

.Colyton Primary Academy Newsletter 25th September 2026

Summer Term



Happy end of September! How has it been nearly a month since we have started school. It has been such lovely Autumn weather too; crisp in the morning and warm by the afternoon.

Thank you all for your kind words this week following my family bereavement, it means a lot. We went to visit Father Steven at the church this Thursday and he told the children the story of the Good Samaritan and being kind to our neighbours. You have all shown me kindness so thank you.

I have not had the chance to thank the **"Carnival Crew"** for joining us two weeks ago for another successful carnival entry! First place and the Brownies Community Cup - what a brilliant achievement. Thank you to all the children and parents that joined in as well as Miss Moul and Mrs Derryman.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the **maths workshop** in years 1 and 2 this week. I hope you found it useful and got some great ideas for games to play at home!Next week this will be the turn of the year 3 and 4 parents to join us from 9am - 10am.

Over the holidays **Percy's dad** has kindly built us some **new planters** and his gran has paid for some lovely flowers and plants to go in them. They look amazing so HUGE thank you to them all for this wonderful addition to our school.

Lots of you attended the **FAFA AGM on Monday**. Lots of fundraising ideas were discussed and some new people have joined and taken on some vital roles. This is always great. The FAFA (PTFA) are a vital lifeline to our school and we really value their contributions.

This week we have changed the way we play football - we are going to trial girls days and boys days. This worked so well and it was lovely to see more girls joining in and playing football together!

I do have a few reminders about a few things:

Road Safety: In the morning we do have two taxis that bring the children to school. The taxi drivers are unable to park up and walk the children to the gate for various official reasons. Therefore they will be dropping the children at the gate. We usually do ask that parents/families do not park at the gate and allow children out unless this is a reasonable adjustment and has been arranged with the school. With this in mind I do ask that if you see the taxis approaching please be mindful that they will be pulling up to the gate and stopping. Please allow them space and if you are in the cars waiting behind then please be patient with them. We are just trying to get the children in to school safely. Thank you.

Uniform: Children in years 3 - 6 are wearing their PE kits to school on their PE days as we have noticed that this saves time (and space!) for getting changed. Children in other year groups must have their PE kit in school and in a few weeks we will review this policy to see if it would be easier for the younger year groups to attend in PE kits also. Your thoughts on this are much appreciated! Please however remember that PE kits MUST be unbranded and follow the school colour and children should wear their school jumper or cardigan alongside this. PE Kits: **Plain** sky blue t-shirt, **plain** black/navy shorts/joggers/leggings , school jumper/cardigan and trainers.

Secondary School Applications: Apply for a Secondary School Place – Year 6 parents. The application window for secondary school applications is open. The application window closes on the 31st October and any applications made after that point are treated as late. This can impact whether or not your child receives their preferred school. The application process and advice can be found via the link below. If you have questions about secondary schools please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team.https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school- place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/

The Big Future Survey The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Future survey. It's a chance for children to have their say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what they love, what worries them, how they have fun, and the changes they want for a better future. There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important! It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the survey.https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture The survey link will remain live until October half term. The closing date is Friday 23 October 2026.

Attendance: School attendance is vital, we know that and I have probably nagged you about it for many years already. However, just as a reminder. Please make sure your child is in

school, on time, each day and avoid unnecessary absences. Holidays of any kind will not be authorised and you may be liable to a fine if you do take your child on an unauthorised holiday. Please know that this is not a school fine, this comes from DCC and any money paid does not come back to the school.



Finally, have a lovely weekend, Mrs Mills

Celebration Award Winners



Oak: Eva for Commitment & Alistair for Craftsmanship

Maple: Ada for Curiosity & Kieran for Commitment

Ash: Charlotte for Confidence & Kegan for Confidence and Commitment

Willow: Summer for Communication & Curiosity, Torin & Arthur for Communication

Beech: Wandi & Iris for Confidence

Pride of Colyton: Hugo M & Archie T

Important Dates



Tuesday 29th September

Parent Workshop- Year 3 & 4 Maths - 9am

October 1st

Black History Month

Thursday 1st October

Flu Immunisation - please complete consent via the link on the letter.

Tuesday 6th October

Parent Workshop Year 5 & 6 Maths 9am

Friday 9th October

Year Yellow for Mental Health

Monday 12th October

Year 6 PGL Residential

Tuesday 20th October

Join Us -9am

Tuesday 20th October

Harvest Festival - Church 2pm

Friday 23rd October

INSET Day

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Half Term

Monday 2nd November

First Day Back

FAFA Updates

Colyton Primary Academy FAFA

Our Year at a Glance – Key Events for Families

Whether you're new to Colyton Primary or a seasoned FAFA supporter, here's a quick guide to some of our much-loved events through the school year. They're a chance to get involved, celebrate together, and raise funds for our children.

