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Colby School News Issue 9 - Friday 7th November 2025
The Week Ahead

Monday 10 th November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Height and weight measurements for Year 6 and Reception children this afternoon. You should have received information from the NHS, forwarded to you by the school office. We will send it out again today, just in case. Please read and register etc.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
Tuesday 11 th November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Choir with Mrs Towers before school.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
Wednesday 12 th November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
Thursday 13 th November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p> <p>Girls' Football Club and KS2 Football Club. £5.</p>
Friday 14 th November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Remembrance Service led by KS2 pupils at 9.15am. KS2 families welcome to attend.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>





Autumn Term Dates

Friday 5th December 2025: The Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre from 3pm – 4.30pm.

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.

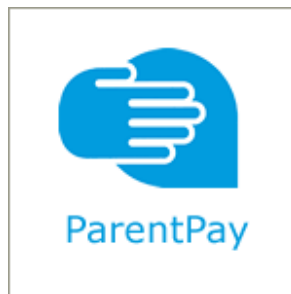
Please note, Amber and Sapphire children perform together in all four Nativity Performances. We allocate tickets for the performances by class for administration reasons. There is some flexibility for Amber parents to come during sessions for Sapphire parents and vice versa. You will be able to request this when more details follow nearer to the time.

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

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium from 6pm.

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.



Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone who has paid Parent Pay debts since the recent reminders. We still have a significant number of payments owed for After School Club, in particular, and we would appreciate your help with getting payments up to date.

If you have received an individual reminder, please pay as soon as you can. Please pay for any additional sessions of Breakfast Club or After School Club on the day of attendance, to ensure your debt does not increase.

If you are having difficulty making payments, please do not hesitate to contact me privately on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk. Thank you.



Colby Kitchen

Monday 10 th November 2025 Monday 24 th November 2025 Monday 8 th December 2025	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, garlic bread and salad.
Tuesday 11 th November 2025 Tuesday 25 th November 2025 Tuesday 9 th December 2025	Chicken and vegetable korma served with rice and poppadoms.
Wednesday 12 th November 2025 Wednesday 26 th November 2025	Sausages and mash served with gravy, broccoli and carrots.
Thursday 13 th November 2025 Thursday 27 th November 2025	Jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese, beans and / or tuna mayonnaise served with salad.
Friday 14 th November 2025 Friday 28 th November 2025 Friday 12 th December 2025	Cheese pizza and / or pepperoni pizza served with salad sticks and houmous.
Monday 17 th November 2025 Monday 1 st December 2025 Monday 15 th December 2025	Pasta Bolognese with vegetables, served with cheese and garlic bread.
Tuesday 18 th November 2025 Tuesday 2 nd December 2025 Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Breaded fish served with boiled potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
Wednesday 19 th November 2025 Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	Beef and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots.
Thursday 20 th November 2025 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 21 st November 2025 Friday 5 th December 2025 Friday 19 th December 2025	Sausage in a roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks.

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 nearer the time.

Xmas4schools™

Christmas is coming Eeek!

Please return your child's completed Christmas card design on Monday 10th November 2025 if you would like us to send it to Xmas4schools.



Sports Leaders

Colby Sport Leaders will be having some Leadership training over the next few weeks to help them deliver and plan some warm ups in PE lessons. Each leader will be expected to plan a fun and active warm up, collect resources, deliver the session and then put the resources away. This will occasionally need them to cross over Bridge Road in pairs. We feel that this is an important part of their development and we trust them to return to school safely. They will have help and training during their first session with the activity and road safety and expectations.

Please let the office know if you are happy for your child to cross the road without an adult. They will always be in a pair with another pupil.

Many thanks, Mr B



Running Event!

Norfolk Athletics will be holding their County Finals on Sunday 4th January 2026 at Earlham Park. I've attached a flyer with further details — pupils will need to book themselves directly onto the event.

If any runners finished in or around the top 10 at the Stalham event then it might be a good chance to run against other children from across the area.

Mr B



Bikeability

With Bikeability for KS2 just around the corner can we please ask that we have consent forms returned by Wednesday 12th September. We will be registering the pupils next week and if we have not received your forms then unfortunately your child won't be able to participate. Please have a check through of bikes and equipment if you do want your child to be involved and if you have any questions then please let me know.

Thanks as always for your support.

Mr B



Headteacher Awards

Henryk (Amber) for a super picture of all things Autumn in computing
Harley (Amber) for being a great Year 1 leader
To all of **Amber Class** for being super sensible on the gymnastic equipment in the hall
Poppy (Emerald) for super extra maths work at home
Sebastian (Emerald) for an excellent drawing of 1792 England
Poppy (Emerald) for fantastic maths in class
Max (Sapphire) for super independent writing
Arthur C (Sapphire) for kindness towards others
Louis and Felix (Sapphire) for amazing maths
Sophie, Arthur C, Stanley, Kit, Brooke, Anya, Archie, Etta, Evie, Alannah and Amelie (Sapphire) for fantastic fact family work
Alfie (Sapphire) for a super duper Malcolm diary
Iris and Ayla (Sapphire) for trying really hard with their Mary Anning letter writing
Verity (Amethyst) for lovely speech writing
Scarlett and Quinn (Ruby) for super calculations
Margot (Ruby) for making a great skirt at home
Herbie, Verity and Frankie (Ruby) for a fantastic persuasive letter
Isabelle, Kate, Verity, Maia, Quinn and Jacob (Ruby) for a wonderful diary about Johnny
Emily and Charlotte (Ruby) for fantastic spellings
Jacob, JP, Edward and Herbie (Ruby) for fabulous reading records
Elliot (Amber) for great phonics knowledge
Eden (Amber) for super sounds work
Jack and Eden (Amber) for being helpful tidiers
Quinn and Harley (Amber) for being amazing Year 1 role models
Oscar (Emerald) for an awesome poem



