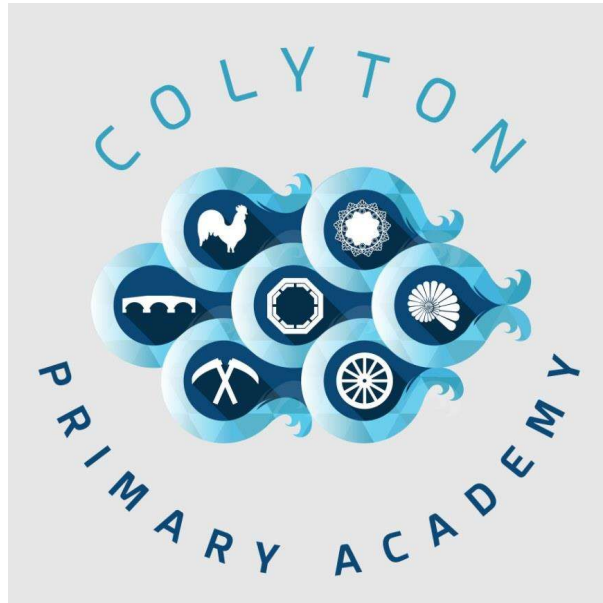




Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

17th January 2025

Spring Term Week 1

A word from Mrs. Mills



Happy first full week back!

I hope you have been enjoying the sunrises/sunsets/full moon this week? Some of the skies have been amazing. It is still dark in the mornings but just think in one month, when we return from half term, the sun will be setting at 5.45pm so lighter evenings are on the way.

This is a busy half term! Next week, we have our first parent workshop in maths. This is on Wednesday at 9.00am for years 1 and 2. This will be a chance for you to play some great maths games with your child and explore those number facts to build fluency that we know is so important. **Wednesday 22nd January, 9.00am years 1 and 2**

There will then be a parent workshop each Wednesday for the following two weeks for years 3 & 4 and then 5 & 6. There is also a Phonics workshop for reception parents on 29th January at 2.30pm.

We will finish the term with a Join Us! Parent involvement morning too. Make sure you go through the diary dates to get all of this on your calendar.

In the final week of term we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health week and on the Friday (February 13th) we will be 'dressing to express' so children can express their true personality.

Tonight there is the first FAFA Movie Night after school so make sure you come along for a chance for a cosy film with your lovely children.

This week we have been having a big push on presentation in each year group and we are looking for children who are making a great progress with this. We use a scheme called Kinetic Letters to teach handwriting and in every class we are practicing daily.

Have a fab weekend, Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



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- Elm: George for Commitment & Kieran for Presentation
 - Oak: Tom for Commitment & Charlotte for Presentation
 - Maple: Ivy-Rose for Commitment, Jack for Presentation & Alex for Confidence
 - Ash: Elliot for Presentation & Summer for Commitment
 - Sycamore: Isla & Brooklyn for Confidence
 - Beech: Jasmine for Confidence & Scarlett for Presentation
 - Pride of Colyton: Jack Year 2 & Edward
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Important Dates



Wednesday 22nd January

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 Maths

Wednesday 29th January

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 Maths

Monday 3rd February - Friday 7th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths

Friday 7th February

Flourish Friday

Wednesday 12th February

Join Us! Parent Involvement Morning

Friday 14th February

Dress to Express- Children's mental health day

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Half Term

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First Day Back

Words of the Day & Big Question

Big question: 'What are the first signs of spring?'



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School Notices



- **Primary School Applications deadline 15th January 2025**

Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school¹

If you or anyone you know is applying for a school place for a child to start reception in September you can use this link.

- **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.

- **Free School Meals:**

Find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals! Apply through the Devon Citizens Portal². 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)³ or check the school website for information School Attendance | ⁴Colyton Primary Academy⁵ This also covers holiday during term time.

¹<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

²https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live

³<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

⁴<https://www.colytonprimary.org.uk/school-attendance/>

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- **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.

Upcoming Events and Information



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



Valentines Bake Off!

Create valentines themed cupcakes and biscuits to be entered into the bake off.

On Friday 14th February.

£1 entry, cakes/biscuits to be taken to the school hall in the morning.

Prizes to be won!

The cakes and biscuits entered will then be sold at the end of the day in a cake sale.



Charity number 1022325

Family Film Night!

Children to be accompanied by an adult

Friday 17th Jan, 5pm - 6.45pm
Colyton Primary School

PADDINGTON

Free entry

Refreshments available to buy



**Siblings,
beanbags and
pyjamas
welcome!**

fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk

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