



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

9th January 2026

Spring Term



Happy 2026 everyone!!

I hope that you all had a restful Christmas and have started 2026 ready for a fab year ahead.

It seems that we have been lucky and have missed the worst of the weather that the rest of the country have had, although part of me was sad not to see some wintery snow.

In future if we do have any snow or extreme weather please know we will send out communication via email/Arbor, school the Facebook account and on the school website as soon as we can. Please remember that we will only close the school early or close completely if it is unsafe to continue. Often this is due more to staff being able to travel to school safely.

Right on to some more fun things coming up....

Battle of the Bands!

We re launching a TTRockstars Battle of the Bands. This will run for a whole month and there will be lots of prizes for different competitions e.g. class v class, individuals, teams and most progress.

KS1 you can use this time to try out TTRockstars through your Numbots log in or just go for it on Numbots.

This will end with you guessed it... Dress as a Rockstar Day! Get your inner wild-child going and get dressed as a rock star on Friday February 6th.

This is also NSPCC Number Day so if a Rockstar is not your thing you can dress as creatively as you can to look like a number! (See the posters attached!)

Revolting Science!

There is a great science show happening at Axminster Guild Hall. It looks great and will be a fun activity during half term. See the website for how to book on! [Axminster Guildhall - Utterly Revolting Science Show](#)

Primary School Places There are a few days left to apply for a primary place for September 2026. Please make sure you have done this for any younger children or remind you friends to apply for a place. **Tell them - Colyton is the place to be!**

Happy Friday and have a super weekend

Mrs Mills

Colyton Primary Academy

BATTLE OF THE BANDS!



We are having a HUGE BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

Starting on Monday 12th January we will be having an epic battle of the bands - who will win with stupendous times tables knowledge!

Play at home and school over the next month to up your chance of winning. KS2 will be times tables and KS1 Numbots or Times Tables.

**Prizes for individuals, year groups,
class vs class, teams, most progress
and most played and more!**

PLAY • LEARN • WIN

LOG ON TO PRACTICE AT

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>
Log in details are in reading diaries



Celebration Award Winners



Elm:

Oak:

Maple:

Ash:

Willow:

Beech:

Pride of Colyton:

Important Dates



Monday 19th January

SEND Coffee morning with PIN's Meeting Building Neuroinclusive Communities workshop 9-10.30

Monday 19th January

10.30 Education Mental Health support team in to talk to parents. Please do come along

Friday 6th February

Flourish Friday

Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

Children's Mental Health Week

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: When do we see the first signs of spring?

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

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.



Cake to Plate

Class Bake Sale



Maple Class (Yr1/2)

Thursday 29th January

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

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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FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

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www.darchmartialarts.co.uk

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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



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



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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

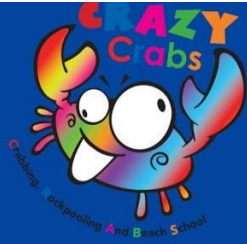
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact





Upcoming Sessions



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

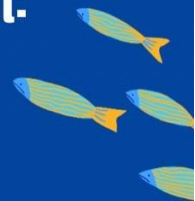
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

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**





Colyton Primary Academy FAFA Our Year at a Glance – Key Events for Families

Whether you're new to Colyton Primary or a seasoned FAFA supporter, here's a quick guide to some of our much-loved events through the school year. They're a chance to get involved, celebrate together, and raise funds for our children.

Bake Sale (Various Dates)

Children will be sent home with a plate and a date. Bring back some home baked goodies for a class bake sale. All proceeds to be spent on extra resources for that class. Parent volunteers needed to help with the bake sale after school.

Pumpkin Decorating Competition (End of October)

Children create their own carved or decorated pumpkin at home (no adult entries please!). £1 entry, with prizes to be won.

School Disco (Various Dates)

Two sessions: KS1 followed by KS2. Parents can stay or drop off and go. Fancy dress at Halloween. A chance to dance, laugh, and let off steam!

Bag of School Collections

Have a clear-out and help us raise funds. Drop off unwanted clothes and textiles at the school office or main gate – we receive money for every bag collected.

Christmas Craft Afternoon (December)

Parents and carers are invited into school to join their child for festive crafting. Please note this is an adults-only activity – no younger siblings.

Christmas Fayre (December)

After school fun with stalls, games and refreshments. A chance to buy your child's handmade craft and enjoy the seasonal buzz!

Christingle Service at St Andrew's (December)

A special community celebration with songs, carols, and refreshments at the church.

Science Fair (Spring Term)

Children investigate an experiment at home, then bring elements into school to display and share. A short write-up explains their discoveries.

Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition (Spring Term)

Decorate an egg or bonnet at home, bring it in with £1 entry, and compete for prizes. Creativity encouraged – think outside the box!

Maypole Dancing (May)

Celebrate tradition with music, dancing, and refreshments on the church green, a highlight of the summer term!

Stay in touch

For dates, reminders, and more ways to get involved, we'll keep you updated through newsletters and notices.

Questions? Get in touch with us at fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk.



Volunteers wanted

in Colyton for Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



Are you looking to give some time to the Community and Volunteer? Girlguiding in Colyton are pleased to have all three sections of Girlguiding running in the town but with increasing numbers and demand need your help to continue to offer girls the opportunities to enjoy a safe girl led space, with fun activities where they can make friends and develop their personalities and confidence.

No experience necessary, all training and support provided – we want to welcome you to the world of Girlguiding whether you have been involved before or not!

Come along and join our friendly team of Volunteer leaders – register your interest online:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/>

or if you wish to discuss this with us drop us an email on

1stcolytonguides@gmail.com



Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions
Team, even if you've already given details
to a school. Applications made directly to
schools or on their lists will not be accepted.

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