



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

18th July 2025

Summer Term Week 12

A word from Mrs. Mills



Dear All,

Well what a wonderful year it has been! This will be our last newsletter of the year and I can only end it by saying, 'thank you'.

Thank you to the fantastic staff that we have here at Colyton, everyone is part of one big family and I genuinely could not think of a better team to lead. Thank you to the community and volunteers who are so dedicated in giving up their time to help us in school. Thank you to the FAFA team for one once again raising an amazing amount of money and for also reminding me about all of the key dates and events! Thank you to you as parents and carers; I am so lucky to be the head of a school where you are just a fantastic bunch of people!

But of course, thank you to our lovely, kind, thoughtful and helpful children. They make every day so special and wonderful.

We started the year as an 'inadequate' school, in October we got our good but I think we end it as 'FANTASTIC'!

Please, please, please stay safe over the summer. Rest, enjoy spending time together and have a brilliant break.

Next week we have awards assembly on Tuesday morning at 9am and the year 6 leavers assembly at 2pm on Wednesday. Wednesday is also 'Break the Rules' day and then we will be finishing!

School starts back on Thursday 4th of September.

The school office will be closed but if you have any concerns about a child or family over the summer then contact Devon MASH or 999 in an emergency.

Thank you once again

Mrs Mills



Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Loki & Hugo for Commitment

Oak: Emily for Presentation & Charlotte for Communication

Maple: Billy for Commitment & Ivy-Rose for Confidence

Ash: ALL of Year 4 Escot Achievement Certificate

Sycamore: Willow, Florence & Mr Russell for Commitment

Beech: EVERYONE - Stage Superstars

Pride of Colyton: Poppy Mudd.

Top Ten Tips for Parents

Choose health
Know what affects your child
what makes them grumpy, happy, disconnected...
Do they need snacks throughout the day?
Do they need lots of sleep?
Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
Do they need time alone?
Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days.

Work together
Share ideas about how to:
• create action plans
• have a problem-solving approach
• enjoy achievements
• be forward-looking
• show them that we can all get things wrong

Move on up
Encourage independence
• help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
• increase their responsibilities
• be positive whenever they act maturely
Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

Be calm
Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed
Your child may show:
• highs and lows
• meltdowns
• anger
• blame
• self-centredness

Communicate
The small things you do make all the difference:
Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

Get learning
Be involved, find out more and talk about:
• social media
• internet benefits and dangers
• new music
• language and slang
• current affairs
• what it's like to be young in the current world

Be wise
As they discover new things, try to:
• be interested
• be non-judgemental
• guide
• see it from all sides
• listen to their point of view
• choose your words carefully
• act on warning bells

Be the anchor
In times of change you are:
• constant
• family
• familiar
• routine
• in-jokers
• initiating
• comforting
• home

Have fun
Provide lots of light relief:
• be silly
• be embarrassing
• play games
• laugh together
• do stuff together
• make jokes
• make things
• be outside

Look after yourself
Support yourself, to best support your child:
• lean on friends
• offload on other family
• find 'me time'
• see the GP
• relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
• remember tomorrow is a new day

YM Parents Helpline
0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk
Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

Ten Ways for parents to help children cope with change

ASDA foundation
The ASDA Foundation is a registered charity.

Find Your Feet
YOUNG MINDS
Helping you think up growing up

Important Dates



Tuesday 22nd July

Awards Assembly - 9am

Tuesday 22nd July

Year 6 Picnic

Wednesday 23rd July

Leavers Assembly - 2pm

Wednesday 23rd July

After School Tuck shop by the FAFA

Wednesday 23rd July

LAST DAY OF TERM

Thursday 24th July - Wednesday 3rd September

Summer Holiday

Thursday 4th September

FIRST DAY BACK!

Words of the Day & Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper	Shinobi
cutlery	countless
drizzle	critical
dustbin	deafening
dragon	detail
friendship	doubt



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question:

School Notices



- **ARBOR:**

Please can you ensure you have logged in to the Arbor Parent Portal before the end of term, from September onwards we will no longer be using Parent Mail. If you are having difficulty please contact Mr Foster in the School Office

We will still be using Parent Pay for Lunches and Trips

- **School Dinners:**

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 £2.60 per meal for paying parents. Next Terms Menu is now LIVE on Parent Pay.

From September 2025 The price will be increasing to £2.70 per meal

- **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, Pesto, Humus, and Peanut Butter

Thank you for your understanding.

- **Upcoming Trips - We have many trips and events happening over this last term, please log in to parent pay just in case you have missed anything.**

PGL 2025 - Current Year 5's trip to PGL next year is live on Parent Pay.

