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Colby School News Issue - Friday 19th September 2025
The Week Ahead

Monday 22 th September 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills PE Event at Colby School. Please can all Sapphire Class children and Year 1 in Amber Class come to school dressed in their PE kit today. This event will be led by our Sport Captains and Sport Leaders. We will be joined by children from other local schools for this event. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 23 th September 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 24 th September 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 25 th September 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Friday 26 th September 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. “Mini Mannington” author event at Mannington Hall for Year 4 and Year 5 pupils. Fully funded by The Book Hive and local business sponsors. Children will be leaving Colby School at 9am and will return in time for lunchtime. Award winning children’s author, Guy Bass, will leading this event. Please email the school office if you give permission for your Year 4 / Year 5 child to attend, quoting “Mini Mannington” in your email. After School Club until 5pm. £5.





Autumn Term Dates

Monday 29th September 2025: Phonics Meeting for Parents led by Mrs Frost at 9am.

Thursday 2nd October 2025: Amber and Sapphire Class Buddy Lunchtime Picnic Event.

Monday 6th October 2025: Cross Country Event for all Key Stage 2 children (Emerald, Ruby and Amethyst) at Beeston Hall 1 – 4pm.

Wednesday 8th October 2025: Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurements Programme (NCMP).

Thursday 9th October 2025: Amber and Sapphire Harvest Festival Assembly at 9.15am. KS1 Families are very welcome to attend this event.

Monday 13th October 2025 – Wednesday 15th October 2025:

Parent Interviews for Amber, Sapphire, Emerald and Ruby Class 3.15pm – 5.45pm.
Appointments for Amethyst Class to be confirmed because Mr Frost will be on a training course during some of the times above.

Thursday 16th October 2025: Tag Rugby event at Holt Rugby Club for selected pupils 12.30pm – 4pm.

Friday 24th October 2025: School breaks up for the half term holiday today at 3pm.
No After School Club today.

Monday 3rd November 2025: School reopens for the second half of Autumn term.
No Breakfast Club today.

Monday 3rd November 2025: After School Club Special – Pumpkin and Bonfire Night themed.
3 – 4.45pm. £5 per child. Includes refreshments and craft activities.

Friday 14th November 2025: Remembrance Service led by KS2 pupils at 9.15am. KS2 families welcome to attend.

Christmas performance arrangements to be confirmed later in the Autumn term.

Friday 12th December 2025: No After School Club today.

Friday 19th December 2025: School breaks up for the Christmas Holiday today at 3pm.
No After School Club today.



Lost Property

Several parents have already reported that their children have lost items of uniform or property such as water bottles, packed lunch boxes etc. Please could you check all of your child's uniform and property this weekend in case they have things that don't belong to them. **Please name** all of your child's property so we can get things back to them if they get misplaced. Thank you for your help with this.



Headteacher Awards

To all Amber Class Year 1s for showing fabulous Year 1 behaviour in their spelling check

Elliot (Amber) for being incredibly kind and helpful

Jude (Amber) for being a kind and helpful friend

Heath (Amber) for sharing his ideas during carpet time

Luna (Amber) for being a super helpful tidier

Anya and Florence (Sapphire) for impressive independent writing

Clara (Sapphire) for superb maths

Iris (Sapphire) for LOTS of reading at home

Etta and Max (Sapphire) for amazing effort writing their Frog letter

Stanley, Barnaby, Bo and Alannah (Sapphire) for beautiful reading

Etta, Ellie, Sophie, Brooke, Harper, Evie, Archie, Arthur C, Amelie, Stanley (Sapphire)
for fantastic base 10 maths

All Sapphire Class for being superb role models to younger children in Assembly

Sebastian (Emerald) for drawing an amazing tiger

Oliver, Harry, Daisy, Isobel, Ben, Jaxson, Daisy, Ruby and Phoebe (Emerald)
for brilliant place value

Oscar (Emerald) for an amazing answer about parables in RE

Rita, Frankie, Emily, Charlotte, Maya and Olive (Ruby) for amazing maths

JP (Ruby) for a fantastic assessment score in maths

Frankie and Rita (Ruby) for trying a really hard maths task

Whole of Ruby class for working really hard this week

Frankie and Rita (Ruby) for being Stars of the Week

Maia (Ruby) for great place value

Hugo (Ruby) for being super kind to a friend

Jacob, Isabelle, Margot, Rita, Seb, Annie, Charlotte, Felix, Leo and Edward (Ruby)
for great reading records

Jaxson and Phoebe (Emerald) for fantastic answers in Computing

Ava, Delilah, Tiggy and Thomas (Amber) for drawing lovely pictures for Mrs Mead

Evie (Sapphire) for being a great example in Assembly



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every day of the week from 8am. It costs £5 per session, payable on Parent Pay. Please bring your child to the black gate at the front entrance of the school, near the flag pole. Please press the Breakfast Club buzzer and Simon will let you in. Breakfast Club takes place in the school hall, which is accessed through the green doors directly in front of the entrance. Please try to drop your child off by 8.15am at the latest to give them enough time to enjoy their breakfast.