🎂 **Class Bake Sale** (Various Dates)
Children will be sent home with a plate and a date. Bring back some home baked goodies for a class bake sale. All proceeds to be spent on extra resources for that class. Parent volunteers needed to help with the bake sale after school.

🎃 **Pumpkin Decorating Competition** (End of October)
Children create their own carved or decorated pumpkin at home (no adult entries please!). £1 entry, with prizes to be won.

🎶 **School Discos** (Various Dates)
Two sessions: KS1 followed by KS2. Parents can stay or drop off and go. Fancy dress at Halloween. A chance to dance, laugh, and let off steam!

👕 **Bags2School Collections**
Have a clear-out and help us raise funds. Drop off unwanted clothes and textiles at the school office or main gate — we receive money for every bag collected.

✂️ **Christmas Craft Afternoon** (December)
Parents and carers are invited into school to join their child for festive crafting. Please note this is an adults-only activity — no younger siblings.

🎄 **Christmas Fayre** (December)
After school fun with stalls, games and refreshments. A chance to buy your child's handmade craft and enjoy the seasonal buzz!

🕯️ **Christingle Service at St Andrew's** (December)
A special community celebration with songs, candles, and refreshments at the church.

🔬 **Science Fair** (Spring Term)
Children investigate an experiment at home, then bring elements into school to display and share. A short write-up explains their discoveries.

🐣 **Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition** (Spring Term)
Decorate an egg or bonnet at home, bring it in with £1 entry, and compete for prizes. Creativity encouraged — think outside the box!

🌸 **Maypole Dancing** (May)
Celebrate tradition with music, dancing, and refreshments on the church green. A highlight of the summer term!

💌 **Stay in touch**
For dates, reminders, and more ways to get involved, we'll keep you updated through newsletters and notices.
Questions? Get in touch with us at **fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk**.

Key Dates for Your Diary

October 8th - Bags2School & Yr 6 Bake Sale

October 9th - Wear Yellow for Children's Mental Health

October 17th - School Spruce Up - Help us tidy up the kids outdoor space **9am-12noon**

October 20th - Harvest Assembly in Church 2pm

October 22nd - Pumkin Carving Competition, £1 entry and Halloween Disco after school

November 3rd - School Photos

November 11th - Pre-loved Xmas Jumper Sale after school

November 13th - Children in Need - Wear spots, something funny or PJs

December 3rd - Christmas Jumpers in exchange for chocolate donation &
Christmas craft afternoon 2pm for pupils and their special adult (1 per family - no younger siblings please)

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Christmas Fayre 3.20pm in the Hall

December 15th - KS1 Nativity school afternoon

December 16th - Christingle Service - Meet at school 5.15pm for a 6pm start at St Andrews Church - Refreshments from 5.30pm

December 18th - Last day of term - Non-uniform £1





Cake to Plate

Class Bake Sale



Beech Class Yr 6

Thursday 8th October

All funds raised will go to the hosting class

We are looking for volunteers from each class to help at the bake sale. Please let your class teacher know if you can join us or email: fafa@colytonprimary.org.uk

Charity No: 1022325

Big Question



Big Question: What makes somewhere a good place to live?

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD



- **ARBOR:**

Clubs will be live from 6pm on Friday 17/09/2026

PGL final Payments are live on Arbor

- **Free School Meals**:

Find out if your child is eligible for Free School Meals! Apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. 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) or check the school website for information School Attendance | Colyton Primary Academy 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 or other hazelnut spread, Pesto, Humus, and Peanut Butter

Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Events and Information



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AXE VALE NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR SESSIONS

Teamwork
Friends
Netball
Fun!

STARTING AGAIN
TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER



All abilities welcome!

Qualified coaches

YEARS 2-5	YEARS 6-7	YEARS 8-9	YEARS 10-11
5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM

We are an all inclusive friendly club who play matches in the Exeter & District Junior Netball League.

Training is on Tuesdays during school terms at Axminster LED Indoor Sports Hall.

All abilities welcome!

For further information email us on

love2playnetball@gmail.com

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PRIMARY ACADEMY
School Spruce Up!
Come and help us spruce up our school!
Saturday 17th October
9am – 12pm
We'll be weeding, painting and giving the school grounds a general tidy-up.
Weeding & planting
Painting & brightening up
Tidying & freshen up
Hot drinks & breakfast rolls provided!
Children are very welcome to join in!
Come along, lend a hand and help make our school look its best.
No experience needed – just bring gloves!


Colyton Family and Friends Association
Annual General Meeting
2026
Everyone is welcome to join us.....
Calling all team players, innovators, and visionaries! It's time to celebrate another year of incredible achievements and gear up for a future brimming with even greater success.
Refreshments avaliable.
Monday 21 September 2026
7 for 7.30pm
Colyton Primary Academy Hall

MINOR INJURIES SERVICE

Seaton & Colyton Medical Practice

FOR MINOR INJURIES ONLY
INJURIES MUST HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN THE LAST 48 HOURS

Seaton & Colyton Medical Practice provides a Minor Injuries Service for people living in Seaton and surrounding villages. This service is available to both registered and non-registered patients.

