



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

11th July 2025

Summer Term Week 11

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy Friday everyone!

Another week down and only one and a half to go - what a fantastic year we have had!

However, September will soon be upon us and when we return we will be straight into Carnival season. We are very lucky as the crowning event this year will take place at school on Friday 5th September. We will of course be entering the carnival with a walking entry - our theme this year is 'The Sea!' So think pirates, mermaids, jellyfish, fish, sharks, boats, shells... the world is your oyster (excuse the pun!) We can't wait to see what you come up with ready for September 13th.

This week it was lovely to welcome some of you for the year 5/6 and year ¾ reading celebrations. Reading is such an integral part of our lives and we want to celebrate the success of this with the children this year.

Next year we will continue with our maths and reading workshops and also our Join Us! Mornings. We hope you have enjoyed them this year.

The year 4 children have had an absolute blast this week on the residential at Escot. They enjoyed seeing the animals at night, the swamp walk and of course sleeping in the yurt! Thank you to Miss Cox and Miss Gould who gave up their time to take the children with me and to Mrs Chick for holding the fort back at school.

Attendance Despite my continuous nagging about attendance or maybe because of it our end of year attendance is looking pretty good, not over 96% but not far off. Saying that,

please now do not take your foot off the gas and really focus on getting children every day for the next week and a half! We have 12 children who are considered 'persistent absentees'. This is because their attendance is below 90%. Some of those children are at 89.5% - for a week and a half of fab attendance then we could lower this number too!

Beach and Water Safety: Next week we are being visited by Guy from Jurassic Paddle Sports and Lifeguards. He will be talking to the whole school about water, beach and sea safety. Such an important thing, especially this time of year.

School Disco and Camp Out Tonight we have the school disco and the year 5 camp out! Wish us luck for some sleep!!

Break the Rules! Next week is our final full week and then the following week we have the awards assembly and leavers assembly and of course - BREAK THE RULES day 23rd July. This is a great way for children to really upset me with jewellery, hair not tied up and hoods up!! Forms will be coming home next week for this because don't forget, each rule break comes with a price.

Have a fantastic weekend in the sunshine - long may it last!

Library Book Quest: If you are looking for things to do over the summer then the library re doing their 'Book Quest' again. They have a new reading challenge called *The Summer Book Quest* this year and the theme is *The Deep Sea Adventure*. It launches on 12 July and runs until 6th September. It is open to all Primary children and their younger siblings. It is slightly different to the usual Summer Reading Challenge in that children simply have to complete the 3 elements. They do not have to read a set number of books - they just need to keep a record of what they have read (On their own or with a parent) Or; simply keep a record in their leaflet how many times they have read (1 time equals 10 min) during the Summer holidays. They also need to log how many times they visit the library in the holidays and complete at least one of the activities listed in the leaflet. For each element completed they receive a sticker, and at the end a certificate and a cool ninja starfish keychain (plus a small prize). They also have a choice of completing a simple book review and then have their name put in for a prize draw. There will also be some 'Deep sea adventure' crafts and other activities in the library over the holidays .

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm: Theo & Otis for Confidence

Oak: Elsie & Tom

Maple: Lloyd for Commitment & Mazie for Confidence

Sycamore: Isla, Grace & Poppy for Confidence

Beech: Lexi for Confidence, All the Axe Valley Work Experience People

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 share:
 • highs and lows
 • meltdowns
 • anger
 • shame
 • 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
If they discover new things, try to:
 • be interested
 • be non-judgemental
 • guide
 • give boundaries
 • 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
 • irritating
 • 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

YMH 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 Learning Communities, Learning Zone

Find Your Feet
 youngminds.org.uk
 stepping up, moving up, growing up

Important Dates



Tuesday 15th July

Year 6 Play - 2pm

Wednesday 16th July -2pm

Helpers Cream Tea

Thursday 17th July

Year 6 Play - 5pm

Friday 18th July

LAST YEAR 4 & 6 Swimming

Friday 18th July

Bake Sale in Aid of Diabetes UK

Tuesday 22nd July

Awards Assembly - 9am

Tuesday 22nd July

Year 6 Picnic

Wednesday 23rd July

Leavers Assembly - 2pm

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
wiggle	witness
tumble	wealthy
tear	tradition
tangle	switch
stroll	sustain



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What's the best thing to do on a hot sunny day?

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.

