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Monday 19 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Key Stage 2 Choir with Mrs Towers from 8.30am. Selected Year 3 pupils to Cromer Tennis Club am. Please send children with car seats. Selected Year 6 girls to Bradfield Cricket Club am. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). Colby Comets away at Coltishall after school. No KS2 Boys' Football Club after school today due to Football Match. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Selected Year 6 pupils to Cycling Championships at Eaton Park am. School closes at 3pm for Summer half term. No After School Club today. Family Friday on the playing field after school – you are very welcome to hang out after school.
Monday 2 nd June 2025	School reopens from 8.30am. No Breakfast Club today.



WE PROMOTE STAFF WELL-BEING



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May: School closed for Summer half term.

Friday 6th June 2025: School photographs (class, siblings and individual) from 9am.

Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June 2025: Year 6 Crazy Sleepover.

Monday 23rd June 2025: Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.

Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June 2025: Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Aylsham High School.

Wednesday 25th June: Ruby Class trip to the Norfolk Show.

Friday 4th July 2025: Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover from 6pm! £10 per child.

Tuesday 22nd July 2025: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am (usually lasts 45 minutes to an hour).

Tuesday 22nd July 2025: School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Headteacher Awards

Alfie (Sapphire) for amazing tricky words in phonics

Florence (Sapphire) for reading time to the half hour!

Ralph (Sapphire) for using brilliant punctuation

Charlie, Harry, Olivia, Alannah (Sapphire) for incredible bog baby descriptions

Archie (Spider phonics group) Orin, Etta (Sapphire) for super phonics learning

Libby (Sapphire) for solving a tricky number sequence

Albie, Rosa, Ralph, Ruby, Archie, Olivia, Stanley W, Stella and Oscar (Sapphire)
for great investigative maths

Louis (Sapphire) for moving up another reading level!

Giles (Sapphire) for being really helpful when tidying the classroom

Felix (Sapphire) for fab phonics on 'y'

Libby, Felix, Stanley W and George (Sapphire) for good time work

Arwen, Stella, Ralph and Felix (Sapphire) for super-duper reasoning Maths

Alannah, Mia, Archie, Florence, Olivia, Ruby, Oscar and Charlie (Sapphire)
for being 'strong' diggers!

Herbie, Seb, Rita and Oliver (Emerald) for times tables success

Emily and Charlotte (Emerald) for stunning times table progress

All of Emerald Class for amazing attitude all week

Amethyst class for fantastic attitudes to their tests this week!

Orin (Amber) for great music knowledge

Charlie (Amber) for amazing maths

Arthur P (Amber) for building and flying a super kite

George and Jude (Amber) for building a beautiful nest for a bird in the garden

To all of Amber Class for being amazing and sensible so their buddies could focus on their tests

Ava B, Norah, Quinn and Arthur P (Amber) for brilliant effort and focus



Colby Kitchen Summer term menu

Monday 19 th May 2025	Cheese and ham pasta bake in white sauce, served with garlic bread, peas / sweetcorn. Fruit.
Tuesday 20 th May 2025	Mince and vegetable bolognese served in a jacket potato with cheese, carrots and green beans. Fruit.
Wednesday 21 st May 2025	Sweet and sour chicken, served with rice and prawn crackers. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 22 nd May 2025	Meatballs in tomato sauce, served in a sub roll with salad. Yoghurt and fruit.
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Omega 3 fish fingers in a roll served with salad sticks (carrots, peppers, cucumber) and humus. Yoghurt and fruit.



LEGO COMPETITION

Next week, there will be a LEGO competition, and whoever makes the most unique and the best LEGO model, wins a Classic LEGO model kit worth £25!

Please email Mrs Mead (head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk) before Thursday 22nd May 2025 with a photo of yourself with your model. Mrs Mead will forward your photos to me to judge.

Unlimited number of entries. Entries cost 50p per model. Please pass your 50p entry to me.

Harriet (Amethyst Class)



Exam success and thank you

We could not be more proud of our lovely Year 6 pupils for their hard work and determination to succeed in their National Tests this week. They have pushed themselves to achieve their best throughout the preparation period and have excelled this week.

We are very grateful to Year 6 parents and families for supporting with work at home and having a thoughtful and sensible approach to encouraging their children – reminding them that it is about doing their best and not comparing themselves to others. Well done Year 6 – we are so proud of you and hope you will have a brilliant weekend celebrating your achievements.

Year 6 have appreciated the thoughtfulness of the whole school this week. Ruby Class made Year 6 beautiful individualised good luck banners to surprise the children in the hall on Monday morning, Amber class were as quiet as mice to make sure it was perfect exam conditions for Year 6 in the hall. All other children tip-toed around the building and whispered throughout the week. Thanks too to staff who have worked longer days and raced about to help with National Test administration.

If you have ever talked to me about National Tests / exams, you will know it is a subject I feel very strongly about! I genuinely believe that if we can provide children with a positive experience during their first National Tests then this will help them to succeed in the exam system at High School.

We do everything we can to make sure children are supported and nurtured during preparation for the National Tests and make full use of access arrangements during National Test week. Year 6 children have flourished and are feeling really proud of themselves today – and so they should!

Well done, Year 6 – you rocked it this week!



Challenge Club

After a few weeks break, the Challenge Club mascot has been awarded this week to Stella in Sapphire class, for her enthusiasm, persistence and endeavour when using the hurdles and agility ladders. The children undertook solo runs or races using a variety of hurdles this past week, and enjoyed the challenge of jumping over the higher hurdles without knocking them down.

Big congratulations to Stella, very well deserved. We hope to see lots of KS1 continuing to enjoy using the equipment at Challenge Club next week.

Many thanks, Hannah B and Sophia



Transition between schools / moves

Transitions, whether this is the move from primary to secondary school, or a move from one class to another, can be times when children feel more anxious. The **Just One Norfolk** and **Anna Freud** websites have some useful resources about transition that might be of interest, particularly to parents of children in Year 6.

- **Just One Norfolk - transition:** <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/child-development-additional-needs/additional-needs/transition/>
- **Starting high school:** <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/school-life/resources-for-families/starting-high-school/>
- **Supporting transition:** <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/school-life/resources-for-families/supporting-transition/>
- **Anna Freud:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFpVOIpeksk>



Headteacher Recruitment Pack – sharing your views about Colby School

The Governors of Colby School are seeking feedback from Colby's community of parents, carers, staff, volunteers, neighbours, friends, and pupils past and present, in order to understand what the school means to them. We'd love to hear from you, so please let us know your views below - all feedback is confidential. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/1P3GDL91otUpNBdB8>

Please respond by Wednesday 21st May 2025.

Christine Mead