



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

17th October 2025

Autumn Term Week 7

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy last Friday of term! Next week will be an INSET day on the Friday so there will be no school on this day - so only 4 days next week.

First a huge thank you to Molly and her mum for providing us all with so many pumpkins again. She raised an amazing £145 for Children's Chronic Arthritis Association (CCAA) I can't wait to see them all recreated for the Pumpkin Carving Competition next week. Remember to bring your imaginatively carved and decorated pumpkins to school on Thursday morning ready for judging. Please pay £1 to enter, all proceeds go to topping up the FAFA fund. I'm sure they will be spooktacular!

The year 6 children have been buzzing this week following their residential trip last week!

Next week on Wednesday we also have our Harvest assembly at the church from 2pm. We would love to support the local food bank again this year. Please bring your donations to school on Wednesday for this. Currently, they are in need of;

*Hot Meats - Chilli Con Carne, Meatballs and Hot Dogs

*Instant Noodles or Savoury Rice

*Packs of Fairy cakes

*Sugar

*Cream Crackers

*Peanut Butter

*Long Life Semi-skimmed Milk

*Rice Pudding

*Squash

*Toilet Rolls

*Small Shampoo

Next week we also have the school disco - please make sure you book your tickets before you arrive. The FAFA team need to have time to prepare the goody bags ready for the night. If we do not have enough interest or tickets sold then we may need to cancel this, which would be a shame.

Please remember that we return to school on Monday 3rd November. The next half term often feels like the longest and busiest so please make sure you all rest over the half term and enjoy some family time together. Next week FAFA will be producing a helpful list of dates for you for the next half term too as the run up to Christmas can seem manic!

Celebration Award Winners



Oak: Harry for Commitment & Aida for Craftsmanship

Maple: Jasper for Craftsmanship & Bertie for Creativity

Ash: Aurora for Creativity & Thea for Communication

Willow: Mason for Communication & Torin for Commitment

Beech: Willow for Confidence & Isla for Communication

Pride of Colyton: Billy, Alice and Otis

Important Dates



Tuesday 21st October

Join Us - 9am

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

Friday 7th November

Join Us - 9am

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

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

blanket

army

forest

bridge

dance

Shinobi

repair

careless

disappoint

endangered

gist



Big Question: Why do people live near volcanoes?

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.

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





FAFA's Halloween Disco

October 23rd

KS1 & Reception 5pm - 5.45

KS2 6pm, - 6.45pm

Disco Tickets are on Sale please use the link below.

[Disco Tickets](#)



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>



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



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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

Bookings available online now at
www.sportingchance-sw.co.uk

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Colyton Carnival Committee

BARGAIN SALE

Saturday 18th October

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Colyton Town Hall

Come along for bargains galore and
support the Colyton Carnival
Committee!

★ Hot drinks available

★ All proceeds help raise funds
for the Carnival Committee



AXE VALLEY ACADEMY MUSIC CENTRE

**EXPERIENCE MUSIC THE
AXE VALLEY WAY!**

Starting 23rd September at Axe Valley Academy
Tuesdays 3.45pm arrival – 5pm

Small group tuition opportunities on Strings, Brass,
Woodwind, Guitar/Bass and Percussion. Ensemble
performance opportunities. 10 sessions per term £40
For more information contact:
Jemima Moran, Lead Teacher of Music
jmoran@axevalley.bep.ac





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 Dinners (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!

Chorale 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!

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.

ASSEMBLY ANTHEMS

An evening of singing all the assembly classics you know and love!

Join us for a fun night with a dance floor, bar, and nibbles

St Andrews Church,
Colyton, EX24 6JS

Saturday 11 October 2025
7:00 for a 7:30pm start

Adults only
Tickets: £6 each
or £10 for two

All proceeds will support the church and local schools.

Tickets:
Online through ticketsource.co.uk
or on the door: card facilities available
www.ticketsource.co.uk/colyton-pcc

ticket source

no booking charge



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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