



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Summer Term Week 1

A word from Mrs. Mills



What a fantastic Sunday! Before I go further I must send a MASSIVE thanks and well done to the FAFA team. The colour run was an absolutely huge success and so, so many of you and the children have told me how fantastic it was. Thank you to all who attended and who made it such a successful day. I must apologise for not being there but I'm afraid I was visiting my sister who had her first baby last week, I hope you can understand!

Next week we are super excited for our VE day celebrations on Thursday. Please could you provide your child with a small picnic (no sweets as some children have asked!) and a picnic blanket as well as helping your child dress in red, white and blue or think 'Best of British'. We will have a short service to remember this special day with Father Steven at 1.30pm and then have the picnic straight after on the church green. Please do join us for all of this, the more the merrier.

The following week the year 6 children will be taking their year 6 SATs. This can feel like a stressful week and the year 6 children have been working very hard for these. Please reassure your child that we want them to do their very best. The scores are not as significant as GCSE or A-Level ones but the school is judged on these outcomes. They are the culmination of 7 years worth of the teaching and all your child has accomplished. Please encourage them to do their best and approach them with a positive attitude.

Polite request: We have noticed that at the end of the school day, there are many families who stay on the playground for a longer time. The children may be playing on the bank or

climbing frame while adults have a catch up. While this is lovely please could you try to ensure that you are off the school grounds promptly? Once the school day has ended there are often deliveries and some staff bring their cars on to site. If there is a club on then it also makes it hard to keep track of children. This also becomes a grey area with insurance and also liability if something happens to your child as staff are not able to supervise this. **Please from next week can you make sure you collect your child and leave promptly, thank you.**

Warmer weather: With this fantastic warm weather we are having please can you send your child in with sun hats, sun cream and LOTS of WATER! We try to keep them cool and safe in the sun but it helps if they have all of the right bits!

Suncream! Please make sure your child has a good layer of this in the morning before school. If you wish to send some in for a top up you may but please remind children that this is not to share and is not to be taken on to the playground but done before lunch. **Suncream** must be named as we have some children with allergies and we do not want any reactions.

Enjoy the sun on this long weekend,

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- Elm: Ashley for Presentation & George for Commitment
 - Oak: Jasper for Commitment & Elliot for Presentation
 - Maple: Byron for Presentation & Bertie for Commitment

- **Ash: Lilly for Presentation & Kemi for Confidence**
 - **Sycamore: Harris for Presentation & Olivia for Commitment**
 - **Beech: Leland for Presentation & Scarlett for Commitment**
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Important Dates



Monday 5th April

Bank Holiday

Friday 25th April

Careers Day

Monday 28th April

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 Maths

Tuesday 29th April

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 Maths

Monday 5th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May

KS2 National Testing Week

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

Words of the Day & Big Question

Big Question: What is your favourite season of the year? Autumn, Winter, Spring or Summer? Why is it your favourite?

This Week's Words

Grasshopper

grubby
harvest
nudge
purr
quiz

Shinobi

harmless
hesitate
humble
manoeuvre
potent



Year 2 Forest School







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.

- **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

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/>

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FAFA UPDATE

The FAFA are looking for donations of School jumpers with Logo's if you have any you wish to donate please drop these in the school office. On May the 9th is the bags for schools please please see the information below.

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 MAY pole 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.



Raising funds for Colyton Primary Academy FAFA

Colour Fun Run

Sunday 27th April

Colyton Peace Memorial Playing Fields
09:00-11:30
(Different start times available)

Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.
For more information and to book your place use the QR code provided.

Tickets
£6 in advance
£8 on the day



- Run or walk
- Fun obstacles
- Refreshments
- Warm up
- Medals

 **Arrive in white** **Leave in colour**

Charity Number: 1022325



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!



**BAGS 4 SCHOOL
Collection**
Friday 9th May
COLYTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED....

Please bring donations to the school - Donations can be brought in before school on Friday 9th May pre 9am.

We'd like your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and bedding....anything from the GREEN list below!

****PLEASE ENSURE THAT BAGS ARE NOT DROPPED OUTSIDE OF THE ALLOCATED DATE/TIME****



Yes Please

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, other bags
- Hats, scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)



No Thanks

- Duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material



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



swiftteachertraining.org.uk

info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk

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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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