £30 per day including lunch	Times 12pm-3pm Dates 17th-19th Feb Learn More
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5-14 year olds | All camp places must be booked in advance | Limited places

A Activate Camps
activatecamps.co.uk/haf



Upcoming Sessions



29th of October - Rockpooling - 14:00-16:00

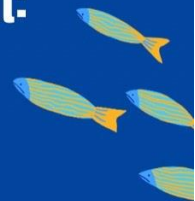
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

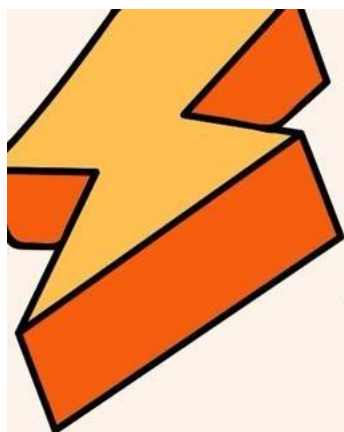
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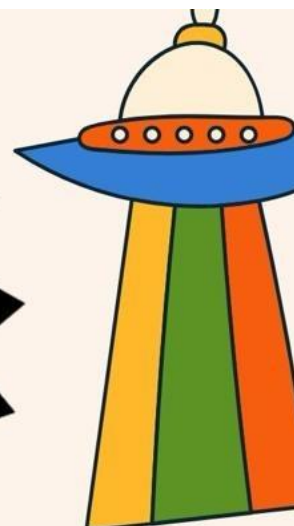
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 **FREE
ENTRY**



FRIDAY NIGHTS 5.30-7PM 
STARTING 16TH JAN!!!

AT SEATON METHODIST CHURCH

ACTIVITIES

**POOL, TABLE FOOTBALL,
AIR HOCKEY, SENSORY
ROOM, ARTS AND
CRAFTS, MUSIC,
GAMES, SPORTS, TUCK,
& CHILL SPACE**

SCHOOL YEAR 6 UPWARDS

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PROVIDED
EACH WEEK**



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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026

Teams of 6
£5 per person
Winning prizes and wooden spoon

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7:30PM START

PRIZES

BAR

RAFFLE

KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL - EX13 7RF

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Sporting Chance



Half Term Sports Courses

Tatworth Primary

Multi Sports & Outdoor Ed: Mon 16th, Tue 17th, Wed 18th February

Uplyme Village Hall

Multi Sports & Outdoor Ed: Thursday 19th February

Football Frenzy: Friday 20th February

Colyton | Reece Strawbridge Centre

Multi Sports & Outdoor Ed: Thursday 19th February

Beer Primary

Multi Sports & Outdoor Ed: Tue 17th February

Football Frenzy: Weds 18th February

9am–3pm, £21 per child per day. For ages 5–12.

Contact Sporting Chance head coach Mark Bailey

✉ mark@sportingchancesw.co.uk

Bookings available online now at
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FEB HALF TERM **HAF** PROGRAMME

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, SIDMOUTH

THURSDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

9:00AM - 13:00PM OR 12:30PM - 16:30PM



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