



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

3rd October 2025

Autumn Term Week 5

A word from Mrs. Mills



Whoo hoo - it is the weekend!

Autumn has well and truly landed - the weather is cold in the morning and sunny in the afternoon, the leaves are changing and there is a crispness in the air.

Maybe this weekend you can have a lovely Autumn walk and kick the leaves, have a lovely Sunday roast and enjoy the last bit of sunshine.

This week you should have received your Christmas card order - please get these in asap. The more you order the more money it raises for our school; even one pack is great.

Mrs Derryman was invited to Tesco this week to accept £1300 towards the outside area of EYFS and some towards the outdoor play equipment. This is all so helpful and we thank you for your generosity in collecting the tokens at Tesco.

Thank you to the year 4 and 5 parents who attended the maths workshop this week. It was so lovely to have a chance to play games with you and enjoy maths but without the maths! Remember, you can't go wrong with a pack of cards - this website has some super instructions on how to play [Card Games for Kids](#). For older children, we have recently purchased Skyjo and Flipz which are great fun.

It has been lovely to welcome some student teachers with us this half term; Mrs Newberry and Miss Foxhall. They will be working with Oak and Maple classes until Christmas.

Next week the school will feel very quiet as the Year 6 children will be on their residential - this is always one of the highlights of their year and I'm sure they will have a great time.

Congratulations to Reception Class - your cake sale was a huge success - you raised £146 and we still have more to sell today. Next time it is the year 1 class to sell their cakes. I think Mrs Derryman has made this a competition 😊

Have a fab weekend - enjoy the cakes!

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Jaxon for Confidence & Leonora for Commitment

Oak: George & Ashley for Commitment

Maple:

Ash: Edith for Presentation & Commitment, Reuben for Commitment

Sycamore: Phillipa, Wandi & Gracie for Commitment

Beech: Mia for Craftsmanship

Pride of Colyton: Edison & Wilkie

Important Dates



Monday 6th October

Year 6 PGL Residential - please bring a packed lunch for the first afternoon.

Tuesday 7th October

Pre-loved uniform sale after school

Wednesday 8th October

SEND Coffee Morning - **Postponed this will be rescheduled for a later date TBC**

Thursday 9th October

Paramedic Visit for Parents

Friday 10th October

Wear yellow for Children's mental health

Friday 10th October

Flu Vaccinations -

Catch up session for Year 6 and any one who missed the 10th is on the 3rd of December

Friday 17th October

Flourish Friday

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

Words of the Day & Big Question



Big Question: What have signs of Autumn have you noticed?

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.

- **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 taking place on 10/10/2025

Please sign up on the link on the letter.

- **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.

- **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.

Mrs Derryman collects Two Cheques for the KS1 outdoor area.
Thankyou FAFA for organising this fund raising



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>



ColyTEN 2025 Fun Run

Please use this link to sign up

<https://www.colytonyouthfootball.co.uk/events/colyten>

Entries can be made on the day.

ColyTEN 2025 Fun Run

Join us SUNDAY 12th October for a 1 Mile
fun run around Colyton Peace Memorial
Playing Fields, all ages welcome

Starts 10:10

Sign up HERE



**£5
entry
fee.**



Entries close Friday 10th October at 18:00

PYO Pumpkin Patch

**CASTLEWOOD FARM
PUMPKIN
PATCH**

10AM - 3PM
FREE ENTRY
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED

PYO PUMPKINS - SCAVENGER
HUNT - CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES - PLAY AREA
BBQ - PIZZA
CAKES - COFFEE - BAR

24TH - 31ST OCTOBER
EX13 8SS

/CASTLEWOODFARMDEVON

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**

Mens, Ladies and Childrens clothing
Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
Handbags, other bags
Hats, scarves and ties
Jewellery
Lingerie
Socks
Belts
Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (Bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

**No Thanks**

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
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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, 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 £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.

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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