



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

19th December 2025

Autumn Term



What a fantastic end to our half term.

This week we had the KS1 Nativity - Top of the Pops and our annual Christingle Carol Service. Both of which were amazing and really have got us all in to the Christmas spirit. I must take this time to say thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in getting these ready and running semi-smoothly (snow machines and falling trees aside 😂).

Thank you to everyone who attended these and to those of you who have taken the time to email or speak to us about how much you enjoyed them - it really does mean so much to myself and to staff.

Thank you also for all of the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you have given us, it is very generous and certainly not expected.

Thank you for your continued support this term and I hope that you can take this time to have a complete rest, spend time together as a family and enjoy every moment. Making memories with our children is really a special gift.

Finally, Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026 to you all - we will see you on Tuesday January 6th bright and early.

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm, Oak & Maple: For Commitment in the Panto

Ash: Otto for Commitment & Alice for Confidence

Willow: Ryley for Commitment & Aedan for Communication

Beech: Isla, Poppy, Kaydan, Mia, Grace, Florence, Liv, Emily & Ben for Communication

Pride of Colyton: All of Choir for an amazing festive season, and all the staff.

Important Dates





Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

CHRISTMAS Holiday

Monday 5th January

INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

First Day Back

Tuesday 20th January

SEND Coffee morning

Friday 6th February

Flourish Friday

Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February

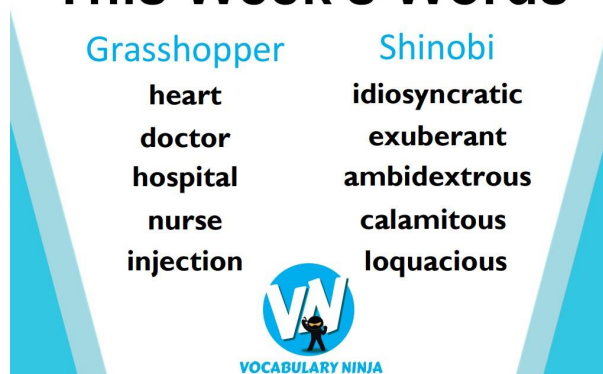
Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 11th February

Join Us - 9am

This weeks Words and Big Question

This Week's Words



Big Question: What's your favourite part of the Christmas holiday?

School Notices



- **ARBOR:**

We will 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.

- **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.

Happy Christmas from FAFA

Thank you to every one who has supported us this term. Its been a busy time, and we're incredibly grateful for all the ways you've helped raise funds for our school, from baking cakes to attending events. As well as helping us, we have raised funds for Children's Arthritis and Hospicecare. We also hope the children have enjoyed their Christmas Tree donated by Coombe Garden Centre.

Exciting news for next term. We have funded Mrs Derryman to undertake Forest School and First Aid Training so that she can run regular Forest School Sessions for all year groups.

Don't forget to use the Easy Fundraising app and list us as your chosen charity if you have any last minute shopping to do.

Wishing you and your families a lovely Christmas Holiday!

Funds Raised

Total £3,560



£56 - Xmas jumper sale
 £144 - Bags2School
 £272 - Halloween events
 £285 - Event refreshments
 £294 - Xmas Cards
 £375 - Cake stalls (YrR & Yr1)
 £400 - Tesco
 £450 - Reindeer Run (To Hospicecare)
 £592 - Assembly Anthems (Split with Church)
 £692 - Xmas Fayre, crafts and raffle



Funds Spent

Total £2,400

Playground Toys
 Playground benches and tables
 Sound system for school hall
 Year 2 Christmas pantomime
 Forest School and First Aid Training



Key Dates

January

- **FAFA meeting** - Thursday 5th, 7.30pm location TBC
- **Year 2 Cake Stall** - Thursday 29th, 3.20pm



Get involved



Xmas jumper and pre loved uniform donations needed - especially jumpers/cardigans, dresses and t-shirts

Have some ideas for fundraising or want to support us at events? Please get in touch.

Don't forget to shop online with Easy Fundraising and search for our cause

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Contact Us

Email

fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk

Instagram

[fafa_colytonprimaryacademy](https://www.instagram.com/fafa_colytonprimaryacademy)

Facebook

[Colyton Primary Academy - FAFA](https://www.facebook.com/ColytonPrimaryAcademy-FAFA)

Some handy information from about Festive Fire Safety

12 Days of Fire Safety

Safe decorations – Inspect fairy lights and decorations and remove any that are damaged or have frayed wires. Ensure exterior lights are plugged into an RCD device. Avoid daisy-chaining and overloading sockets.

Candle safety – Keep candles away from decorations, curtains, and never leave them unattended. It's safer to use LED candles.

Christmas trees – Keep real trees watered and away from heat sources to prevent fires. If you own an artificial tree, make sure it is fire retardant certified.

Cooking caution – Most accidental house fires start in the kitchen. Stay alert while cooking – never leave ovens or hobs unattended, and drink in moderation.

Check on loved ones – Complete an Online Home Fire Safety Check at www.ohfsc.co.uk.

Fireplace safety – Use a guard, ensure chimney is thoroughly swept, and fit a carbon monoxide alarm. Make sure there is a suitable distance between decorations and fireplace and only burn suitable fuel sources.

Test your alarms – Ensure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working and that you have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home. Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm.

Escape routes – Keep exits clear of clutter, decorations and gifts. Plan and practise your escape plan with family and friends.

Buy safe gifts – Choose UKCA or CE-marked or registered products from reputable retailers and online marketplaces.

Night-time routine – Turn off decorations and appliances before bed; don't leave devices charging overnight.

When away from home – Switch off appliances and unplug decorations before going out or away.

Smoking safely – Smoke outdoors, use ashtrays, and keep away from emollient creams or products.

Top of the Pops Nativity







Upcoming Events and Information



**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 edandjoc@btinternet.com



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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

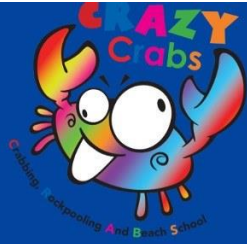
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact





Upcoming Sessions



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

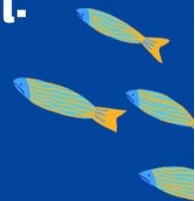
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

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**





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.

Class 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!

Maggie's 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.

Devon
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-  A delicious **BREAKFAST**
-  A festive **DRINK**
-  A special **GIFT** from Santa!

£10.99 per child

 December 6th, 13th, & 21st

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bring your Christmas spirit – and don't forget your camera!

SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

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