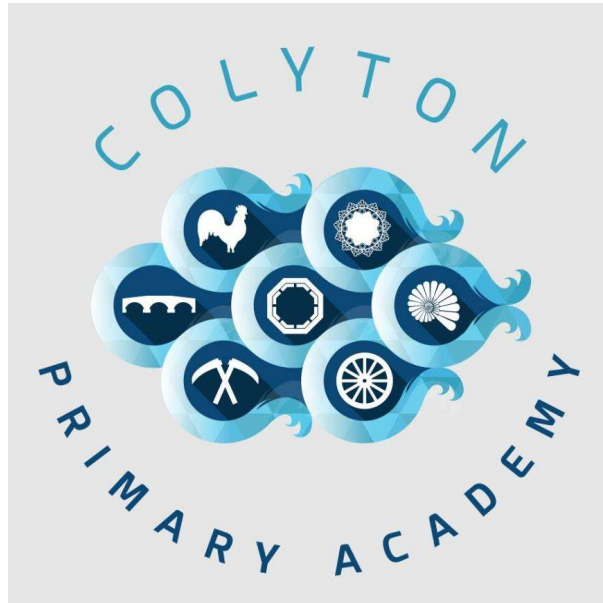




Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

14th February 2025

Spring Term Week 6

A word from Mrs. Mills



Wow! How many fabulous cakes were there in school this morning? What a super effort from everyone and congratulations to our winners of the Valentine's Cake Competition:

- ***Elm: Arabella***
- ***Oak: Tom***
- ***Maple: Herbie***
- ***Ash year 3: Kemi***
- ***Ash year 4: Ollie***
- ***Sycamore: Alfie***
- ***Beech: Charis***
- ***Star Baker: Edith***
- ***Runners Up: Phillipa, Thalia & Daisy H***

We are now officially half way through the school year! For those in reception its your first half a year done but for year 6 its your last one coming up.

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health week and everyone looked so 'expressive' today on dress to express day. Making sure we continue to talk about the importance of keeping our minds healthy as well as our bodies is vital.

The children also talked about Safer Internet day this week too and how to stay safe online. I am in the process of arranging for SWGfL to come and do a parent talk about technology and our children so watch this space!

Finally, I hope you enjoy the pictures of some classes completing their Colyton Extras this week... There was trifle, cup cakes, toast and cereal on offer! (and lots of remembering how to wash up and use a dishwasher too!)

Have a fantastic half term break! Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- Elm: George for Presentation & Harry for Collaboration
 - Oak: Elliot for Commitment Emily for Presentation
 - Maple: Hugo for Presentation, Ottie & Molly for Collaboration
 - Ash: Jacob for Commitment & Poppy for Presentation
 - Sycamore: Jacob for Presentation & Emily for Commitment
 - Beech: Jack for Collaboration & Hazel for Presentation
 - Pride of Colyton: All of Year 3 & 4, Ottie, Molly and Mr Russell
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Important Dates



Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Half Term

Monday 24th February

First Day Back

February 25 -27th

Parents Evening

24th February - 28th February

Take a tale week

Tuesday 25th - 27th February

Parents Evening - Elm Class parents evening is on Wednesday 26th Please sign up in class. All other parents Evenings will be via Parent Mail times and dates may vary depending on which class you child is in.

Friday 28th February

Flourish Friday

Tuesday 4th March @2pm

Pancake Day Races

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Friday 7th March

International Women's Day

Friday 7th March

Join us! Parent Involvement Morning

Monday 10th March

Balance Bike Ability R & Year 1

Words of the Day & Big Question

Big Question: Who was Saint Valentine?



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 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 | Colyton 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.

- **Parents Evening 25th -27th February**

You can book this on Parent Mail dates may vary depending what class you child is in

Elm class parents you can sign up with the class teacher at pick up or drop off.

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

Year 6 Got their hoodies today. Well done for fundraising to get these.



Colyton Extras: Year 1 learnt how to make breakfast and clear up afterwards.



















