



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

16th May 2025

Summer Term Week 5

A word from Mrs. Mills



Dear All,

Well done and huge congratulations to our Year 6 children! They have been amazing this week completing their SATs tests. Some of them were particularly hard but the children remained unfazed and gave it their best shot. We are super proud of them and a huge well done and thanks to Mrs Evans who had prepped them so well. They are all done now so we can enjoy the summer term with plays, canoeing and fun! Starting with Maypole next week!

The year 1 children had a great time on the farm trip this week. They rode tractors, fed cows and made their own butter - sounds like a great day!

We also welcomed our new intake for September. They had their teddy bear's picnic and it was so wonderful to welcome our new families. We can't wait to see you again at more stay and play sessions.

Next week is Walk to School week. Our focus is on the environment this half term so please do your best to walk to school each day. If you do walk we will ask you to complete a tally in each class each day. The winning class will win a treat! Don't forget Friday is '**Come to School in a Crazy Way Day!**' This is just so much fun! We will only open the top gate so everyone can come in to main playground. Try to bring larger vehicles earlier 8.30is and animals later 8.50ish please.

Morning Drop Off: As a note please can I ask that if children are in KS1 they should be using the small gate in School Lane. If you need to drop your KS1 child earlier then you may drop

at the main gate but the children must remain on the playground. Over the last few weeks lots of parents have been taking children to class and talking to the teachers between 8.30am and 8.50am. I know that this may be due to something you need to share but this is very precious time when a teacher is getting ready for the day. Instead please leave your child at the playground, give a message to the staff member on the gate or send an email. Thank you.

Uniform: I am also becoming a little firmer on uniform expectations. ***Children who attend in trainers will be asked to put on some spare shoes that we have in school.*** Similarly, if they arrive in the wrong jumper, t-shirt, socks or PE kit we will ask them to wear the spare kits. We have another 2.5 months of school left so please make sure your child attends in the correct uniform after half term. **Hair must be tied up** if it is longer than shoulder length and we have a **NO JEWELLERY** policy, the only jewellery permitted is small stud earrings. All other jewellery will be taken by class teachers and must be collected by parents at the end of the day. From September we will be enforcing a much tighter rule on presentation for school so let's use this half term to practice.

I know that many of you purchase school uniform around this time. **In September please make sure you do not buy branded PE kit. Your child should have a plain sky blue t-shirt, plain black or blue shirts/joggers/leggings and a school jumper for PE.**

Please remember sun hats, water and sun cream over the coming weeks of warm weather too!

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- Elm: Ada for Presentation & Amber for Confidence
 - Oak: Elliot for Presentation & Cosmo for Commitment
 - Maple: Edith for Commitment & Aden for Presentation
 - Ash: Lillyanne for Creativity & Ruby for Presentation
 - Sycamore: Nyma for Creativity & Theo for Commitment
 - Beech: THE WHOLE CLASS for Commitment
 - Pride of Colyton: Emily Clode, Sienna and Eira
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Important Dates



Monday 19th May

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths - 9am

Thursday 22nd May

May Pole Dancing at the Church Green

Friday 23rd May

Flourish Friday

Monday 26th May

BANK HOLIDAY

27th May - 30th May

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June

INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd June

Back to School

June

Year 4 & 6 Swimming - Please pay and give consent on Parent Pay ASAP

Wednesday 11th June

SEND Coffee Morning

Words of the Day & Big Question

This Week's Words

Grasshopper	Shinobi
arena	agitate
battle	catastrophe
continue	cooperate
flee	detest
office	estimate



VOCABULARY NINJA

Big Question: What's the best way to cool down on a hot day?

Year 2 visit to a local farm









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

- **LOST PROPERTY**

We have a lot of school jumpers & Coats building up, if your child is missing a jumper or coat the lost property box is outside the year 6 class room.

Please can you make sure your child's name is in their jumpers and coats. We appreciate the cost of uniform is not cheap and would like to return these items to their owners but with out names we are unable to do this.

- **Free School Meals:**

Find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals! Apply through the Devon Citizens Portal¹. 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)² or check the school website for information School Attendance | ³Colyton Primary Academy⁴ 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 - Live on parent pay**

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

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

Year 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons - Live on Parent Pay now.

Farm Visit- R & Yr2 please give consent on Parent Pay

Year 6 Canoeing -please pay via parent pay

Cricket 30th June

¹https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

²<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

³<https://www.colytonprimary.org.uk/school-attendance/>

⁴<https://www.colytonprimary.org.uk/school-attendance/>

FAFA UPDATE

FAFA will be having a meeting on the 19th of May at the **Kingfisher** in Colyton at 7.30pm, please do come along and find out how you can help the FAFA help the School.

The FAFA are also looking for raffle donations if you have some you would like to drop in please leave these in the school office.

The FAFA are also looking for help at the Maypole event later this month, if you would like to help please speak to a FAFA member or let the office know and they can pass the details on.



**We have been nominated for Tesco
Community Token Scheme!**

**Please vote for Colyton Primary Academy
from April to June in Seaton and Sidmouth
Tesco!**

**Money won will be put towards new
equipment for KS1 playground.**



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!





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

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

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!

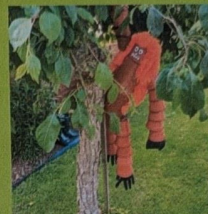
This group is aimed at children who are able to read fairly fluently, but more importantly those with a desire to sing and to be part of a group! All are welcome to come and try out our Junior Choir!

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

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

**What can you make out of an old
flowerpot?**

Quite a lot!



**Whitford's 2nd Flowerpot
Festival**

7th/8th June

10.30am-4.00pm.

Tea, coffee & cakes served both days.

Ice Creams.

Free car park

Hot Dogs and Bar open on Sunday.

**Trails will be on sale with a guided route
around the village to see all the Flowerpot**

**Creations under the theme of "Media"
(Book, Film, TV, Music, Play)**

Craft Stalls in the hall both days.

Proceeds to Whitford Village Hall and Macmillan Cancer Support



WHITFORD VILLAGE HALL
1 Park Lane, Whitford, EX13 7NQ
Charity Registration No: 1082956

www.whitfordvillagehall.org

bookings@whitfordvillagehall.org

Find us on  <https://www.facebook.com/WhitfordVillageHall>

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

2025

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**BRUNCH
LUNCH**

SATURDAY 17 MAY

**12 Noon
- 2pm**

**Colyton
Town
Hall**

**Plants , Cakes
Tombola**

and a Raffle

This year the appeal is to help people like Amelia in Guatemala where climate change is resulting in the devastation of the crops.

Money raised will be used to fund vital agriculture training so Amelia and so many like her can protect their children from children from hunger.

For more information please contact
Jane Dauncey | 01297 552514
Donations of cakes are always welcome

www.christianaid.org.uk

Every year
Christian Aid has a
big fundraising
week with a
particular focus on
raising money for
a particular need.



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