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The Week Ahead

Monday 1 st December 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Choir with Mrs Towers before school. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Amber Class Christmas Crafts afternoon. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Key Stage 2 Football and Girls' Football Club. £5.
Friday 5 th December 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Children at ASC will be given the opportunity to visit the Christmas Fayre, so please send them with some pocket money if you would like them to take part. The Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre from 3pm – 4.30pm.





Autumn Term Dates

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

Tuesday 16th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium, North Walsham from 6pm. Please drop children off at 5.40pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium from 6pm. Please drop children off at 5.40pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Christmas Party Food lunch.

Thursday 18th December 2025: Christmas Drop In Morning – a chance for parents past and present to pop in to say goodbye to Mrs Mead and Simon. More details below.

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



Key Stage 2 Pantomime at The Atrium, North Walsham

Parents have been issued 2 tickets per family for each Performance at The Atrium, North Walsham (Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 17th December 2025). If you do not need tickets for both nights, please return your unwanted tickets to the school office so we can reissue them.

Unfortunately, due to The Atrium's fire regulations and capacity, we have been told that younger siblings are not allowed to sit on parents' laps for the shows.

Please drop children off at The Atrium at 5.40pm. If you are not staying to watch the Pantomime Performance, please pick your child up at 7pm. Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

Archie (Emerald) for being really helpful sorting out raffle tickets

Albie (Emerald) for being very kind to a Reception pupil by donating a dinosaur mat

Mia (Emerald) for super subtraction in maths

Sebastian and Giles (Emerald) for fantastic maths

Hudson (Amethyst) for spending an hour writing very neatly and putting great effort in

Charlie (Sapphire) for impressive independent writing

Anna, Brooke, Felix, Florence, Charlie, Evie, Alannah, Anya (Sapphire)
for fabulous independent story writing



Colby Kitchen

Monday 1 st December 2025 Monday 15 th December 2025	Pasta Bolognese with vegetables, served with cheese and garlic bread.
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025 Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Breaded fish served with boiled potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Beef and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots.
Thursday 4 th December 2025 Thursday 18 th December 2025	Jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese, spaghetti hoops and / or sausages served with salad.
Friday 5 th December 2025	Cheese pizza and / or pepperoni pizza served with salad sticks and houmous (swapped because FOCS will be serving hot dogs at the Christmas Fayre).
Friday 19 th December 2025	Sausage in a roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks.
Monday 8 th December 2025	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, garlic bread and salad.
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Chicken and vegetable korma served with rice and poppadoms.
Friday 12 th December 2025	Cheese pizza and / or pepperoni pizza served with salad sticks and houmous.

Please note, there will be no hot dinners served on
Wednesday 10th December and Thursday 11th December 2025
due to the Amber and Sapphire Nativity Performances.

Christmas Party Food Lunch on Wednesday 17th December 2025
– more details to follow next week.



More Headteacher Awards

Harper (Sapphire) for amazing home reading
Arthur T, Ellie and Hollie (Sapphire) for superb weather report homework
All Year 1s for brilliant smelly senses investigations
Annie, Charlotte, Emily, Felix, Herbie, JP, Leo, Lily, Maia, Margot, Maya, Milo, Olive, Quinn and Seb (Ruby)
for being fantastic Time Table Rockstars
Isabelle (Ruby) for passing Super Olympic times tables
Emily (Ruby) for passing Olympic times tables
Charlotte, Margot, Maya and Felix (Ruby) for passing European times tables
Hugo (Ruby) for passing Gold times tables
Phoebe, Harry H, Ralph, Ruby, Albie and George (Emerald) for incredible maths
George (Emerald) for brilliant answers in lessons
Sebastian (Emerald) for great history knowledge
Charlie and Isobel (Emerald) for stunning attitudes to learning
All of Emerald for stunning awesomeness all week!



Amber and Sapphire Nativity Performances

Wednesday 10th December 2025:

Nativity Performance for Amber Class parents at 9.30am and Nativity Performance for Sapphire Class parents at 1.30pm.

Thursday 11th December 2025:

Nativity Performance for Sapphire Class parents at 9.30am and Nativity Performance for Amber Class parents at 1.30pm.

Please note, Amber and Sapphire children perform together in all four Nativity Performances. We allocate tickets for the performances by class for administration reasons.

There is some flexibility for Amber parents to come during sessions for Sapphire parents and vice versa. Please email the school office (office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk) if you would like to come to a Nativity Performance which is not allocated to your child's class.

Please note there will be a collection after the Nativity Performance, if you would like to bring some spare change to donate.

You are welcome to take children home afterwards if you attend the 1.30pm Nativity Performances (including any older siblings).

We look forward to welcoming you to Colby School for the Nativity Performances.



FOCS Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December 3pm

We are super excited..... Only 1 week to go until the Christmas Fayre. If it's your first time joining us, you are in for a treat. And if it's not, you will already know how popular the Fayre is.

Thank you so much for all the yummy chocolate prizes sent in for the Free Dress Day. We are so grateful for these. We will have lots on offer on the Chocolate Tombola.

Please return your **raffle tickets** to the school no later than Wednesday 3rd December. More are available from FOCS committee members on the school gate. We have some amazing prizes (full list below). Tickets will also be available on the Raffle stall on the day up to 4pm. Don't miss out on your chance to win big.

Lucky bags have been sent home with your children. Please fill these with novelty items and sweet treats (instructions will be on the bags) and return these to School.

We are also asking for donations of **cakes and bakes** to sell on our refreshments stall on the day. These can be homemade (please label ingredients) or shop bought but please remember no nuts. These can be left in the beach hut at drop on the morning of Friday 5th December.

