#### COLBY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# Colby School News Issue 11 - Friday 21st November 2025 The Week Ahead

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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.
	After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.
	Choir with Mrs Towers before school.
	KS2 Football Club with Ben. Please note the change of day this week only. £5.
	After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.
	After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.
	Free Dress Day for the FOCS Christmas Tombola. Children are invited to wear any warm and comfortable outfit. Please donate a chocolate prize.
	After School Club until 5pm. £5.
	Girls' Football Club. £5.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.
	Year 4 and 5 will need their bikes for their Bikeability sessions on the playground. WE ARE VERY SORRY THAT YEAR 3 WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN BIKEABILITY DUE TO THE NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS AVAILABLE. WE WILL ARRANGE A YEAR 3 CYCLING SESSION IN SCHOOL LATER IN THE YEAR.
	After School Club until 5pm. £5.





















**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025:** The Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre from 3pm – 4.30pm.

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025:

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

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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. You will be able to request this when more details follow nearer to the time.

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

Tuesday 16th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium from 6pm.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025:** Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium from 6pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Christmas Party Food lunch.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to follow nearer the time.

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



## **Key Stage 2 Pantomine at The Atrium, North Walsham**

Key Stage 2 are working hard to prepare for their Performance of Five Gold Rings. Tickets have been issued to Key Stage 2 children today. They were told to put the small brown envelope straight into their bag, so please check you have received them. We have given 2 tickets per family for each performance. 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. If you do not need tickets for both nights, please return your unwanted tickets to the school office so we can reissue them. Thank you.



**Colby Kitchen** 

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta,
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	garlic bread and salad.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Chicken and vegetable korma served with rice
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	and poppadoms.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Sausages and mash served with gravy, broccoli and carrots.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese, beans and / or tuna mayonnaise served with salad.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Cheese pizza and / or pepperoni pizza served with salad sticks and houmous.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2025 Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Pasta Bolognese with vegetables, served with cheese and garlic bread.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Breaded fish served with boiled potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Beef and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese, spaghetti hoops and / or sausages served with salad.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Sausage in a roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks.

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

Christmas Party Food Lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

– more details to follow nearer the time.



#### Messages received following our Remembrance Service and Governor Drop In Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was an honour to be invited to attend the Remembrance Service at Colby School this morning. I was so impressed with the respect and confidence shown by all Key Stage 2 children, whilst singing and talking about such an emotive subject. They are a credit to the school and I am sure you must all be very proud of them. A big thanks to the staff team for putting the service together. It was lovely to be able to meet some more of you today as well, and I look forward to continuing to do so over this term.

I also spent some time with the governors, dropping into lessons and talking with children about their work. It was a delight to see how engaged children are in their learning and how well they are able to articulate their ideas.

Mr Simon Smith

Wow - what a morning! I would like to reiterate my thanks to you and to the whole Colby Team for making us feel so welcome today. It is always a delight to come into school and see the Colby magic first hand, and today was no exception.

The remembrance service was beautifully delivered and incredibly moving. Well done to all KS2 children for their thoughtful and solemn words. They led by example, keeping calm and focussed during the power blips, and with absolute kindness throughout.

This was echoed by the other children in school too. They were completely at ease with the Governors popping into their classes, and enthusiastic to share their work and contributions. Despite the gloom of the storm outside, Colby continues to be a vibrant place of warmth and happiness.

Thank you,
Jill (Joint Chair of Governors)



### Friends of Colby School WhatsApp group

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help run the Friends of Colby School WhatsApp groups. More details and a Code of Conduct will follow from the FOCS team soon.



# Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre Friday 5th December 2025 3pm

It is not long to go until the FOCS Christmas Fayre. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in the hall, we will have the ever-popular raffle, tombola, lucky bags, lucky dip, produce and face painting, along with refreshments and games for all to enjoy.

We kindly help for your help with the below to make the fayre happen. Please remember, as always, nothing is mandatory. FOCS are always grateful for any donations received to help with fundraising for the wonderful Colby School.

Raffle tickets will be coming home with your children over the next few days. A full list or prizes will follow. We have some AMAZING prizes on offer including a £100 hamper, £75 Colchester inns voucher and £50 cash. Tickets are £1.00 each and 10 will be sent home with each pupil. Please sell as many as you can and return stubs and ticket to the office no later than Wednesday 3rd December. More tickets are available from the office, or you can find a member of FOCS on the gate.

**Lucky Bags** – these will be sent home in due course, and we ask that they are kindly returned to school filled with wrapped sweets and small novelty treats. These are so popular so as many as you can fill would be amazing.

**Tombola** – The popular chocolate tombola will return. A free dress day to be held at school and in exchange for this day we ask that a chocolate tombola prize is donated on the day. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for the date.

**Help on the day** – Can you help on the day with set up and or running stalls on the day. Please contact a member of FOCS if you would like to help.

Raffle Prizes – Could you donate a raffle prize or voucher, or do you know a company who possible would? Please contact Carly on 07990 333094.

#### Cakes and bakes for our refreshment stall on the day.

Homemade or shop bought cakes and Bakes, fudges and treats are all greatly received for our refreshment stall. Please label ingredients carefully and leave them in the beach hut on the Friday morning of the Fayre. (Please remember Colby is a Nut Free School – so please no Nuts)

Lastly.... If you having any old **Christmas wrapping paper** lying around we would love it for our table decorations.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Team FOCS



#### **Headteacher Awards**

Giles (Emerald) for helping with the Y6 bikes Jaxson (Emerald) for great computing **Nevaeh (Amber)** for amazing artwork on the computer Isobel and Sebastian (Emerald) for incredible learning behaviour Ava and Brooke (Sapphire) for fantastic neat independent writing Louis (Sapphire) for fantastic addition maths Clara and Kit (Sapphire) for super duper reading at home Iris (Sapphire) for excellent independent writing Alfie (Sapphire) for sharing the beautiful mini book he wrote with his nanny Amelie (Sapphire) for sharing her Lapland experience and Mabel's book Florence and Evie (Sapphire) for brilliant phonics games skills Anya (Sapphire) for brilliant independent maths Clara (Sapphire) for impeccable manners Ava (Amber) for being a kind friend Tiggy (Amber) for an amazing story map of Little Red Riding Hood **Jenson (Amber)** for great maths work **Atticus S (Amber)** for playing beautifully with friends Billy (Amber) for amazing writing in phonics Martha (Amber) for beautiful manners Rhys (Amber) for being a kind friend Ronnie (Amber) for being kind and supportive Nevaeh (Amber) for having great ideas in English lessons Elliot (Amber) for a wonderful chalk drawing of his Dad Harry (Amethyst) for amazing listening Arwen (Emerald) for super science

Have a lovely weekend!

Christine Mead