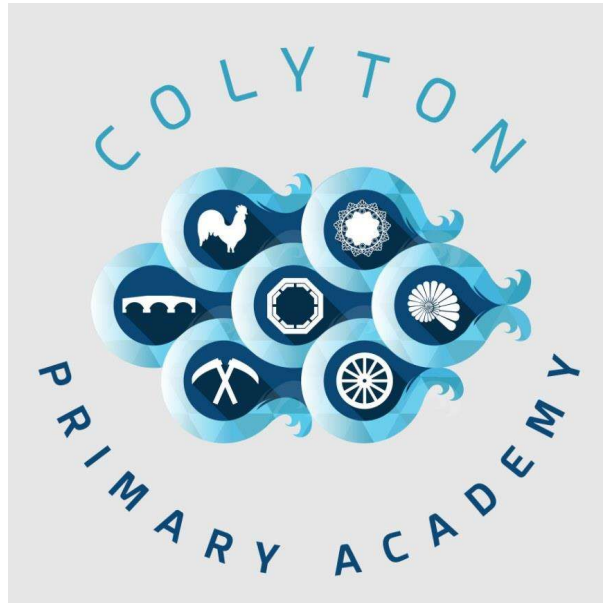




Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

14th March 2025

Spring Term Week 9

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy Friday everyone!

What a fantastic science and engineering week we have had. Each class has embraced doing different investigations and experiments each day and the science fair was absolutely fantastic. I am so grateful and amazed at the time and effort you all put in. What a great exhibition we had! Thank you so so much!

Thank you also to everyone who attended the year 1 & 2 reading parent workshop - it was great to see you and I hope you enjoyed seeing how we run a phonics lesson too!

This week we have been made aware of several incidents outside of school involving cars driving too fast outside and near the school gate. I have spoken to the police and asked for some additional patrol time and they will do their best to support us with this. If cars are seen to be driving too fast or dangerously near the school then I urge you to speak to me and also to contact the police yourself, it may not be someone linked to school. Please support us with your driving habits and make a more conscious effort to drive carefully and sensibly, especially around the school. **I take this matter very seriously. Even at slow speeds being hit by a car can cause lifelong injuries.** I am sure that none of us want an injured child or relative or even worse.

We have also had a request from a neighbour to please supervise your children around the cars that are parked along the roads and especially in Queen's Court. Some children are drawing in the dirt on cars and whilst this seems harmless, the residents are worried that their cars might get scratched.

Attendance: I have not had a little moan about this for a while. Our attendance data is not looking too bad but it is not great either. Up until last Friday our overall attendance was 95.5%. This is great I hear you say and it isn't too bad. This places us 9th in the Trust (out of 29 schools), the DfE total was 94.8% and the total for just the South West was 94.6%. So as you can see we are doing ok. However, you know I am ultra competitive and would love to see us in the top 5 and really improve our overall percentage. Can we have a conscious effort to make sure you are in school AND on time!

Next week is equally as busy and exciting! Year 3 & 4 have got forest school on Wednesday (rain or shine!), year 3 & 4 have also got a reading workshop on Friday and on Wednesday there is a SEND coffee morning (do come along, even if your child does not have SEND needs and you just want to pick Miss Broom's brains!).

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- **Elm: Otis for Confidence, Arabella for Commitment & Hugo for Presentation**
 - **Oak: Tom for Craftsmanship & Jasper for Presentation**
 - **Maple: Alex for Commitment & Zeb for Presentation**
 - **Ash: Aria for Confidence & Mason for Presentation**

- **Sycamore: Everyone for Collaboration**
 - **Beech: Taylor for Commitment & Sienna for Presentation**
 - **Pride of Colyton: Brooke & Mrs Chick**
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Important Dates



Wednesday 19th March

SEND Coffee morning

Friday 21st March

Red Nose Day - Non Uniform for a donation

Friday 21st March

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 - English 9am

Monday 24th March

Bikeability Level 1 & 2

Friday 28th March

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 English 9am

Friday 28th March

Non-Uniform in exchange for Easter Eggs/Easter Chocolate

Tuesday 1st April

Year 3 & 4 Play- Day

Thursday 3rd April

Year 3 & 4 Play - Evening

Friday 4th April

Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition £1 entry per item

Friday 4th April

Last Day of Term

Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April Easter Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April First Day Back

Words of the Day & Big Question

Big Question: What are your favourite first signs of spring?



