



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

9th May 2025

Summer Term Week 4

A word from Mrs. Mills



Well what a fantastic afternoon we had yesterday. Thank you so much to all who attended and joined in with our celebration and commemoration of the end of World War II and VE Day. The church service was so wonderful and the children sang, read and behaved beautifully. The picnic was just lovely and it was great to catch up with you all and enjoy the spring sunshine. Thank you all so much.

Next week we will be all focused and knuckling down for the year 6 SATs tests. These are national test for all year 6 children. The tests can feel daunting for some however the children have been practicing and preparing and we feel confident that they will do their best. They are also great practice for future exams and to know that even though things in life can be hard or challenging we still try our best, put our best foot forwards and be proud of our efforts. Please make sure your child has plenty of sleep and rest this weekend so that next week, in the words of Mr Russell, 'We can smash it!'

The following week we have an exciting week too as it will be 'Walk to School week'. In this week we ask that as many of you as possible walk to school and on Friday 23rd May it will be 'Come to school in a crazy way day!' I can't wait to see how you all arrive this year. For our new families this is a chance to come to school in any way you like, the crazier the better! We have had quad bikes, horses, wheelbarrows, sack trolleys, tied to each other, backwards, dressed as dinosaurs, skip lorries, camper vans and tractors....it is always great fun!

On Thursday 22nd May we will be back down at the church green for the Maypole dancing and Cream Tea event. Again, another lovely traditional afternoon that we all really enjoy. We

will need lots of donations of flowers and greenery for the May Arch and for the year 1 and 2 May Kings and Queens.

Finally, have a fantastic weekend and we will see you all next week, Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- **Elm: Indi for Communication & Ellenora for Presentation**
 - **Oak: Tilly for Presentation & Tom for Communication**
 - **Maple: Herbie for Presentation & Zeb for Commitment**
 - **Ash: Gracie for Presentation & Delilah for Commitment**
 - **Sycamore: Brooklyn for Commitment & Louis for Confidence**
 - **Beech: Alexis for Commitment & Taylor for Confidence**
 - **Pride of Colyton: Year 5 Singing Girls**
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Important Dates



Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

KS2 National Testing Week

Wednesday 14th May

Oak Class Farm visit- please give consent on Parent Pay

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: Why was VE day so important?

School Notices



- **KS1 Gate**

Please be aware if your child/children are in KS1 they must use the KS1 gate, the KS1 gate do not open until 8.40. If your children arrive before this please be aware the KS1 area is not supervised until 8.40.

- **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.

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/>

- **Upcoming Trips**

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, Yr1 & Yr2 please give consent on Parent Pay

Year 6 Canoeing -please pay via parent pay

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!

VE Day Picnic















Upcoming Events and Information



**BARCLAYS
BIG
TENNIS
WEEKEND**
LTA

GIVE TENNIS A GO

Saturday 10 May, 10-1
Seaton Tennis Club,
Court Lane, Seaton

10-11am - 5-10 year-olds
11-12noon - 11-18 year-olds

FREE ENTRY | EQUIPMENT PROVIDED



Colyton Primary Academy

Story Time

Preschool story time
Tuesdays 2.50– 3.10pm





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

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



Primary & Secondary one year courses, leading to QTS & PGCE

Apply Now – Become a Teacher!

- Our courses are designed by expert teachers so you can train to with confidence.
- School placements, through our network of schools, provide you with excellent training and practice close to home.
- Seminars and workshops are delivered through a mix of face to face and online sessions, so you can achieve the best work life balance.
- Our training communities celebrate the successes and qualities of trainees from diverse backgrounds and career stages.

Information Event: 3 April 2025 | 1545 – 1615 | Online (see website)



swiftteachertraining.org.uk

info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk

01548 852641



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

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



Creative Music & Performing Arts Club

Tuesdays 3.45-4.45 during term time

**Seaton United Reformed Church
(URC), Cross Street, EX12 2LH.**

Doors open at 3.30pm for play
and crafts. Led activities run from
4pm - 4.45pm, arrive by 4 to join in!

All sessions are
affordable & inclusive.
Free & subsidised places
available.

Contact us on 07947 334138 or info@bsharp.org.uk

www.bsharp.org.uk/weeklymusic

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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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Selected items. Minimum spend £20. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & Asda Go Local. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible spend is donated. Partially funded primary schools, visit register with ParentMailbox by 10/12/23. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30/11/24