Upcoming Events and Information

≡ YOU'RE INVITED! ≡



The Colyton Carnival Committee and
Members of Colyton Primary Academy
warmly invite you to the

**CROWNING OF THE
COLYTON ROYAL PARTY
2025**

Colyton Primary Academy – School Hall
Friday, September 5th, 2025
2:30 PM

All are welcome!
Free Refreshments Provided



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.

 ticket
source



Tickets:
Online through ticketsource.co.uk
or on the door: card facilities available

www.ticketsource.co.uk/colyton-pcc

holyford.org

no booking charge



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WORKSHOPS**
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HONITON

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BEEHIVEHONITON.CO.UK

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TO FIND OUT MORE**



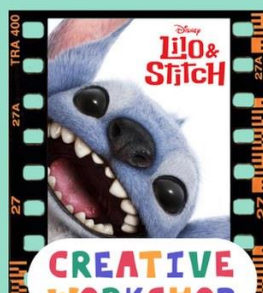
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HOME (U)

THU 24 JUL
2PM



HOW TO TRAIN
YOUR DRAGON (U)

THU 31 JUL
2PM & 6.30PM



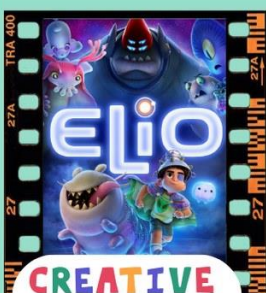
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TUE 12 AUG
2.30PM
WORKSHOP 1PM.



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SAT 16 AUG
7.30PM

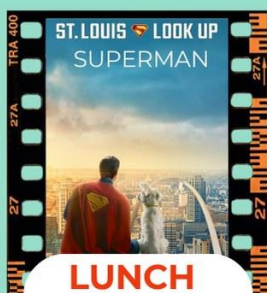


**CREATIVE
WORKSHOP**

ELIO (PG)

TUE 19 AUG
2.30PM

WORKSHOP 1PM.



**LUNCH
DEAL**

SUPERMAN (12A)

FRI 22 AUG
2PM & 7.30PM



**CREATIVE
WORKSHOP**

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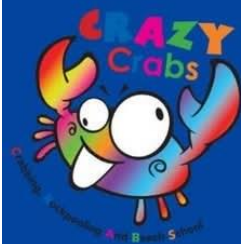
THU 28 AUG
2PM

WORKSHOP 12.30PM



SMURFS (U)

FRI 29 AUG
2PM



Summer Sessions!



28th May - Seaweed Treasure hunt - 11:30-13:30

26th July - Rockpooling - 13:30-3:30

30th July - Fishing and crafts - 13:00-15:00

2nd August - Crabbing - 10:30-12:30

4th August - Eco Sculpture and Beach Clean - 11:30-13:30

6th August - Crabbing - 14:30-16:30

13th August - Rockpooling - 13:30-15:30

18th August - Scavenger Hunt and Crafts - 14:30-16:30

20th August - Survival - 11:30-13:30

27th August - Rockpooling - 13:30-15:30

31st August - Crabbing - 09:30-11:30

1st September - Rockpooling - 15:00-17:00

6th September - Rockpooling - 10:30-12:30

**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**





Free Range Explorers Forest School @ Castlewood Farm

Upcoming Dates:

- 30th May
- 25th July
- 1st August
- 8th August
- 15th August
- 24th October
- 31st October

Timings: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Price: £40 per child per day

Ancient Woodland
Play



Survival Skills

Den Building



Nature Crafts
and tools



Camp Fires and
Cooking



For primary aged school children
Please email for enquiries and further information
freerangeexplorers@gmail.com

Ploughman's Lunch

£8.00

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH, DESSERT & DRINK

SAT 13 TH SEP

TOWN HALL 12:00 - 13:30

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO COLYTON CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.
LUNCH IS SERVED BY COLYTON BROWNIES & COLYTON FAFA

CASH ONLY PLEASE

The BIG mini beast hunt

Let's go hunting, we are excited for a morning of busy bugs, making them, searching for them, and pretending to be them ☺

Friday 25th July
£12 per child (with a free Adult)
(£8 per extra children)
10am-12pm



Teddy Bears Picnic

If you go down to the woods today, you'll be in for a big surprise, bring your furry friend and enjoy some teddy bear fun!

Thursday 31st July
£12 per child (with a free Adult)
(£8 per extra children)
10am-12pm



Kids Go Wild

This is our parent FREE sessions where youngsters get to go wild and have fun in the woods!



Ages 5-8 years
Monday 28th July

Ages 8-13 years
Monday 11th August

9.30am – 3pm



£35 per child (to include lunch)
£25 per sibling (to include lunch)

ZOG's school for dragons

Come and join us for a morning of fire breathing fun, making fire and our very own dragon wings

Tuesday 29th July
£12 per child (with a free Adult)
(£8 per extra children)
10am-12pm



Under 1's go free
Marshmallow toasting
at every session

To book or for more information:

Email: twinklits@gmail.com

Or

Pop a message through messenger



Family forest school

Come and enjoy a morning in the woods enjoying all things forest school, even the grownups get to toast a marshmallow!

Thursday 7th August
£25 per family (up to 4)
10am-12pm



Nature craft morning

During this fun morning we will be using, willow, grass and other natural materials to create some lovely fun sculptures & crafts, to take home.

Wednesday 13th August
£12 per child (with a free Adult)
(£8 per extra children)
10am-12pm



Wild blackberry jam making day!

Come and enjoy a morning foraging for blackberries and then enjoy turning that into yummy jam!