WE CAN HELP WITH

- Minor cuts and wounds
- Sprains and strains
- Minor burns or scalds
- Minor injuries requiring assessment

THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR

- Injuries over 48 hours old
- Illness or long-term conditions
- Suspected fractures or broken bones

No X-ray facilities are available on site.

IF YOU SUSPECT A FRACTURE OR SERIOUS INJURY

Please attend:
Honiton Minor Injury Unit
Exeter Hospital / Accident & Emergency

PLEASE CALL BEFORE ATTENDING – 01297-20877

This helps us to:

- Assess your injury
- Offer an appropriate appointment time
- Reduce waiting times

OPENING TIMES

Weekdays during normal practice opening hours
(Not available evenings, weekends or Bank Holidays)

Seaton & Colyton Medical Practice - Helping local people access care closer to home

Little Ninjas 3-7 Years





Juniors 7-13 Years





Adults 13+ Years



GREAT CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

DARCH MARTIAL ARTS
CALL: 07976 268 155
www.darchmartialarts.co.uk
Darch martial arts

Little Ninjas

Our Little Ninjas Kickboxing program is more than just a class; it's a dynamic adventure for children aged 3 to 7.
We blend professional instruction with exhilarating, age-appropriate activities to cultivate not just physical prowess, but also vital life skills. Our mission is to empower your child, building a robust foundation for their confidence, discipline, and overall well-being.

THE KEY BENEFITS:

- Enhanced Motor Skills
- Boosted Confidence & Self-Esteem
- Cultivated Discipline & Respect
- Foundational Self-Defence
- Positive Energy Outlet
- Sharpened Focus & Concentration
- Promotes Physical Fitness
- Develops Social Skills
- Fosters Problem Solving
- Fosters Resilience & Perseverance
- Stranger danger
- Emotional Regulation
- Develops Goal-Setting Habits
- Provides a Structured & Safe Environment
- Drug awareness
- Anti bullying

Juniors

Is your child ready for an activity that's exciting, challenging, and builds lifelong skills? Our Junior Kickboxing program for ages 7-13 is specifically designed to provide a dynamic environment where children thrive, both physically and mentally, while learning invaluable lessons in respect, confidence, and how to stand strong against bullying and essential life skills. .

We go beyond just kicks and punches, focusing on comprehensive development that instills positive character traits and practical self-defence.

Adults

Tired of mundane workouts? Ready for a fitness journey that profoundly impacts every facet of your life? Our Adult Kickboxing program for ages 13+ offers an exhilarating, supportive, and transformative experience designed for anyone seeking to build strength, master new skills, and unlock their absolute best self.

THE KEY BENEFITS:

- Explosive Fitness & Energy
- Sharper Focus & Mental Resilience
- Practical Self-Defence Mastery & Awareness
- Unstoppable Confidence & Self-Belief
- Stress Mastery & Emotional Well-being
- A Thriving, Supportive Community:
- Goal Achievement

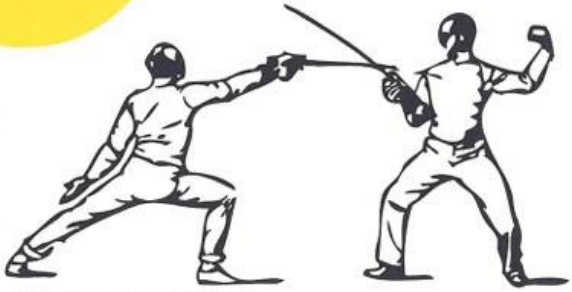
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THURSDAYS
JUNIORS: 17.30-18.45
SENIORS: 18.45-20.00

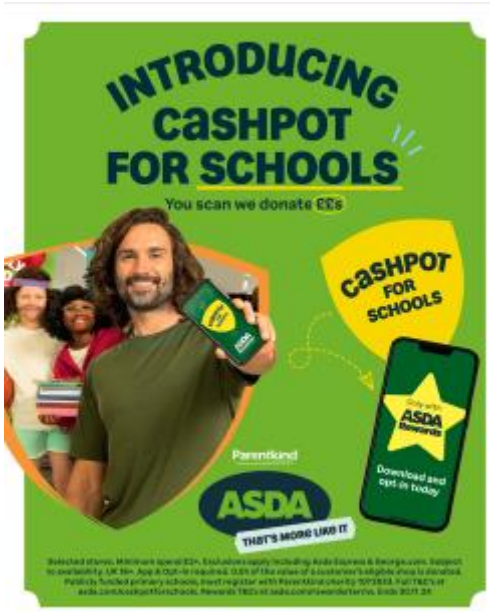
Be special; be different!
Try fencing.
It's not fighting; it's fencing.

Wear trainers & trousers.
All kit provided.

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