



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

12th September 2025

Autumn Term Week 2

A word from Mrs. Mills



What a fab first week - despite the torrential autumn rain!

The children have all settled back in to school really well and the new class routines are getting established. It has been especially lovely to welcome our new reception children and some new families to our school. Please remember to ask if there is anything you are not sure of.

We visited the Church this week and Father Steven welcomed the children back to the new school year.

Last week we looked at our school values of 'Aspire, Flourish, Achieve' and listed all of the things that we want to achieve this year and more importantly how we might get there. We also looked at how this summer people have been embracing flags and the children all designed personal ones. They are so unique and individual and we are going to try and display them.

Don't forget that tomorrow is the Colyton Carnival and we can't wait to see you all dressed up in Gover's Meadow at 6.30pm.

Next Friday we have our first non-uniform! Please send your child to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of a bottle of wine/beer, chocolates or sweets for the shared event at the church. This will be great to help the raffle!

Also next week we have our first maths parent workshop for years 1 and 2. If you have attended before then you may not wish to hear the input but come later (around 9.30) for

the games. If you are new to year 1 or 2 or could not attend before then please arrive at 8.50am for a coffee and a great intro in to year 1 & 2 maths and the maths games.

Thank you for a fab first week and here's to a super year!

Mrs Mills

A few start of term reminders!

Attendance:

Please help us with attendance. Children should be in school no later than 8.50am. If your child is unwell then you **MUST** telephone the office and leave a message on the absence line before 9.30am. If your child will be absent then you must also complete an absence request form. No holidays will be authorised during the school year but of course medical appointments or funerals will be. If your child does have a medical appointment then try to do it after school or in the holiday or even just register before you go and make sure you return afterwards.

Uniform:

Your child must attend in the correct school uniform. Details of this are on our website. We do not allow branded clothes to school, including for PE. Children in years 4 – 6 can wear PE kit to school on their PE days but this must still be with a school jumper/cardigan, not a hoody. Hooded tops are not permitted in school apart from our year 6 children who have school ones made. When children are not in the correct uniform they will be given some school property to wear until you are able to purchase the correct one. Remember, we have lots of pre-loved uniform for sale and this can be purchased regularly from the FAFA team.

Reading and Reading Books:

Reading is an essential life skill and at Colyton we make it our aim to read with your child in school at least once a week – from reception to year 6. This is thanks to an army of volunteers to help us (we always need more!). It is the expectation that you read with your child **at least once a week at home** but ideally three times. Please fill in the reading diary weekly to show that you have done this. Class teachers will be checking these weekly. If you find it difficult to read at home then spend 10-15 minutes at the end of the day in the school library to get this done. If you are not reading with your child then the class teacher will contact you to see if there is anything that we can do to help you with this – we know that it can be tricky to engage children at home and also to find the time in busy schedules. Remember you can log other books your child has read – it does not always have to be a school book. If you lose a reading book or it becomes damaged we will ask you to make a contribution to replacing this or you can purchase us a new one. This is especially key for our phonics books in EYFS and KS1. We cannot afford to replace books lost or damaged at home because they often come as a set rather than individually. On average around 20-

25 books are lost or damaged beyond repair a year and this is a significant cost to the school.

Fidgets, Toys and 'bits'

Unless a doctor, paediatrician or educational psychologist has prescribed a need for your child to have an item to help them focus in class, or if is on a child's PLP, then fidget items should not be brought to school. For those children that do need a fidget item we have a box in each class of dedicated items so there is not a need for these to come from home. Items will kept safe until the end of the day if your child brings these and/or if they become a distraction or disruption in class then the class teacher may ask the child to put them away so that they can focus on their learning.

Children should also not bring toys from home in to school. They can get lost or damaged and there can also be confusion around ownership which all cause upset.

Thank you for your help with this.

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Everyone!

Oak: William for Confidence & Arthur for Commitment

Maple: Loki for Confidence & Elliot for Presentation

Ash: Piper for Commitment & Thea for Creativity

Sycamore: Elin for Communication, Max for Creativity & Aedan for Commitment

Beech: Brooklyn for Collaboration & Alisha for Confidence

Pride of Colyton: Hugo M, Caleb & Kaydan

Important Dates



Thursday 18th September

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 - Maths

Friday 19th September

Non Uniform Day- in exchange for a donation

Tuesday 23rd September

Careers Day 1

Thursday 25th September

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 Maths

October 1st

Black History Month

Thursday 2nd October

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths

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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 - Year 6 we are looking to get a second day booked in.

Friday 17th October

Flourish Friday

Words of the Day & Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper	Shinobi
treat	unite
challenge	intimidate
fair	diverse
rights	tolerant
education	inclusive



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What signs of Autumn have you seen?

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.

- **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.

FAFA AGM - Monday 15th of September

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Annual General Meeting

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7pm to start at 7:30pm in the hall at
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Please come along to help shape the plans for the
2025/26 school year and support the school.
Find out what FAFA did in previous years and elect the
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Refreshments available!



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Upcoming Events and Information

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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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WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 20th
September 2025,
9.30am

“UTTERLY HAPPY”
THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

REGISTER VIA
www.maynard.co.uk