Colyton Extras: Year 2 Learnt how to make and spread toast







Colyton Extras: Year 3 made Trifle





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

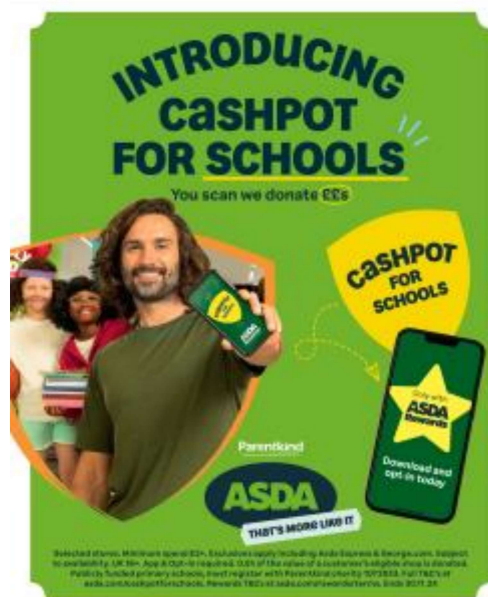


From Mrs Monger. Places where Children can eat for free or £1

Everywhere kids can eat free or for £1 this half-term

- ASDA Cafes
- Dobbies Garden Centres
- Dunelm Pausa Cafes
- IKEA Restaurants
- Morrisons Cafes
- Sainsbury's Cafes
- Tesco Cafes
- Angus Steakhouse
- Bella Italia
- Bill's
- Burger King
- The Coconut Tree
- Franco Manca
- Gordon Ramsay Restaurants
- Harvester
- Las Iguanas
- OK Diners
- Preto
- Purezza
- The Real Greek
- Zizzi
- Brewdog
- Hungry Horse
- S.A. Brains Pubs
- Sizzling Pubs
- Beefeater
- Brewers Fayre
- Premier Inn
- Table Table

Upcoming Events and Information



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

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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 6th March
7.30pm**



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

Colyton Primary Academy

Story Time

Preschool story time
Tuesdays 2.50- 3.10pm



'Guides is the most adventurous thing... It gives you the opportunity to meet people and see things you wouldn't normally see, and it's just an amazing experience'
Bryony



Guides

1st Colyton Guides

Join our fun trial sessions

Starting Monday 20th January 2025 at the Upstairs Reece Strawbridge Centre Hall

Contact Anna on 07905632704 or by e mail 1stcolytonguides@gmail.com to sign up and discuss further

At Guides, all girls are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before!

for ages 10 to 14



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: exempted from registration



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

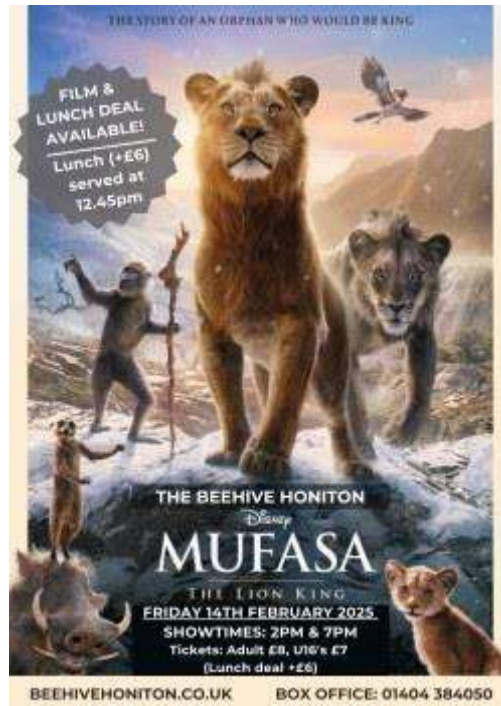
£1.50 PER
TOMBOLA TICKET



Biff's
Battle

Charity No: 1022325





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NO OUTRAGED DANCING ACTRESS



Jack and the Beanstalk

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