



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

21st November 2025

Autumn Term Week 11

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy Friday!

Happy Friday - we are getting ever closer to December! Only one week of November left...and hasn't the weather shown us that!

At the moment snow is like a distant memory for all of us. However, should it snow at any point this year then we may be forced to close the school. This is often because staff are not able to get to school or that there is a risk while they are at school that they can not get home. Many teachers live a distance away and are not able to travel and/or their child's school may be closed so they are faced with childcare issues. If we do close the school we will inform you via text message, school email (Arbor), school Facebook page and we will log this with Devon County Council. We also try to find a willing member of staff to post a note on the school gate also.

This has been another great week of learning. The children in reception have been busy.... and in years 1 and 2 have been writing instructions about how to wash a woolly mammoth! Children in KS2 are continuing with their learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis and in year 5 and 6 they pretended to be Darwin's finches to see how survival of the fittest worked in action!

This week I attended a meeting that shared some great links around online game safety. With Christmas coming and children potentially having new electronic equipment this might be a useful link to help you navigate the online world safely! [Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

Next week we have the year 3 and 4 reading workshop. This is a chance for you to come in and read with your child and snuggle up with a blanket, good book and cup of tea. This will be for both year groups in the hall.

December the 4th sees the return of the Christmas Craft afternoon - we hope you will be able to join us for the afternoon for fun gluing, sticking and crafting galore! The year 4/5 children will be out at the Sing your Heart Out event. Mrs Whitehorn will be in touch with you regarding this and about a time for you to come in and do some crafting if you wish. The children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (with uniform!) for the craft afternoon too.

Don't forget the Primary School Applications portal is open ...spread the word that we can't wait to meet the new intake of children and grow our lovely school.

Also we have a Parent Carer Forum on Wednesday 10th December 9am - 10.30am. This is a relaxed and informal chance to meet with the Parent Forum Carer Devon team and explore the Four Cornerstone Approach and feedback about how that looks at our school so that we can keep doing great things and add more!

Also, you will notice that the book suitcases have been refreshed and sent back out. Please enjoy these and send photos if you can!

Have a super weekend, keep warm! Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Ben V & Archie B for Commitment

Maple: Primrose for Confidence & Amelie for Commitment

Ash: Amelie & Aden for Commitment

Willow: Mason for Commitment & Jacob for Communication

Beech: Jonny for Communication & William for Confidence

Pride of Colyton: Emersyn and Florence

Important Dates



November 24th - 30th

UK Parliament **Week**

Tuesday 18th November

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 English - 9am

Tuesday 25th November

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 English - 9am

Thursday 27th November

Year 1 Cake Sale (Cake to Plate

Tuesday 2nd December

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths - 9am

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Craft afternoon - Wear a Christmas Jumper

Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December

Reindeer Run

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December

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

This weeks Words and Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper build roots history village memories	Shinobi warning judge intend descend slavery
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VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: Why do we need numbers?

School Notices



- **ARBOR:**

Clubs are now live for this half term on Arbor. Spaces are limited. If you are unable to book a slot this will mean the club is full.

We will still be using Parent Pay for Lunches and Trips.

Circus Skills Club - Parents who have returned the form to Miss Shoesmith will be emailed from Arbor to confirm dates and payment methods.

- **Parent Consents**

If you have not done so already please use this link to complete our annual consents

[Pupil Consent Form](#)

- **Flu Vaccinations**

A catch up session will be held on 03/12/2025 for the year 6's and anyone who missed out on the vaccinations.

Please use the link emailed out to give consent.

- **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.

Willow Class went to the Grammar School for an amazing Art workshop











Ever thought about joining the FAFA?

Now you can via **WhatsApp**

The FAFA team are using a new WhatsApp community.

If you would like to get involved or help here is the QR code or link to join.



Colyton Primary FAFA
WhatsApp community



Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp
camera to join this community

Upcoming Events and Information



CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Devon for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

SCAN HERE



For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team

Call us on
01392 342678

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

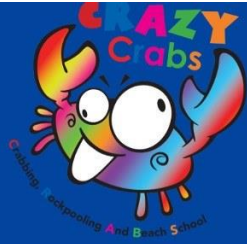


Colyton Carnival Committee AGM

Tuesday 25th November, 19.45

St Johns Hall, King Street, Colyton

Please come along to find out more about the running of Colyton carnival and how the committee works. We need new members and also more help during carnival week in order to keep Colyton carnival running.



Upcoming Sessions



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

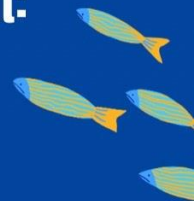
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

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

BEEHIVEHONITON.CO.UK



Cake to Plate Class Bake Sale



Oak Class (Yr1)
Thursday 27th November

**All funds raised will go to the
hosting class**

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

Charity No: 1022325



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!).
£2 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!

Bag2School 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, candles, 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 £2 entry, and compete for prizes.
Creativity encouraged – think outside the box!

Maggiola 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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