Year 4 Trip to Escot - Day 1 Highlights

















Mr Russell cooked with the Year 6's







The Choir Visited Colyton Memory Café





FAFA UPDATE

[School Disco Tickets](#) Please use this link to buy Tickets - DISCO IS ON FRIDAY 11th JUNE



School Disco

Reception and
Friday 11th of July KS1 5pm till 5:45pm
KS2 6pm till 6:45pm

Pre bought from Louise or via sum up link.

£3 to include drink and snack.

Year 5 free, no ticket needed as its their
sleepover.

Charity No: 1022325



Upcoming Events and Information

18th of July 3.20pm

BAKE SALE

All proceeds go to Diabetes UK



I'm taking on

**ONE MILLION
STEP CHALLENGE**

to raise vital funds
for Diabetes UK

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

≡ YOU'RE INVITED! ≡

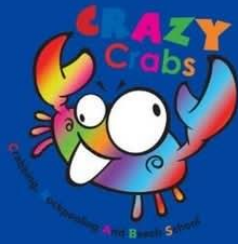


The Colyton Carnival Committee and
Members of Colyton Primary Academy
warmly invite you to the

**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



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**

Musbury Summer Fete

12th July 2025 1-5pm

Merrimans Mead opposite The Hind

FOOD
AND
REFRESHMENTS

LOCAL
TRADERS
STALLS



FUN

GAMES

ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD

FRIENDS

£2 ENTRY
(U16's free)

ACTIVITIES

Fees may apply



Fun Dog Show
Bring your dog - enter on the day
Fees apply

If you would like a stall at the Fete, please contact:
MusburyEventsGroup@hotmail.com / Jo Scott / Emma Shrubbs



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

Colyton Primary Academy

Story Time

Preschool story time
Tuesdays 2.50– 3.10pm



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



Sidmouth RFC presents



SIDYFEST

SATURDAY 12TH JULY '25



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THE
REVIVAL.



GUILTY
Pleasure

SWEET BLACK
ANGELS

'PARTY ON THE PITCH'

LIVE MUSIC - FOOD - BAR - CRAFT TENT -
FACE PAINTING - FAMILY FUN

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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



ALL WELCOME

youth@holyford.org

holyford.org



ST ANDREW'S
CHURCH
CHOIR

safeguarding policies and procedures in place



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

Volunteers Needed

to help us support our local
community when they need
it the most



We are a local established charity with our main mission to support and enhance the care and welfare of patients, staff, and other users of health and community services in Seaton and the surrounding area.

We rely on the generosity of our community through donations and legacies and volunteering to help us achieve this aim.

We currently have 3 shops in Seaton, Devon. We sell clothes, bric-a-brac, media, and other preloved items.

Our Volunteers are at the heart of our work, and they play a crucial role to help us create an accessible, friendly, and welcoming environment for our donors and customers to help us generate funds to provide services in and around the local community.

We welcome Volunteers from all walks of life. You'll have the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and feel a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment.

Whilst our shops are the main focus of our fundraising, we also would welcome enquiries from Volunteers who would like to engage in other areas of our work including gardening, other timely fundraising events and office base environments.



Could you offer a few hours a
week to Volunteer for us?
Would you like to find out more
about what we can offer you?

CONTACT US:

T: 01297 598060

E: jackie@seatonlof.co.uk

Or pop in to see us at:

Seaton Hospital League
of Friends Information Hub,
The Counting House,
The Square, Seaton
EX12 2JZ

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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 GUILTY PLEASURES GO TELL ALICE

25/07/2025

01/08/2025

08/08/2025

GO TELL ALICE

SAM JONES

SAM JONES

15/08/2025

22/08/25

29/08/25



WELCOME TO RSYC YOUTH SERVICE

STARTING ON 15TH MAY



Facebook Page



Young Person
Registration
Form



Parental Consent
Form

We offer young people lots of FUN activities, a safe inclusive place to be with friends and make new ones. We have a team of qualified Youth Workers to create a positive buzz and provide support

SESSIONS

Thursdays
6:30pm to 8:30pm
£1.00 Entry Fee
for ages 11 to 17

OUR FACILITIES

- Pool
- Tuck shop and Kitchen
- Hall
- Table Tennis
- Support Available



07566279933



youthwork.rsyc@gmail.com



Reece Strawbridge Youth
Centre, Coly road, Colyton

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
EX12 3NE
/// relax husband handover

2025

AXMINSTER EATS BOUTIQUE

an evening street food market in the community heart

2nd Friday of the month

9 MAY | 13 JUNE
11 JULY | 8 AUGUST





4PM - SUNSET
Minster Green EX13 5AH
/// circles disco props

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Parentland



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