



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

19th September 2025

Autumn Term Week 2

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy Friday everyone!

Another full week done and I don't know about you but my own children are exhausted so I'm sure yours are too.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Colyton Carnival - it was a HUGE success and everyone looked amazing. Thank you to Miss Hutton, Mrs Derryman and Miss Moul for standing in for me this year - it was very much appreciated!

This week has been a busy week. Thank you to everyone who attended the year 1 & 2 maths workshop yesterday. It was great to be able to share the importance of maths games and playing with numbers with you and for the children to have a chance to do this with you too!

We also had a very successful FAFA AGM on Monday, thank you to everyone who attended. There are lots of fun things in the pipeline and as always your help is very much appreciated.

The first event is 'Cake to Plate' Each half term we will be asking each class to host a cake sale. Children will come home with a plate for you to fill with cakes ready to sell.

The dates are below - we start with the reception class. We will also need parent volunteers from each class to help run the stall (don't worry and experienced FAFA person will be there to help you!). Reception Class your sale is on Thursday 3rd October!

You should have received the diary dates for the year this week too. Keep an eye out for all of the exciting things throughout the year.

You will also by now all have had a reading book - already three have been lost. Please make sure these are in school each day and if you are struggling to do reading or look after the books then leave them at school. You are very welcome to sit in the library for 10 minutes after school to read with your child if you think that would help.

Have a fab weekend!

Mrs Mills

Dates for 'Cake to Plate'

Plates to be given to Yr1 Friday 21st to be brought back 28th Nov for sale

Plates to be given to Yr2 Friday 23rd Jan to brought back 30th Jan for sale

Plates to be given to Yr3 Friday 13th March to be brought back 20th March for sale

Plates to be given to Y4/5 Friday 8th May to be brought back 15th May for sale

Plates to be given to Y6 Friday 19th June to be brought back the 26th June for sale

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Raffi for Confidence & Clemmi for Commitment

Oak: Leo & Imogen for Commitment

Maple: Arfie for Creativity & Otis for Confidence

Sycamore: Poppy for Collaboration & Elliot for Commitment

Important Dates



Tuesday 23rd September

Careers Day 1

Friday 26th September

Year 5 & 6 Trip for STEM day at Charmouth

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 Maths

October 1st

Black History Month

Thursday 2nd October

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths

Thursday 2nd October

National Poetry Day

Monday 6th October

Year 6 PGL Residential

Wednesday 8th October

SEND Coffee Morning

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

Words of the Day & Big Question



Big Question:

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

- **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.

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****



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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 sponsored 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!). £3 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!

Bags 4 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.

Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition (Spring Term)

Decorate an egg or bonnet at home, bring it in with £3 entry, and compete for prizes. Creativity encouraged – share 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

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WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 20th
September 2025,
9.30am

“UTTERLY HAPPY”
THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

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