Cross Country

Colby Runners travelled to Stalham for the Cross Country Championships on a beautiful winter morning. All the children ran their hearts out on a challenging track and performed really well. All the children were happy and proud of themselves and supported each other throughout.

Can I give a huge shout out to all the lovely parents who were able to support the event - because of your kindness we were able to take thirty children! Super Stars!

Mr B



Amber Class Curriculum:

This half term in Amber Class is an exciting one with our topic, Stories and Celebrations. When we asked the children what they wanted to learn about in this topic they suggested all things Christmassy including writing letters to Santa and different stories they would like to act out during their choosing! We will be working hard to practice our Christmas play with Sapphire Class, learning about the story of the first Christmas and a special visitor will be making an appearance in the classroom with some Christmas challenges (he usually sits on a shelf!) We have been learning about Traditional Tales such as The Gingerbread Man. We will continue to learn more stories in the upcoming weeks and practice our story telling skills. We will all begin to think about and write our own stories. Alongside this, Year 1's will continue with their weekly news writing as well as writing alternative endings to traditional tales.

In Maths we will be learning all about numbers and gaining an understanding of what numbers actually mean and represent. We will also be learning about one more and one less of numbers, 2D shapes and their properties as well as the early learning of time and what time means throughout the day. Along with this, Year 1's will be learning about 3D shapes and addition and subtraction within 10.

We will continue with our outdoor learning mornings in the garden twice a week. For our foundation subjects in the afternoons will be learning all about:

- Different types of families in our Life Skills lessons
- Making our very own salads in DT
- Thinking all about remarkable memories in History
- Seasonal changes in Science
- Why Christmas is important to Christians in our RE lessons
- Netball and tag rugby during PE
- Practicing our Christmas songs in Music

It's such a wonderful time of the year and I know that everyone is super excited for the exciting time again as we prepare for the countdown to Christmas! We will be having our Christmas craft afternoon on Thursday 4th of December which will be super exciting (see tapestry/google classroom for more information).

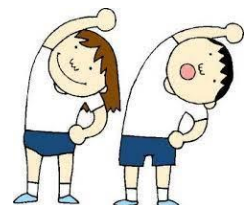
The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum:

I cannot believe we are in the second half of the Autumn Term already!

PE Sapphire Class will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure that your child has adequate warm outdoor PE clothes as we will be outside as much as possible for hockey and tag rugby. We continue to focus on teamwork and leadership on the sports field.

English We will be enjoying looking at the traditional poem this; 'and 'T'was the Night Before Christmas. We will be looking at rhyming words and write our own verses. We will also be practising our letter writing skills as we write a historical letter from Mary Anning to the Georgian scientists of the time. Spellings will continue to be tested on Fridays and new lists will be posted on Google Classroom.



Sapphire Class Curriculum continued:

In **Maths** we will be working on addition and subtraction within numbers up to 100 (Yr2s) and 30 (Yr1s). We will be using practical objects as well as number tracks. Year 2s will be adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers. Mr. Brown will be working with the children on 2d and 3d shape on Fridays.

History We will be finding out about Mary Anning. Who was she and why do we remember her? We have already started this unit of work and the children are thoroughly invested in it!

In **Science** we will look at our senses and conduct some simple investigations.

Art We look forward to creating our own Christmas wrapping paper through simple printing techniques.

Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be working on pictograms.

We will shortly begin learning our songs which will form part of our Christmas performance! As always, we will join with Amber Class for this and we will let you know shortly about parts and which costumes children will require.



Reminders:

- Please make sure that your child is heard read every day.
- Visit Spelling Shed online to reinforce spelling patterns taught
- Look at Phonics Play online (phase 4 and 5)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/5>

- Enjoy playing these maths games:

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/whackAMole/index.html>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/balloon/index.html>

<https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html>

- Don't forget to include warm outdoor PE kit.
- Bring a pair of NAMED wellies to stay at school.

As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost

Emerald Class Curriculum:

Hey everyone,

I hope you all had a nice half term. This term we will be starting off by looking at Remembrance and WW2. The children will learn all about why we remember as well as important historical key events. They will experience a 'black out' and try to reflect upon sacrifices made by all those involved in the war. Emerald Class will then write some Acrostic Poems as well as some letters around evacuation and our feelings regarding Remembrance.

Our History topic this term is Crime and Punishment through the ages where we will look at how policing, punishments and trials developed across the last few hundred years.