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.

- **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/>

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- **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

Colyton Primary Science Fair







FAFA UPDATE



Dates for Your Diary Spring Term 2

Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th February - Parents evenings

Tuesday 4th March - Pancake races @ school - 2pm

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character and bring a story to share with us

Thursday 6th March - Get involved and make a difference - FAFA social @ The Colcombe - 7.30pm

Friday 7th March - Bring in donations of satsumas and jelly babies for our Grizzly refreshment stand

Wednesday 12th March - School Science Fair @ Colyton Town Hall

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Friday 28th March - Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter chocolates

Tuesday 1st April - Year 3/4 play @ school in the afternoon

Wednesday 2nd April - Easter tombola @ bottom playground - during pick up

Thursday 3rd April - Year 3/4 play @ school in the evening

Friday 4th April - Easter Service @ Colyton Church
Decorate an egg or Easter bonnet competition @ school
Last day of term!

Look out for posters and school emails for more information

Colyton FAFA need you!



Want to meet like minded people, make friends and find out about contributing towards positive experiences for your child at school? Or maybe just fancy a night out at the pub!

With our numbers in decline we need more support with our fundraisers and events.

Help us raise money towards extra curricular school resources and events such as forest school, school trips and the development and improvement of your child's environment.

Low commitment, huge value.

**Join us at The Colcombe, Colyton to
find out more**



**Thursday 13th March
7.30pm**



or get in touch at fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk



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!

Upcoming Events and Information



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Pre Loved

CHILDREN AND BABIES

CLOTHES AND TOYS SALE

FROM
2PM UNTIL 4PM



Saturday
29th
March

TEA AND HOMEMADE
CAKES!

Tombola and raffle!



At Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre, Coly
Road, Colyton, EX24 6PU

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Easter Holiday Tennis Camps



For more information and to book please visit:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/joewaterstennis>

joewaters07@outlook.com

Venue:
Seaton Tennis Club

April 8th & 10th
April 15th & 17th



JOE WATERS
Tennis




RUBY RED RUNNING
EST 2014


THE MINSTER CHALLENGE 2025
 Community trail run

Saturday March 29th : 10am
Event HQ: Axe Valley Academy



Fall Minster	Half Minster	Fun Minster
12 Km	20km	8km
Ages 17 and over	Ages 12 and over	Under 12's









Entries @ www.rubyredrunning.com


Theatrix Arts Presents

THE SAND DRAGON

Interactive show
& workshop!

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL AT 3PM

Adults £12, Under 12's £9
Family of 4 £33



MAKE
YOUR OWN
PUPPET!

While on holiday Edie and her Daddy find a magical pebble that can grant you one wish.
Can you guess what Edie wished for?



THIS INTERACTIVE SHOW IS SUITABLE FOR AGES 4YRS +.

THE CAFE WILL BE OPEN FOR REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS FROM 2PM.

DOORS OPEN AT 1.30PM. SHOW STARTS AT 3PM. WORKSHOP STARTS AT 3.45PM

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SEE THE ORIGINAL QUEENS HIT THE BIG SCREEN



WRITTEN BY TONY MARLOW & LUCY MOSE

SIX

THE MUSICAL LIVE!

