



# Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

## 7th November 2025

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*Autumn Term Week 9*

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## A word from Mrs. Mills



### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term!

I hope you enjoy some of the new graphics in this newsletter—Mr Foster has been getting very creative with AI. Just wait until Christmas!

**Thank You!** A huge thank you to everyone who donated old clothes and fabrics to **Bags2School** today. We had 480Kg that's about 120 Cats or a Horse! You helped to raise £144!

### This Week's Learning Highlights

- **Reception** The class learning started with a *BANG!* The learning was all about celebrations at this time of year: fireworks, Bonfire Night, and Diwali. They even made beautiful Diya lamps.
- **KS1** It was toys galore on Wednesday! Children brought in their favourite toys to begin our unit *Toys Through Time*. If you have any old and interesting toys that you think the children might enjoy, then please bring them in. (I'll be bringing in my 1980s Fashion Wheel!).
- **KS2** Years 3 & 4 began a new science unit exploring solids, liquids, and gases and children in years 5 & 6 continued studying evolution and learned about the peppered

moths of London in the Industrial Revolution (Play the catch the moth game here [Peppered Moths | Natural Selection Game](#))

### Next Week at a Glance

- **Monday:** Launch of **Anti-Bullying Week**. We will be using the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* to explore about being kind and helping others and how bullying is 'bucket dipping'.
- **Tuesday:** We will start the day with a special assembly for **Remembrance Day** and at 11am, all children will observe two minutes of silence. Year 6 will visit the town War Memorial (please ensure they have a poppy).
- **Friday: Children in Need.** For a donation, children can wear **pyjamas or something comfortable** to school.

### School Lunches Reminder

- **Order by Sunday:** Please ensure school lunches are ordered by Sunday. On Monday, 38 children expected lunches that were not ordered—thank you for helping us avoid this in future! We will always make sure a child gets a lunch but it is a lot simpler if this is ordered in advance. If a child's lunch is not ordered then they will have to have the main meal choice (unless they are registered as having any food allergies or are vegetarian).
- **New Policy:** We have been observing the children's eating habits this week and noted that lots of children refuse elements of the school meal e.g. the vegetables or the meat and tell the kitchen staff that they do not like it. From now on children, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will receive everything ordered for them. They will continue then to be encouraged to eat the whole meal before moving on to pudding.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Enjoy Your Weekend!

Take time to enjoy the last of the autumn leaves and colours!

**Mrs Mills**

## Celebration Award Winners



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*Elm: Rosie & Annabelle for Craftsmanship*

**Oak: Riley for Commitment & Ziggy for Creativity**

**Maple: Tom for Curiosity & Tilly for Commitment**

**Ash: Toby for Confidence & Alex for Commitment**

**Willow: Rosa for Commitment & Riley for Creativity**

**Beech: Cody for Commitment & Freddie for Creativity**

**Pride of Colyton: Reuben, Jack (Elm Class) & Louise**

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## Important Dates



### **Tuesday 11th November**

Remembrance Day

### **Tuesday 11th November**

Parents Evening

### **Thursday 13th November**

Parents Evening

### **Friday 14th November**

Children in Need

### **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

# This Week's Words

Grasshopper

**favourite**

**neat**

**rainbow**

**bright**

**reason**

Shinobi

**dastardly**

**lethargic**

**alienate**

**audacious**

**loathe**



**Big Question: What makes a good cake?**

## 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.

- **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

- **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.

## 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.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KaBdJjdjo351i03t0TLzom>



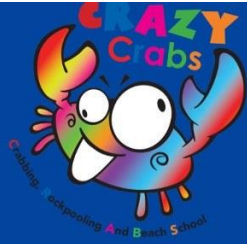


# Colyton Carnival Committee AGM

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

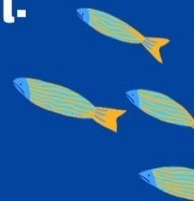
**3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30**

**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](mailto:crazycrabsbeachschool@gmail.com)  
07979 531109**





# 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](mailto: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, 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 £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](mailto: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](mailto:1stcolytonguides@gmail.com)



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