



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

23rd January 2026

Spring Term



What a wet week again!

I do urge you to try and get out and about this week as almost every day this week we have had to keep the children in to keep them dry.

Apart from on Tuesday when we had a cricket coach come in. Every class had the chance to have some specialised cricket coaching and it was great fun. The children learnt lots of new skills. Thank you to Mr Russell for organising it.

Library Plea!!

Today your child will bring home a leaflet about the imperative action we need to take to save our libraries. Please, can you complete the survey via the link in the QR code.

Libraries are the heart of the communities they serve, they are the gateway to the future for some. Imagine being a small child and finding a book in the library that sparks your lifelong dreams!

The experience of choosing a book, taking it home, reading it and enjoying it is so special. We are privileged to have the opportunity to do this and we must not let this be taken away from us.

Please, as a matter of urgency have your say and save the libraries of Devon!

Grizzly

Today we were visited by some of the Grizzly organisers to encourage the children to sign up to the junior Grizzly run. There are many children from Colyton who already do this and it is so much fun. Go online and get signed up.

This is held on the weekend of March 7/8th.

We also, always need helpers for our Grizzly stall run by FAFA. This brings in so much money for us as the Grizzly are such a generous charity. If you think you can help on March 8th then please let the office know asap!

TTRS!

This is going so well - the battles are on and the children are loving it. Some have even challenged me to a battle (not sure I'm ready for it 😅)

Keep logging on and getting those times tables learnt!

Don't forget Friday February 6th is Rock Star/Number day....rock on!

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Mills



ACTION Required

Colyton Library is not
just about books,
it sits at the heart of
our community

COLYTON LIBRARY
is our
COMMUNITY HUB

Craft groups, Toddler sessions,
Blood pressure checks, Baby
weighing, Knit and natter, Book
groups, Information centre,
Coffee and cake drop-in sessions

SUPPORT YOUR HUB!

you don't need to
be a library user to
support the
COMMUNITY HUB

Respond to the
Devon County Council's
consultation
"Shaping the Future"



fill in the Devon
County Council
questionnaire
using link:
devonlibraries.commonplace.is/



Deadline
22 February 2026
every reply counts from users
and non-users

or collect / fill in a
paper copy at
Colyton Library
for more info:
jdauncey1@gmail.com



Important Dates



Thursday 29th January

Maple Class Cake Sale

Tuesday 3rd February

Year 1 & 2 Magdalen Farm Trip - please sign up on parent pay ASAP

Thursday 5th February

FAFA Meeting venue the Colcombe, @ 7.45pm

Friday 6th February

Flourish Friday

Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February

Preloved Uniform Sale after School

Wednesday 11th February

Join Us - 9am

Friday 13th February

Dress to Express

Monday 16th February

HALF Term

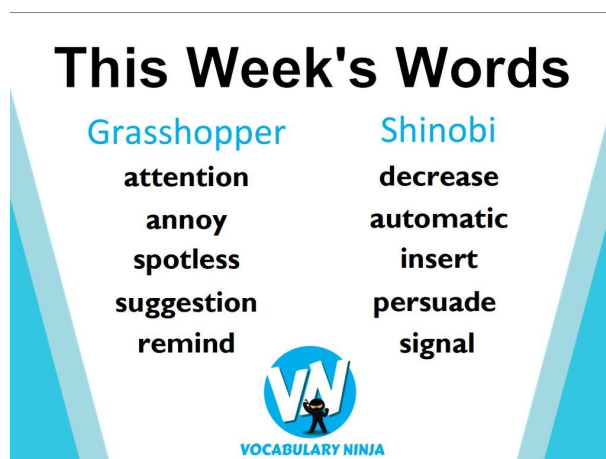
Monday 23rd February

First Day back

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February

Take a Tale Week

This weeks Words and Big Question



Big Question: What makes Weather, "Bad Weather"?