The Beehive Honiton



TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025 AT 7PM

Tickets: Adult £16, U12's £13

The box office smash-hit and double Tony award-winning *SIX* the Musical has reignited excitement. As a global theatre phenomenon since its 2019 debut at Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the electrifying show follows the long-misunderstood wives of Henry VIII as they strut out of the shadow of their infamous husbands to reclaim their narrative and finally tell their stories in their own words - with plenty of raucous good fun along the way.

Written by Tony Marlow and Lucy Mose, this musical for the ages sees the six queens - Catherine of Aragon, Richard III's Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII's Jane Seymour, Elizabeth I's Mary of Cleves, Elizabeth I's Katherine Howard, Elizabeth I's Catherine Parr (Queen of Hearts) - take back the microphone through a series of raucous, empowering performances.

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Colyton Primary Academy

Story Time

Preschool story time
Tuesdays 2.50- 3.10pm





Easter Holiday Sports Courses

Tatworth Primary

Multi Sports: Mon 7th, Tue 8th, Wed 9th Apr, Mon 14th, Tue 15th, Wed 16th
(9 - 4.30 option available)

Uplyme Village Hall

Multi Sports: Mon 10th & Thu 17th Apr | Football Frenzy: Fri 11th Apr

Colyton | Reece Strawbridge Centre

Multi Sports: Tue 8th, Thu 10th, Tue 15th, Thu 17th Apr

Beer Primary

Football Frenzy: Wed 9th & Wed 16th Apr

9am–3pm, £19 per child per day. For ages 5–12.

Contact Sporting Chance head coach Mark Bailey

✉ mark@sportingchancesw.co.uk

5% off

when you spend
£40 or more

Bookings available online now at
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JOE WATERS
Tennis





Decorated Easter Egg/Bonnet Competition!

Bring your decorated Easter Egg or Easter Bonnet to the hall,
On Friday 4th April, prizes for the best entry!

£1 to enter.

Entries to be done by the children themselves
Money raised goes to FAFA

Charity No: 1022325





EASTER EGG TOMBOLA!

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL
AFTER SCHOOL ON THE BOTTOM PLAYGROUND

MONEY RAISED
GOES TO

COLYTON PRIMARY
AND
BIFF'S BATTLE

£1.50 PER
TOMBOLA TICKET



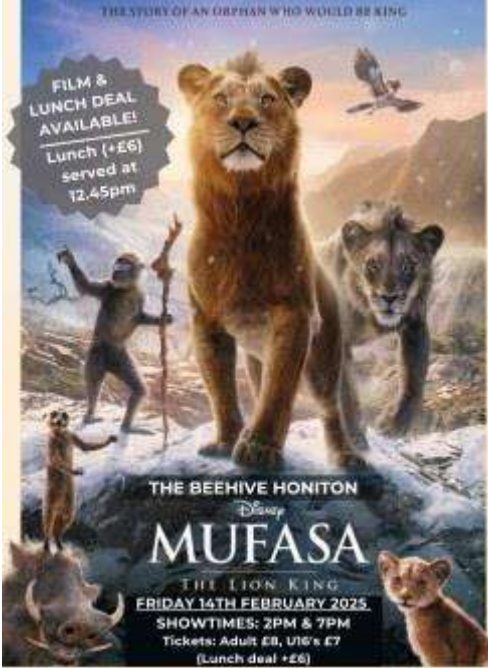
Biff's
Battle

Charity No: 1022325



THE STORY OF AN ORPHAN WHO WOULD BE KING

FILM & LUNCH DEAL AVAILABLE!
Lunch (+£6)
served at 12.45pm



THE BEEHIVE HONITON
Disney
MUFASA
THE LION KING
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025
SHOWTIMES: 2PM & 7PM
Tickets: Adult £8, U16's £7
(Lunch deal +£6)

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PARIS BUBBLES PRESENTS



TICKETS:
ADULT £12, U12'S £10
FAMILY OF 4 £40

**THE ULTIMATE
BUBBLE SHOW**

THE BEEHIVE HONITON 

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025 - 11AM

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