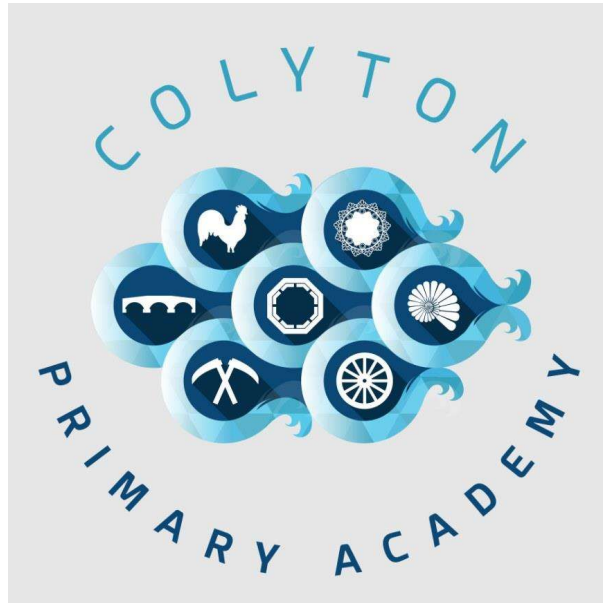




# Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

## 7th March 2025

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*Spring Term Week 8*

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## A word from Mrs. Mills



Dear Parents,

What a busy week this has been! Thank you to all of you who attended our Pancake Day races, what super fun and perfect weather to do them in. Well done to all the racers for competing and dodging seagulls and huge thank you to Mr Russell who organised the whole event.

A huge thanks and well done for some FANTASTIC World Book Day costumes ... Everyone looked amazing and it was great to be able to talk about our favourite books and celebrate our love of reading. KS2 took part in a live national assembly about this and we all had fun spotting 'Where's Wally' among the staff.

It was lovely to see some of you again for our Join Us morning today. We have tried to space these across the year on different days so that as many of you can come. It is great to be able to share what goes on day to day, share our learning and for you to be in to help the children with their work.

Happy International Women's Day! This week the children have produced some FANTASTIC writing linked to different female signers, I know that some of this was sent home for some of you to see. I'm sure you are as proud as we are. I did a school tour on Monday and it was so fun dancing the Locomotion by Kylie in reception class, not quite a normal week but we loved it!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in fruit and sweets to help the Grizzly runners on Sunday and to FAFA who will be out all day manning a stall so that we can get a donation towards our school funds. Amazing work once again.

Next week: BUSY!

**MONDAY** - Years R and 1 have Balance Bikeability (Monday -Thursday)

**WEDNESDAY** - Science Fair (bring your inventions and experiments to the SCHOOL HALL first thing, not the Town Hall this year) I can't wait to see what crazy concoctions you make this year.

**FRIDAY** - Year 1 and 2 reading parent workshop, come along and see how we teach phonics and spend some time reading with your child in the library.

Have a fantastic weekend celebrating International Women's Day... Celebrate the special women and girls in your life.

Happy Friday,

Mrs Mills

## Celebration Award Winners



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- **Elm: Bertie for Presentation & Ryan for Commitment**
  - **Oak: Cosmo for Craftsmanship & Libby for Presentation**
  - **Maple: Thea for Presentation , Otto for Commitment & Amelie for Creativity**

- Ash: Sarah for Commitment & Jess for Presentation
  - Sycamore: Willow for Presentation, Brendon & Kaydan for Commitment
  - Beech: Leland for Commitment & Charis for Presentation
  - Pride of Colyton: Miss Hutton
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## Important Dates



### **Monday 10th March**

Balance Bike Ability R & Year 1

### **Monday 10th March - 17th March**

National Science and Engineering Week

### **Wednesday 12th March**

School Science Fair

### **Friday 14th March**

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 English 9am

### **Wednesday 19th March**

SEND Coffee morning

### **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

## Words of the Day & Big Question

**Big Question:**



## 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 without 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 Portal<sup>1</sup>. 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)<sup>2</sup> or check the school website for information School Attendance | Colyton Primary Academy<sup>4</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup>[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

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

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

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## Pancake Day Races











## Year 5 Forest School













A few photos from World Book Day





## 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](mailto:fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk)

## 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

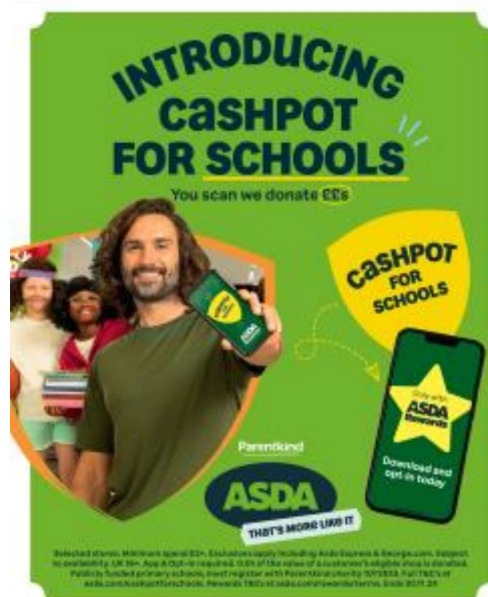
### Year 1/Reception

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





Colyton Primary  
Academy's 2025

# SCIENCE FAIR

Witness amazing discoveries on  
Wednesday 12th March at the  
SCHOOL Hall

DOORS OPEN FOR VIEWING:  
9.00AM- 11.30AM.

PLEASE COME AND VIEW SOME OF  
OUR AMAZING SCIENCE  
EXPERIMENTS

PLEASE BRING ALL OF YOUR  
EXPERIMENTS AND ANY  
DISPLAYS YOU HAVE DONE TO  
THE SCHOOL HALL FROM  
8.30AM



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Pre Loved

# CHILDREN AND BABIES

CLOTHES AND TOYS SALE



FROM  
2PM UNTIL 4PM

Saturday  
29th  
March

Tombola and raffle!

TEA AND HOMEMADE  
CAKES!



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

CONTACT US FOR A STALL



01297 552567 / [colytoncaterpillars@btconnect.com](mailto:colytoncaterpillars@btconnect.com)

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WORKSHOP

ROALD DAHL'S  
**CHARLIE**  
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

with

**David Birch**

star of the original West End cast  
of  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



**Wednesday 16th April 2025**

**Thomas Hall School, Exeter**

**Juniors (ages 5-11) - 9am to 12pm**

**Seniors (ages 12-18) - 1pm to 4pm**

Free demonstration for families at the end of each workshop  
**£30 per child**

**Singing, Dancing and Acting!**

To book your place,  
email [tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk)





RUBY RED RUNNING  
EST 2018



## THE MINSTER CHALLENGE 2025

Community trail run

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



### Full Minster

12 Km  
Ages 17 and over

### Half Minster

5Km  
Ages 12 and over

### Fun Minster

5km  
Under 12's



Entries @ [www.rubyredrunning.com](http://www.rubyredrunning.com)



Colyton Primary Academy

# Story Time

Preschool story time  
Tuesdays 2.50- 3.10pm





# **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





# 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



