



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

23rd October 2025

Autumn Term Week 8

A word from Mrs. Mills



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What an awful day I have had! The quality of the Pumpkin Carving Competition was just so incredible it has made my job extremely difficult! What a fantastic display of imagination and artistic talent on show - well done to everyone!!

We have finished now for the half term break and what a lovely half term it has been. We have already done so much. The children have worked so hard and are definitely ready for a break.

Next half term will be a busy one so please make sure that you have a good rest.

Thank you to all of those who attended the Harvest Service this week - we did Mrs Whitehorn proud with our singing and your donations were so very generous!

Thank you also for all of your help and support this half term and here's to next half term! Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: The Whole Class for a fab first half term

Oak: Sophie & Ati for Commitment

Maple: Emily for Confidence & Noah for Commitment

Willow: Daisy & Lucas for Commitment

Beech: Alisha & Alfie Commitment

Pride of Colyton: Alfie

Pumpkin Winners: Jack H - Elm, William - Oak, Tom - Maple, Gracie Ash, Archie Willow and Florence in Beech Class well done every one!

Important Dates



Friday 24th October

INSET Day

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Half Term

Monday 3rd November

First Day Back

Wednesday 5th November

FAFA Preloved Christmas Jumper Sale

Friday 7th November

Individual Photos

Friday 7th November

Bag2School Collection

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

Words of the Day & Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

listen
downstairs
attic
thin
dull

Shinobi

responsible
remarkable
interrupt
suspicious
consequence



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What makes a good friend?

School Notices



- **ARBOR:**

Clubs are now live for this half term on Arbor. Spaces are limited.

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.

Pumpkin Carving Competition





















Open mornings

Parents if you have a child or know of someone starting school in September please do pass this on.



Is your child starting
school in September
2026?

Colyton Primary Academy Open Mornings

Wednesday 22nd October 9.30am - 10.30am
&
Tuesday 4th November 9.30am - 10.30am

Contact the school office for more
information
admin@colytonprimary.org.uk
(01297) 552231
www.colytonprimary.org.uk
or find us on Facebook





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 Primary FAFA
WhatsApp community



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

PYO Pumpkin Patch



Upcoming Events and Information



**BAGS 4 SCHOOL
Collection**
Friday 7th November
**COLYTON PRIMARY
ACADEMY**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED....

Please bring donations to the school - Donations can be brought in before school on Friday 7th November pre 9am.

We'd like your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and bedding...anything from the GREEN list below!

****PLEASE ENSURE THAT BAGS ARE NOT DROPPED OUTSIDE OF THE ALLOCATED DATE/TIME****

 Yes Please	 No Thanks
- Mens, Ladies and Childrens clothing - Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around) - Handbags, other bags - Hats, scarves and ties - Jewellery - Large - Socks - Belt - Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)	- Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) - Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing - School uniforms with and without logo - Corporate clothing and workwear - Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Hosted by Colyton Primary School FAFA
Charity No. 1022325



Sporting Chance



Half Term Sports Courses

Tatworth Primary

Sports and Activities: Mon 27th, Tues 28th, Weds 29th October

Uplyme Village Hall

Sports and Activity Day: Thursday 30th October

Football Frenzy: every Friday 31st October

Colyton | Reece Strawbridge Centre

Sports and Activity Day : Thursday 30th October

Beer Primary

Football Frenzy: Weds 29th October

Offwell Village Hall

Sports and Activity Day: Mon 27th and Tues 28th October

9am–3pm, £21 per child per day. For ages 5–12.

Contact Sporting Chance head coach Mark Bailey

✉ mark@sportingchancesw.co.uk

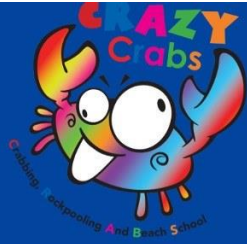
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Upcoming Sessions



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

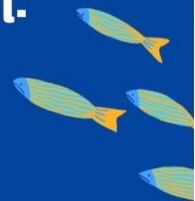
3rd of January Festive Beach Art and Craft- 14:30-16:30

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**



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This amateur production of "Peter Pan (Barrett)" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk Poster Artwork by Alex Jackson Creative

**THE FRIENDLY GHOST
RETURNS TO THEATERS**

THE BEEHIVE CINEMA, HONITON



30TH ANNIVERSARY



TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER AT 11AM

**TICKETS: ADULT £6. UNDER 12'S £5.
FAMILY OF 4 £20**

IN THIS 1995 CLASSIC, AN AFTERLIFE THERAPIST AND HIS DAUGHTER MEET A FRIENDLY YOUNG GHOST WHEN THEY MOVE INTO A CRUMBLING MANSION IN ORDER TO RID THE PREMISES OF WICKED SPIRITS.

**BOX OFFICE: 01404 384050
BEEHIVEHONITON.CO.UK**

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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.

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



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