



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

27th June 2025

Summer Term Week 10

A word from Mrs. Mills



Another week has flown by! We have had our last forest school sessions this week and so we must say a huge thank you to FAFA for funding this for us this year. What a great experience for the children.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our last Join Us! Morning yesterday. We hope you have enjoyed these sessions this year and getting to see what happens in each class. We will continue them next year! Look out for the diary dates in September!

73% of you have signed up to the Arbor communication tool, which is great! We will continue to send out parent communication via Parentmail and Arbor but from September this will just be Arbor. We hope you find this system as easy as we do to use. Remember any teething problems then do come and see Mr Foster in the office, he is our Arbor champion.

This week the choir yet again performed fantastically at the Axe Valley Sing Your Heart out. Huge thanks to all of you who attended and also to Mrs Whitehorn for doing such a fab job with the choir.

Today we sent 8 of our year 5 children to the Grammar School for a maths competition - at the time of writing we are not sure how they got on but I'm sure they had a fab day of calculating and team building!

Next week I am afraid we will have to postpone the year 3/4 reading celebration as we have many children out on a range of trips! This will now be held on Tuesday 8th July. Year 5 and 6 will have theirs on Monday 7th July. We hope to see you there. On Monday we also have

many children watching the cricket in Taunton and our year 5 children will be watching Grease at Woodroffe. On Tuesday the year 6 children will be having their transition day at Axe Valley and this is a chance for your child to spend the afternoon with their new teacher for next year too.

Finally a HUGE thank you to anyone who came in to talk to our children about their jobs this week. Everyone really enjoyed the talks and were inspired by so many of the different jobs on offer. We also LOVED seeing the different jobs that the children want to be when they grow up. Our careers curriculum is something unique to our school and we think it is such an important part of preparing for the future!

Have a fab weekend, Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Elm Class: Kieran for Communication & Indi for Presentation

Oak: Cosmo & Tom for Communication

Maple Class: Alice for Commitment & Amelie for Presentation

Ash Class: Jacob for Commitment & Harvey for Presentation

Sycamore Class: Theo, Freddie, Johnny and Ben for Collaboration & Creativity

Beech Class: Ebony, Rory and Jasper for Collaboration

Pride of Colyton: Hope

Sports Day Winners

1st: Abraham

2nd: Drover

3rd: Satchell

4th: Bagwell

5th: Monmouth

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 achievement:
• 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
• 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
• 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

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
Transforming Communities, Inspiring Lives

Find Your Feet
Stepping up, moving up, growing up

Important Dates



Monday 30th June

KS2 Live Cricket event

Monday 30th June

Year 5 to see Grease at Woodroffe

Tuesday 1st July

Class Photos

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 6 Canoeing - rescheduled group

Thursday 10th - Friday 11th July

Year 4 Residential to Escot

Words of the Day & Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

wiggle
tumble
tear
tangle
stroll

Shinobi

witness
wealthy
tradition
switch
sustain



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What future job would you like to do and why?

School Notices



- **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 & 6 Swimming Lessons

Year 6 Canoeing

Cricket 30th June

Woodroffe Grease 30th June- For the Year 5 children not going to Cricket

ESCOT Year 4 Residential 10th & 11th July - Live on Parent Pay now.

The Choir sang amazingly at sing your heart out.



Year 6 Canoeing





FAFA UPDATE



School Disco

Friday 11th of July

Reception and
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



Forest School Dates

Year 6

Wednesday 26th February
Wednesday 2nd April
Wednesday 21st May
Wednesday 11th June

Year 5

Wednesday 5th March
Wednesday 23rd April
Wednesday 7th May
Friday 13th June

Year 3/4

Wednesday 19th March
Friday 25th April
Friday 9th May
Wednesday 18th June

Year 2

Wednesday 26th March
Wednesday 30th April
Friday 23rd May
Friday 20th June

Year 1/Reception

Friday 28th March
Friday 2nd May
Friday 6th June
Wednesday 25th June



These are whole day sessions so please come to school wearing suitable clothing for forest school on your allocated days. Warm, waterproof and ready for the mud!



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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JOIN AS PART OF DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

Learn the skills to enjoy water safety for life.



Why is water safety so important?

Would I know how to help in an emergency?

Come along and join us for a FREE water safety session as a part of the RLSS Drowning Prevention Week!

Sunday 15th June 10:00am

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. THIS IS A BOOKING ONLY EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT US TO BOOK AND CONFIRM YOUR PLACE ON – **01297 35800**



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

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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



Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:

SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS *(joining code below)*

*Discuss the
common
secondary
transition
concerns.*

*Helpful tips to
support your
child's mental
health during the
transition.*

*Explore signs and
reasons for
worries about
change.*

Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 367 593 566 991

Passcode: qg2a8U6j

Join us online

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:

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

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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

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25/07/2025

01/08/2025

08/08/2025

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SAM JONES

15/08/2025

22/08/25

29/08/25



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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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