Lastly, we are looking for items for our produce stall such as homemade fudge, potted plants, sweet cones and Christmas novelty items. If you could help us with this please contact Carly on 07990 333094.

Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Team FOCS

Raffle Prize List

1st Prize - £100 M&S Hamper sponsored by Feeney's Tree Services

2nd Prize- £75 Colchester Inns Voucher Sponsored by Dewing Grain

3rd Prize - £50 Cash

Other prizes include

£40 Amazon Voucher

£20 Artisan Bistro

2 x £25 Plough Inn Vouchers

3 x Wine and Chocolate Hampers

2 x National Trust Family Day Passes

JR Family of 4 Bowling or Soft play Entry

Barrett & Coe Photography voucher

Wine

plus many more prizes to be won



Emergency School Closure

Wintry weather is forecast so I thought it would be useful to remind you (and let Reception parents know) about procedures relating to Emergency School Closure. Closing the school will always be a last resort and I hope the arrangements detailed below will not be necessary.

Before the school day begins:

In the event of very severe weather I may have to close the school. If this is the case, I will inform County Hall as early in the morning as possible.

Information is available from County Hall in the following ways:

- **Local Radio Station**

The closure advice is usually relayed after the news and travel bulletins up until about 9.30am.

- **Norfolk Website**

Details of school closure can also be found on the Norfolk public website, www.norfolk.gov.uk by selecting 'Emergency School Closures'.

I will also post on our Colby Facebook page and Colby School Messages WhatsApp group.

During the school day:

If weather deteriorates during the school day it may be necessary to close the school or to cancel After School Clubs to ensure children / families and staff can get home safely. If I decide we need to close the school you will receive an email asking you to collect your child(ren). Details of closure will also be available by the methods listed above.

If it is snowing in the morning you may decide it would be safer to keep your child(ren) at home, depending on the distance you travel and considering your safety collecting your child(ren) if the weather deteriorates during the day.

We hope to have normal school days for the rest of this term, particularly as we have lots of lovely things planned, and will only close if we feel it is absolutely necessary because of safety.

Thanks for your understanding.



NEW Sapphire Google Classroom

All children in Colby School have been given a new email address and therefore we have a NEW Google Classroom. Every child in Sapphire has been sent an invitation to their new email address which they need to accept. Their new email information is stuck into the front of their reading diaries. Miss. Covell has posted new spellings on the old site for this week only.

Mrs. F.



Using Images of Children Consent Form.

Taking photographs is part of everyday life in Amber Class – it's a lovely way for staff to be able to share learning on the Tapestry website and for parents to see the fun children have throughout the day.

We also take photographs of children throughout the school for displays, for our website, newsletter and for applications for awards and competitions.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission to photograph or make recordings of your child. We have reissued our Consent Form to some of you this week to update our records.

Conditions of Use.

We will not use the personal details or full names of any child with a photographic image in any of our publications or displays (with the exception of the private platforms of Tapestry and Google Classroom).

If a child or group has won an award and we would like the name of the child to accompany a photograph separate permission will be sought before publishing.

We will only use images of pupils who are suitably dressed.

It is good practice to seek permission from the child before publishing a photograph.

Historic photographs may remain on our school website or Facebook page.

The majority of stored photographs of children will be deleted one year after a child leaves Colby School. However, there are some exceptions to this ie. Buddy photographs which are kept until one year after the younger Buddy leaves Colby School or photographs which may be used for promotion or competition / award entries. Please speak to Mrs Mead if you would like further details about this.

Photography is never permitted in areas where children are changing in or out of sport clothes or costumes.

Parent / family Use of Images.

When parents / families attend events and performances within school, they may take photographs of their children for their own private use when permission has been given by the Headteacher and the Governing Board – this includes events such as Harvest Festival, Christmas performances, Sport Days or sporting events. Photographs should only be used within the family and should not be posted on social media or websites. Posting images of children other than your own without permission is a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.

If you had already given permission for all areas on the Using Images of Children Consent Form, you will not have been reissued a form this week. If you do not think you have completed this form, and haven't received one this week, please let us know and we will send you one.



Colby Running Club

Congratulations to Seb, Barney, Jacob C and Olive for earning their running badges and to Flint for earning his bracelet. Bring in your £1 whenever you can.

We had 42 runners this week, with the children showing amazing enthusiasm as they set their 2k times! Some of the finishes were incredible! Mr B



Colby Runners do Blickling Parkrun

Hey everyone, due to the huge success of Colby Runners we are encouraging all families to head down to Blickling Parkrun on Sunday 14th December. It will give children and families a chance to socialise and run together, sharing our enthusiasm for being active and healthy! We are hoping to have a good turnout and show off what an active school we are! Hopefully I will see you there!

Mr B



Bikeability

Well done to all our wonderful Year 4 and 5 children for doing a great job with their bikes today and to the Year 6's who battled the cold all last week during their Bikeability. The reports were very positive from the instructors and it looked like everyone had a good time. Well done! Mr B



Nearly time for goodbye

It is hard to believe there are only 3 weeks until the end of term and until Simon and I will leave the wonderful community of Colby School. We'll see you at the various upcoming Christmas events but would also like to invite parents past and present to pop in to say goodbye during the morning of Thursday 18th December 2025, if you would like to. The Handbell team and Choir will be performing and FOCS will be providing refreshments. We'll be heading down the red carpet (Year 6 leaving tradition) on the playground at 3pm on Friday 19th December 2025 – a quick exit because I know I will be very emotional by then. And then off to Heathrow on Saturday 20th December 2025, for our next adventure to begin.

Christine Mead