Children enjoy juice, cereal, yoghurt, fruit and toast. Please do not hesitate to speak to Simon if you have any questions regarding food choices or allergies.

Breakfast Club is a social place and we hope your children enjoy the relaxed and friendly environment – a great start to the day.



Colby Kitchen

Monday 29 th September, 13 th October 2025	Macaroni cheese served with sweetcorn and peas. Fruit.
Tuesday 30 th September, 14 th October 2025	Chicken and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Yoghurt / fruit.
Wednesday 1 st October, 15 th October 2025	Beef and vegetable burritos served with rice. Yoghurt / fruit.
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Teddy Bears' Picnic Buddy Lunch. Children are invited to bring their teddies to have a picnic lunch (pizza, sausage rolls, quiche and salad) with their Buddies.
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, ham, baked beans and tuna and sweetcorn mayonnaise served with salad.
Friday 3 rd October, 17 th October 2025	Cheese and tomato pizza, chicken pizza or pepperoni pizza. Fruit.
Monday 22 nd September, 6 th October, 20 th October 2025	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, sweetcorn and peas. Yoghurt / fruit.
Tuesday 23 rd September, 7 th October, 21 st October 2025	Beef and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Yoghurt / fruit.
Wednesday 24 th September, 8 th October, 22 nd October 2025	Breaded chicken and tomato salsa wraps served with vegetable couscous.
Thursday 25 th September, 9 th October, 23 rd October 2025	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, sausage and spaghetti hoops served with salad. Fruit.
Friday 26 th September, 10 th October, 24 th October 2025	Fish fingers in a bread roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks (cucumber, carrot and pepper). Yoghurt / fruit.



What does Phonics look like at Colby?

From their first few weeks in school, our EYFS / Reception children follow a systematic synthetic phonics program. Our DFE recognised scheme, 'Twinkl Phonics' has proved to be popular with the children and very effective as a learning tool.

Children are introduced to individual letters or groups of letters and learn what sound or 'phoneme' they make. Children in EYFS / Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoy daily phonics sessions when they follow the specific sounds and spelling patterns appropriate to their developmental stage. They learn in small groups and we carefully monitor their progress through regular assessments. Children may move phonics groups as their needs change.

We practise blending sounds to make whole words using fun practical activities and learning. Children take a reading book home to practise these new skills with parents.

At the end of Year 1, children will take the national Phonics Screening Check, which assesses how many of the 40 phonemes children can 'read'.

- We have attached an overview of the phonics we cover. Phase 1 – 4 is covered in EYFS / Reception. Phase 5 is covered in Year 1.
- Also included is the Phase 2 sound mat where you can see each phoneme we cover in order.
- We introduce the children to an action for each phoneme and there is a copy of these for you too.

I will be running a phonics/reading meeting for parents on Monday 29th September at 9am. Could you please let the office know if you are able to attend, so that I have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

If you have any questions on phonics or early reading before then, please come and find me!

Mrs. Sarah Frost (Sapphire Class teacher)



WhatsApp

School Quick Contact WhatsApp group

We have a Colby School WhatsApp group for contacting you in case of emergency (such as snow days, power cuts etc) and general reminders (free dress days, cake sales, sport events etc).

If you would like to be included in this WhatsApp group, please email me on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk with your telephone number and child's name. Thank you.



Volunteers

We are very grateful to parents / family members for help with transport for trips and sporting events. We wouldn't be able to do so much without your support. If you think you might be able to help with transport this school year, please contact the school office to arrange to come and complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check. It is a simple and free check that will only take about 15 minutes to complete.



Thank you for lots of books!

A huge thank you to Brooke and Nevaeh's Mum for buying lots of new phonics' books again for Sapphire Class to enjoy. Sapphire Class children are very grateful and are enjoying working their way through all the new stories. Thank you very much – we really appreciate it.



Wonderful news!

I am delighted to inform you that Maddy (Amber teaching assistant) and her husband, Christian, are expecting a baby. We are very excited for them. Congratulations!

As we have a pregnant member of staff, please could you inform us immediately of any cases of chicken pox – thank you for your help with this.

Have a great weekend!

Christine Mead