Don't forget to bring a jar!
Thursday 14th August
£25 per family (up to 4)
10am-12.30pm



Pizza Fun

What could be more fun than creating your own pizza and cooking over a nice wood fire! What will you put on yours?

Tuesday 5th August
10.30am-12.30pm
£15 per child and £8 per sibling



Charity donations to Axminster & Lyme
Cancer Support

Whitford
& District
Village Produce
Association

Classic
Cars

Entry £3
**Kids
FREE**

Summer Show

Side Shows
& Stalls
Bouncy
Castle

**Brass
Band**

**SATURDAY 2nd
AUGUST 2025**

2pm

Food &
Refreshments

**BBQ
& Bar**

at the
**Whitford
Sports Field**
EX13 7PJ

**LARGE SELECTION OF VEGETABLES,
FLOWERS, COOKERY & HANDICRAFTS**



Axe Vale Netball
Community

Contact
love2playnetball@gmail.com

AVNC Netball Camp

FRIDAY 25TH JULY
2025

ENJOY
PLAYING
NETBALL!

£15 FOR THE
DAY



11 AM-2 PM
SCHOOL YEARS 2-6
ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME

LEARN NEW SKILLS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
MATCH PLAY AND
FUN GAMES

COOLY TOTS



A group for tots and their parents & carers

Drop-in Tuesday 9.00-10.15am for coffee & croissants, chat, a song and a story

St Andrew's Church, Colyton

*TERM-TIME ONLY

ALL WELCOME



Get in touch: youth@holyford.org

ALL SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE

2025

SING!

JOIN OUR

JUNIOR CHOIR

Fridays 6.15pm to 7.15pm

St Andrew's Church
Colyton

- No previous experience necessary,
just enthusiasm
- Bursaries for instrumental lessons available
- Paid to attend (rehearsals and Sundays)
- Becoming part of a bigger choir



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holyford.org

safeguarding policies and procedures in place



ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH
CHOIR



JOIN ST ANDREWS' JUNIOR CHOIR

What do Ed Sheeran, Chris Martin, Usher, Avril Lavigne, Katy Perry and Diana Ross all have in common? **They all learned to sing in a church choir!** Learning to sing with other people is a great thing to do. You learn so many things, from how to read music to how to breathe well; it enables you to improve your reading and maths and you will even pick up different languages! Being a part of a choir involves working effectively in a team. Music is a subject which holds the key to a world of discovery and enrichment.

Come and be a part of our choir!

Join us on Friday evenings at St Andrew's Church, Colyton. Come after tea at 6.15pm to rehearse together before joining the main choir for the first part of their weekly practice until 7.15pm.

Over time, we will build up our repertoire of music for celebrations and events, as well as working with the main choir on core skills and pieces.

Fantastic opportunities and brilliant skills!

Being a part of our church choir has huge benefits. Choristers in our Church Choir at St Andrew's are eligible for substantial music bursaries for instrumental or vocal lessons or grants to attend music courses. Recent choristers have benefited hugely from this, and have gone on to become members of the national Millennium Youth Choir, to study music at university or specialist music conservatoires. One of our current choristers

has recently been awarded an Associateship of the Royal College of Organists-a very demanding and prestigious music diploma. All choristers have the opportunity to achieve the medals and awards, right from the fundamental skills to a high level of musical achievement.

How much does this cost? **It's free!** Junior choristers who are members of the main church choir also get paid!

This group is aimed at children who are able to read fairly fluently, but more importantly those with a desire to sing and to be part of a group! All are welcome to come and try out our Junior Choir!

Contact us for more information or to discuss what is involved.

Call Fr Steven on 01297 553180 or email Ellen at youth@holyford.org

Miss Hannah's School of Dance

NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER

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Join a fun,
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dance family

Contact Miss Hannah

misshannahsschoolofdance@gmail.com

07774863496



COMING SOON

Drop In Youth Session

for young people from age 11 to 17
years old

£1.00 per session

First Session is **FREE**

Thursdays

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Chill out, play games, chat and meet friends and
make new friends

At Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre

Family Friendly Fridays

LIVE MUSIC, BAR, BBQ & BOUNCY CASTLE
Friday nights throughout the summer holidays!

FREE ENTRY
 5PM - 9PM

Live Music List

SCOTT PHILLIPS <u>25/07/2025</u>	GUILTY PLEASURES <u>01/08/2025</u>	GO TELL ALICE <u>08/08/2025</u>
GO TELL ALICE <u>15/08/2025</u>	SAM JONES <u>22/08/25</u>	SAM JONES <u>29/08/25</u>

2025

BEER EATS BOUTIQUE

an evening street food market looking out to sea

1st Friday of the month

2 MAY | 6 JUNE | 4 JULY
 1 AUGUST | 5 SEPTEMBER

4PM - SUNSET
 The Jubilee, SW Coast Path
 EX02 3NE
 /// relax husband handover

AXMINSTER EATS
B O U T I Q U E

9 MAY | 13 JUNE
11 JULY | 8 AUGUST



Minster Green EX13 5AH
/// circles disco props

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