Autism and Us Programme Spring 2026

Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Spring Term 2026): [Autism and Us - Children, families and education](#)

Support for parents/carers resident within the DCC (Devon County Council) footprint of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Autism & Us programme:

- A single (4 part) programme will be offered this term, delivered by members of the Education, Quality & Inclusion Team at Devon County Council.
- Future programmes and associated themed workshops are paused as we complete the redesign within the local authority Inclusion & learning teams, and additionally work in partnership with CFHD (Children & Families Health Devon) and PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon), to develop and deliver a new and holistic suite of new Neurodiversity themed topic workshops.
- We continue to offer access for parents and carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the neurodiversity assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

- Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Testimonials:

- As a member of school staff it been a pleasure to facilitate these sessions at our primary school. It has given parents a platform to connect, share experiences and learn together. **Primary School - SENCo**
- It made me feel like I wasn't alone. I don't think I would have done it online at home but coming in for the sessions was supportive and informative and I met other parents going through the same thing. **Primary School - Parent**

Full programme details and application process below: **Autism & Us programmes:**

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

Autism overview Wed 4 Mar - 10 – 12

Sensory Wed 11 Mar - 10 – 12

Communication Wed 18 Mar - 10 – 12

Understanding and supporting behaviour Wed 25 Mar - 10– 12

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event.

They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

School Notices



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

- **Year 1 & 2 Trip to Magdalen Farm, please sign up on parent pay ASAP**

- **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



**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



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

LEARN. PLAY. SHINE



www.sportystars.co.uk | [@sportystars_uk](https://www.instagram.com/sportystars_uk)



KILMINGTON & DISTRICT YOUTH CRICKET CLUB

INDOOR NETS

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

Axminster Town CC - www.axminstertownplay-cricket.com
Chardstock CC - www.chardstockplay-cricket.com
Kilmington CC - www.kilmingtonplay-cricket.com



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

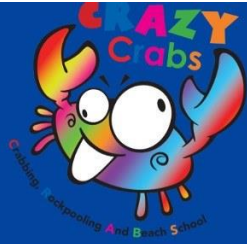
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact





Upcoming Sessions



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

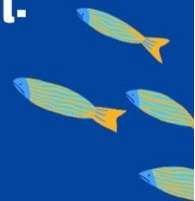
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

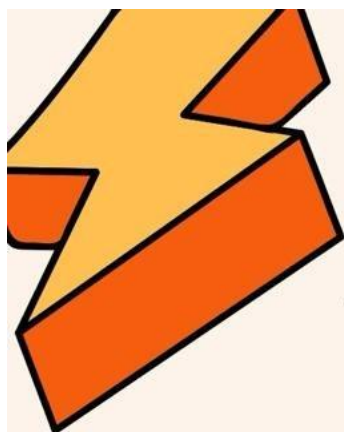
21st of February- Crabbing - Timings TBD

**For Rockpooling meet at: Seaton Hole, EX12 2PX
For Crabbing meet at: Axmouth Harbour, EX12 4AB
For the others session meet at: Fisherman's Gap, EX12 2LN**

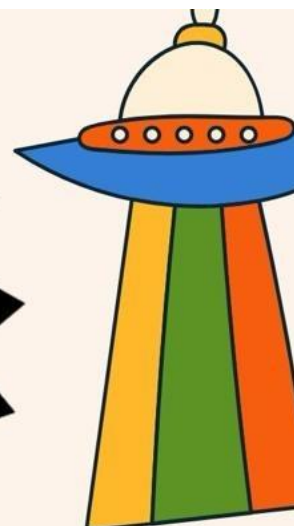
Please remember £3 per child and children MUST be accompanied AT ALL TIMES.

**Please Book by texting or emailing Claire at:
crazycrabsbeachschool@gmail.com
07979 531109**





 **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

**FOOD
PROVIDED
EACH WEEK**



USE QR CODE ABOVE TO SIGN UP OR SEE OUR WEBSITE OR FB PAGE

Restore
Improving Lives Bringing Hope



ALL STAFF & VOLUNTEERS DBS CHECKED AND LEVEL 2/3 SAFEGUARD TRAINED
WWW.RESTORESEATON.CO.UK | COMMUNITY@RESTORESEATON.CO.UK



INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

You scan we donate CDs



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FOR
SCHOOLS



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Selected items. Minimum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & Asda Go Local. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt-in requires 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible spend to be donated. Parents/teachers/primary schools, visit register with Parentland by 10/12/2018. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards 18/12/18 at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30/11/19.