



Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter

15th November 2024

Autumn Term Week 10

A word from Mrs. Mills



What a week... I'm not sure anything could really top Tuesday when we shared our fantastic news with you. We are so excited to have been able to release the OFSTED report and thank you so much to everyone who has sent us messages of congratulations. We really are very proud and can't wait to just keep building on this huge moment.

It seems to have come just in time too as the Devon Portal for September 2025 starters has opened. So, if you know anyone who has a child ready to start school next year then make sure they know to come and have a look around Colyton. We can't wait to welcome you to our '**Good**' school.

Back to business... Next week we have another parent workshop but this time focused around reading. This week it is for years 1 and 2 parents and will start at 9am in the school

hall. We will be talking about how we teach reading, the importance of reading for pleasure, echo and choral reading and then you can read with your child and have a chance to choose a lovely book from our library together. We hope you can make it!

This week your child will be bringing home a list of diary dates and key Christmas events. This time of year is so busy and it can get really confusing. I think for most Fridays in December we are wearing our Christmas jumpers (at least you will get value out of them!). The FAFA team would love donations for the raffle and on the 6th December your child can wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for chocolate for the chocolate tombola!

Today as part of our personal development curriculum the year 1 children visited Abbeyfield Care Home. They took some of their favourite stories and retold them to the residents. It was such a lovely and valuable experience for them all.

Don't forget we still always need reading volunteers so if you can spare just an hour a week then pop in to the office to grab some volunteer pack forms!

Have a **GOOD** weekend! Mrs Mills (I am still super excited and beaming!)

Important Dates



Tuesday 19th November

Parent Workshop Year 1 & 2 -English

Thursday 21st November

Bags2School collection

Tuesday 26th November

Parent Workshop Year 3 & 4 -English

Friday 29th November

Flu Vaccinations - Apologies for incorrect date stating 19th November.

Friday 29th November

Year 6 Individual Photos -afternoon

Tuesday 3rd December

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 - English

Friday 6th December

Christmas Craft Afternoon - 2pm start for pupils and their special adult (1 per family - no younger siblings please)

Friday 6th December

Wear something Christmassy

Monday 9th December

Year 5 & 6 Parliament Trip

Monday 9th December

Year 2 Panto - Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 11th December

SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 13th December

Reindeer Run

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

Christmas Fayre from 3.20 in the School Hall.

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Nativity in the afternoon

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch - Please book on parent pay

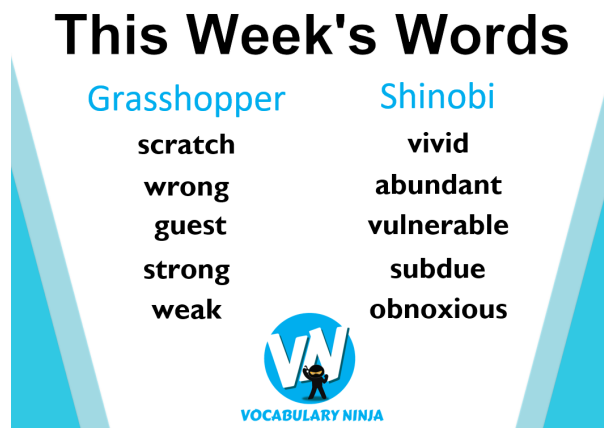
Wednesday 18th December

Christingle Service - Meet at school at 5.15pm for a 6pm start.

Friday 20th December

Last day of term!

Big Question and words of the Day



Big Question: In the news this week there has been lots about the USA election.

Who is Donald Trump and why do you think he won the election?

Celebration Award Winners

- Elm: Hugo H & Harry for Collaboration
 - Oak: Simon & Emily for Craftsmanship
 - Maple: Maisie for Confidence & Eira for Creativity
 - Ash: Ruby & Annabelle for Creativity
 - Sycamore: Jacob & Harris for Creativity
 - Beech: Whole Class for Confidence
 - Pride of Colyton: Bertie & Bertie
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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.

- **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.

- **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**

Year 5 & 6 Parliament December 9th - please pay on parent pay ASAP

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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Year 2 Panto Trip Axminster Guildhall - please give consent on Parent Pay

PGL 2025 - Current Year 5's trip to PGL next year is live on Parent Pay.

Remembrance Day



Our year 6 went down to the war memorial to commemorate remembrance day.

Year 6 Art Collaboration

Over the last few weeks our Year 6's have worked on a project with a local artist.

UMBORNE BRIDGE STUDIO
UNIT 1 DOLPHIN ST
COLYTON EX24 6LU

RIVER COLY PROJECT

**EXHIBITION AT UMBORNE BRIDGE
STUDIO, DOLPHIN ST, COLYTON**

**Open 12/13/15/22/26 & 30 November
10am-3pm or by appointment.**

A FREE creative community exhibition for all about
our very own river, the Coly, from the source to the
Axe.