Emerald Class Curriculum continued:

In maths we will continue to practice basic number as well as addition and subtraction. We are using number lines for both and have just begun to use column methods to add. We will then focus on times tables and arrays as well as some work on fractions before Christmas.

In PE we will be running, playing tag rugby and learning how to communicate with others. During really wet weather sessions the class will play dodgeball and do some Active work in the hall.

Mrs Towers will continue to teach Emerald music on a Monday and the children will be having lots of fun learning their songs for the Christmas play.

Alice will be teaching French on Thursdays alongside Mrs Moulten who is looking at desk top publishing in Computing. Ms Everett will continue with the RE unit "Can kindness change the World?"

In Science we are going to be learning all about the human body and conducting some fun and interesting experiments with eggs and biscuits!

As always we will continue to read every day in school as well as practicing our times tables and spellings. Please hear your children read at least three times per week as well as spellings from their books or on Spelling Shed.

If you have any questions let me know.

Many Thanks

Mr B

Ruby Class Curriculum:

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been great to see the children all back and refreshed for what is always a very busy (but enjoyable) half term.

In literacy, we will start by looking at Remembrance poems and writing our own poems. We will be performing some of these poems during our Remembrance Service next Friday. Please could you help your children to learn any lines they may have for the Service. Year 5s that were with me last year will be looking at life in the trenches and be writing letters from soldiers in the war. After the Remembrance Service, we will continue to use the book Kaspar, Prince of Cats to write a discussion text as well as to write narratives. We will also continue to learn our weekly spellings as well as trying to focus on using capital letters and full stops correctly.

In maths, we will be focusing on times tables, multiples, factors as well as learning how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. After this, our focus will be on fractions. We will be learning about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and also comparing fractions.

Our Science topic this half term is States of Matter, we will be looking at rates of evaporation, discussing the 3 different states and how some materials can change from different states. We will also revise the water cycle.

We will continue to learn about oceans in Geography this term but we will be focusing on the 5 oceans of the world. The children will be producing slideshows to show what they have found out about each ocean.

This term, the children will be taught DT by Mr Frost and they will be making pencil cases and looking to improve their sewing skills. They will also continue to be taught PE by Ben and Mr Brown. This term they will be learning rugby and netball skills as well as improving their social skills.

Ruby Class will continue to be taught French and RE by Mr Mead on Thursday and Friday afternoon and computing with Mrs Moulton. The topics they will learning about this half term are What does sacrifice mean? in RE and Shopping and Transport in French and creating web pages with Mrs Moulton.

In Music, we will be learning the Christmas play songs and also rehearsing for the play later in the term.

Please continue to help your child at home by getting them to read regularly, learn the times tables and help them with their weekly spellings.

Thanks

Wendy Towers

Amethyst Class Curriculum:

The first half-term has gone so well! The children are showing how mature they are, leading their areas of responsibility extremely well. One particular request please - could children make sure they have a pair of shoes for indoors. This is important so they look smart for Remembrance, but also so we don't bring in any mud to the classroom. Children should continue to bring a pair of trainers/wellies for play time and lunch times as we use the field where we can.

Maths: Mr. Mead will continue to follow the scheme of work with strong arithmetic focus. We will all be moving into fractions and percentages followed by some converting measures.

Science:

Our science is electricity and the children will get lots of hands on experience building circuits, which will lay some foundations for the electrically powered buggies they will build next year.

English:

Our key text this half-term is 'A Christmas Carol' which we will be looking at a bit nearer Christmas. Before that, we are learning about remembrance and preparing as assembly for parents and visitors. After that our English looks at examining speech (punctuation in narratives) as well as speech used meaningfully and balance arguments.

Most children have done really well on their spellings so far. The ones with the higher scores generally have completed their homework. Just to remind you, the children have to complete 10 games from the list within the week and from week 2 another 10 games from the composite list.

Geography:

The two trips went fantastically. Children loved meeting the giant lobsters particularly! This half-term, we continue with the Norfolk coast moving into investigating different the flora and fauna and some of the decisions being taken right now. Climate change also will be discussed.

P.E: (Wednesday/Friday)

P.E is outdoors on Wednesday with Ben teaching hockey. Important: For children to take part in the games fully, they will need shin pads and gum shields. Without these, they will still be able to develop skills, but not take part in matches with one another. Both can be obtained very cheaply on Amazon, if you have not got these already.

I will lead tag rugby on Fridays.

French: Simon will be continuing to teach Key Stage 2 French.

DT: The children will love the unit of work on bridge construction! With just art straws and some thread, they will plan and build moving or stable structures to replicate actual bridges they investigate.

Computing:

Liz will be exploring spreadsheets with Amethyst Class this half-term. They will investigate how information can be stored, sorted and made useful.

Music:

Mrs. Towers will be leading music with Amethyst. It's all about performance this half-term and she will be getting them ready for the Christmas production.

Life skills: What does a good leader look like? How can we develop our own skills in positive ways to contribute effectively towards school life?

R.E: We continue with Looking at what sort of leader Jesus was and how people do and sometimes don't live by a moral code.

Mr Frost

Christine Mead