



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

12th December 2025

Autumn Term Week 13



Well we are counting down the days now! 5 more to go until the holiday and the big FC will be visiting all of our lovely children. At the time of writing we have not had the Christmas Fair but I am sure that this will be a huge success today and a HUGE thank you to everyone who has helped to put it together.

Yesterday the year 2 children visited the pantomime in Axminster and it was so wonderful...oh no it wasn't... oh yes it was!! Thank you again to FAFA for funding this for our year 2 children.

Next week at a glance....Well done to those who have already brought their orange for next week - don't forget **oranges on Monday please!**

Next Tuesday is the KS1 nativity in the school hall from 2pm.

Wednesday evening is the Christingle Carol Service - all children must attend this. Meet on the playground at 5.30pm to start in the church from 6pm. If it is very wet then we will make a decision on the day about meeting and let you know asap.

On Wednesday the children will also be having their Christmas dinner in school - we can't wait!

Friday - Christmas non-uniform!

Attendance: We have done some more attendance monitoring this week. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will automatically receive a letter about this next week - we will leave it to the last possible moment so that your child's attendance has a chance to keep going up! In most cases we know that this is due to genuine illness or authorised absence e.g.

medical appointments however it is our school policy to send these letters and it is an opportunity for you to ask us for help if needed with attendance.

Have a fantastically Christmassy weekend!

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Alistair & Elena

Oak: Arthur & Riley

Maple: Jasper & Bertie

Ash: Byron & Percy

Willow: Elin & Jade

Beech: Lyndon & Louis

Pride of Colyton: All of Choir

Important Dates



Last Week of Term

Reminder there will be no clubs for this week

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner

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Christingle Service (Meet at school 5.15 to walk to Church for a 6pm Start)

Friday 19th December

LAST DAY of Term. Christmas Non-Uniform £1 Donation to the FAFA

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

Grasshopper heart doctor hospital nurse injection	Shinobi idiosyncratic exuberant ambidextrous calamitous loquacious
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VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What makes a Christmas song a hit?

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.

We are aware of an issue effecting Reception and Ks1 children where you were charged, this is being rectified over the next few weeks apologies for this.

Please book Christmas Dinner as soon as you can as the caterers need numbers by the start of November.

- **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.

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.

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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Chardstock CC - www.chardstock.play-cricket.com
Kilmington CC - www.kilmington.play-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

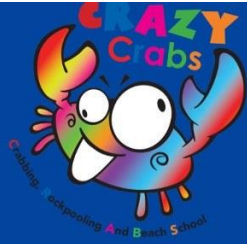
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

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Request for Contact





Upcoming Sessions



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

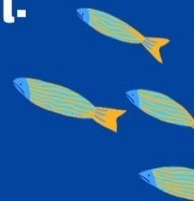
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

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**



**THE BEEHIVE'S
CHRISTMAS CRAFT
& SHOPPING FAYRE**

PLUS SANTA'S GROTTO!

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

10AM - 4PM

THE BEEHIVE HONITON

FREE ENTRY TO THE FAYRE

**The Beehive Café will be open
serving hot refreshments and
festive cakes & bakes!**

The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton, Devon, EX14 1LZ


the beehive

**THIS CHRISTMAS
AT THE BEEHIVE CINEMA..**



**Rediscover Your
Inner Elf**

WILL FERRELL
with JAMES CAAN

elf

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER
AT 11AM



THE BEEHIVE CINEMA, HONITON
TICKETS: ADULT £6. U12'S £5. FAMILY OF 4 £20

BOX OFFICE: 01404 384050

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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!

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
County Council 

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

AT THE ANCHOR INN

Join us for a magical morning of festive fun!

-  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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Where holiday memories are made!

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