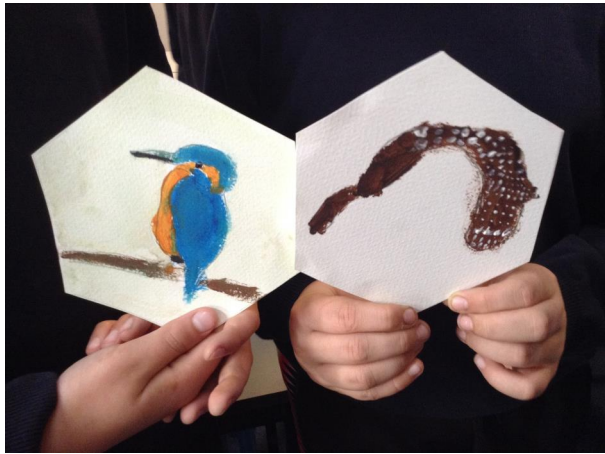
Featuring art, poetry, nature journaling and
illustration, crafts, local history and memories.

Find out more: www.annabrewster.com/rivercoly
team@umbornebridgestudio.co.uk or 07828 859755











FAFA Event Bags 4 School November 21st

FAFA



**BAGS 4 SCHOOL
Collection
November 21st
COLYTON PRIMARY ACADEMY**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.....

Please bring donations to the school - Donations can be brought in before school on 21st November 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****



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Charity No: 1022325



Dates for Your Diary Autumn Term 2

Friday 15th November - Children in need - wear spots or pyjamas for a small donation

Thursday 21st November - Bags2School collection 9.00am - bring your donations on 20th or first thing on 21st

Friday 6th December - Swap items of uniform for Xmas clothes in exchange for chocolate donation & Christmas craft afternoon 2pm for pupils and their special adult (1 per family - no younger siblings please)

Friday 13th December - Reindeer Run for charity during school hours

Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Fayre from 3.20 in the School Hall. (We would appreciate any cake donations for this event. Also look out for raffle tickets on sale in the week before)

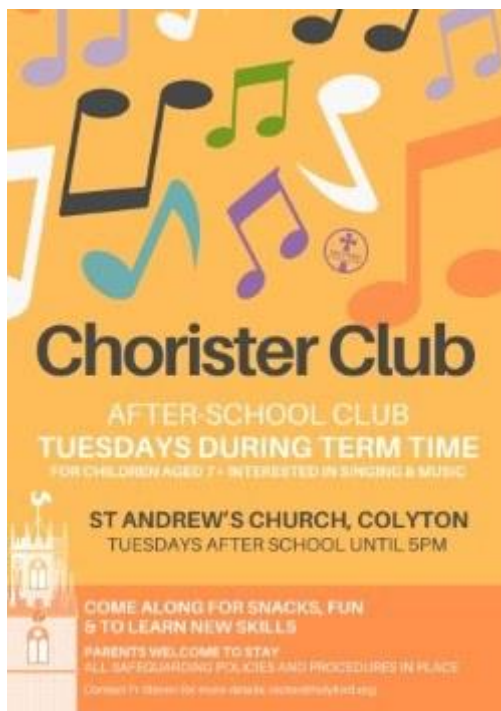
Tuesday 17th December - KS1 Nativity in the afternoon

Wednesday 18th December - Christingle Service - Meet at school at 5.15pm for a 6pm start at St Andrews Church - Refreshments available at the church from 5.30pm
Donations of mulled wine and mince pies are welcomed

Friday 20th December - Last day of term!

Look out for posters and school emails for more information

Upcoming Events and Information



Chorister Club
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
TUESDAYS DURING TERM TIME
FOR CHILDREN AGED 7+ INTERESTED IN SINGING & MUSIC

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, COLYTON
TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5PM

COME ALONG FOR SNACKS, FUN
& TO LEARN NEW SKILLS

PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY
ALL SAFEGUARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE
Contact Fr Oliver for more details: colyton@st-andrews.org



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Yes Please

- Mens, Ladies and Childrens 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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COLYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
FRIENDS & FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Charity No: 1022325

CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

Friday December 13th
After school at
Colyton Primary Academy

REFRESHMENTS & CAKES
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
STALLS & MORE

ADMISSION: FREE

THE POLAR EXPRESS
Tram Ride

1/3 OFF TICKETS*
COLYTON PRIMARY ACADEMY
For Departures on
23rd & 24th November
*Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers or discounts

20th ANNIVERSARY
THE POLAR EXPRESS

RAIL EVENTS
SEATON TRAMWAY
WB

THE POLAR EXPRESS
BELIEVE

The advertisement for The Polar Express Tram Ride. It features a night sky background with a large full moon and stars. On the right, Santa Claus is shown riding a sleigh pulled by reindeer. The text on the left promotes a 1/3 off tickets for the tram ride at Colyton Primary Academy on November 23rd and 24th. Logos for the 20th Anniversary of The Polar Express, Rail Events, Seaton Tramway, and Warner Bros. are at the bottom. A Polar Express ticket stub is shown in the bottom right corner.

2024

Family Holy Night

COMPETITION

Make your own Nativity Scene
out of anything you can find;
the more creative the better!

Submissions to St Andrew's Church by
Monday 2 December

Entries will be displayed as part of
Colyton Christmas Fayre on
Wednesday 4 December

Single & group
entries of all
ages welcome

holyford.org



*'And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us'*

Contact Amy Dare: 07538 410437 | youth@holyford.org



Friday 6th December
**Wear something
 Christmassy!**



**Send your child into school
 looking festive! Items of uniform
 can be swapped for Christmas
 clothing in exchange for a
 chocolate donation which can be
 used in the Christmas Fayre
 tombola!**



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