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Colby School News Issue 6 - Friday 10th October 2025
The Week Ahead

Monday 13 th October 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Parent Interviews 3.15pm – 5.45pm (not for Amethyst Class today). You should have received an email with a link to book your appointment – please contact the school office if you need us to send the link again.
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Parent Interviews 3.15pm – 5.45pm.
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Parent Interviews 3.15pm – 5.45pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Selected children attending Tag Rugby Event at Holt Rugby Club 12.30pm – 4pm. 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 17 th October 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.





Autumn Term Dates

Tuesday 21st October 2025: Football Club has been moved to Tuesday and will NOT be on Thursday 23rd October (this week only).

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.

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.

Key Stage 2 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.



Sapphire Class weekly reading challenge

Sapphire Class are now launching our 'weekly reading challenge'. Children need to be heard read at least 3 times a week to earn extra playtime on a Monday! This always proves very popular with the children and I have been asked by them to launch the reading challenge again. We love looking at their reading diaries and seeing grandparents, friends and other relatives have heard children read, as well as parents, carers and older siblings too! It is super to see how proud the children are too.



Headteacher Awards

Ava (Amber) for being a kind and helpful friend
Quinn (Amber) for great ideas in science
Eden (Amber) for amazing organisational skills
Jack (Amber) for super creative ideas in English
Martha (Amber) for showing great patience and understanding
Thomas (Amber) for great number work
Clara (Sapphire) for fabulous independent writing
Arthur F and Bo (Sapphire) for super duper reading at home
Orin (Sapphire) for showing kindness
Sapphire Class for a fabulous daily mile, in which some of you actually did 6 laps!
Etta (Sapphire) for an insightful explanation about homelessness
Bo, Etta, Harper and Florence (Sapphire) for consideration and helpfulness
Archie L (Sapphire) for superb progress in reading
Louis (Sapphire) for telling us all about his special football award
Poppy (Emerald) for super maths homework
Giles and Archie (Emerald) for being helpful untying the tangled headphones!
Mia (Emerald) for amazing English writing
Sebastian (Emerald) for fantastic English writing
Sebastian (Emerald) for listening well in Computing
George (Emerald) for super Computing
Isabelle and Charlotte (Ruby) for being Stars of the Week
Rita (Ruby) for passing semi-finalist times tables
James (Amethyst) for exceptional maths
Reuben, Barney, Bertie, Jack, Jacob and Harris (Amethyst) for fixing goals on the field
Isaac (Amethyst) for good learning behaviour
Eddie (Amethyst) for great timetables
Bertie (Amethyst) for solving the ultimate challenge
Freya (Emerald) for amazing artwork
Freya (Emerald) for helping Year 1s to get ready for wet break
Isobel (Emerald) for moving to 'Neon' reading
Alannah and Iris (Sapphire) for beautiful hand writing
Leo and Lily (Ruby) for great reading records
Jacob, Margot, Maia, Lev, Felix, Olive and Quinn (Ruby) for a fantastic news article
Verity, Lev and Leo (Ruby) for a wonderful TV news report
Scarlett, Lev, Lily and Noah (Ruby) for passing finalist times tables
Maya, Hugo, Quinn, Olive, Seb, Edward and Charlotte (Ruby) for passing Bronze times tables
Margot, Emily, Leo, Quinn, Edward and Olive (Ruby) for passing Silver times tables
Jacob and Kate (Ruby) for passing European times tables
George and Sebastian (Emerald) for great explanations in computing
Isabelle and Seb (Ruby) for rounding to the nearest 100
Maia, Olive and Lily (Ruby) for fantastic rounding
Isabelle (Ruby) for being a fantastic buddy
Lev (Ruby) for looking out for a younger child
Herbie and Emily (Ruby) for passing Gold times tables
Isabelle (Ruby) for passing Olympic times tables



Colby Kitchen

Monday 13 th October 2025	Macaroni cheese served with sweetcorn and peas. Fruit.
Tuesday 14 th October 2025	Chicken and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Yoghurt / fruit.
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	Beef and vegetable burritos served with rice. Yoghurt / fruit.
Thursday 16 th October 2025	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, ham, baked beans and tuna and sweetcorn mayonnaise served with salad.
Friday 17 th October 2025	Cheese and tomato pizza, chicken pizza or pepperoni pizza. Fruit.
Monday 20 th October 2025	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, sweetcorn and peas. Yoghurt / fruit.
Tuesday 21 st October 2025	Beef and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Yoghurt / fruit.
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Breaded chicken and tomato salsa wraps served with vegetable couscous.
Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, sausage and spaghetti hoops served with salad. Fruit.
Friday 24 th October 2025	Fish fingers in a bread roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks (cucumber, carrot and pepper). Yoghurt / fruit.



Success out of school

Jacob for scoring his first hat-trick for North Walsham under 10's and getting managers player of the match.



Fantastic fundraising

Otto and Arwen are planning to do a big walk this weekend to raise money for emergency relief in Gaza. Please find their Just Giving page below

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ottoarwenwalk#sharePage>



More exciting news!

We are thrilled to share that Alice D (Sapphire) and her partner Brad are having a baby! Both Alice and Brad are over the moon with excitement as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

Thank you for your help in keeping our lovely expectant Mums (Maddy and Alice D) healthy. We have previously asked you to let us know about any cases of chicken pox, thank you. Please could you also let us know about any suspected / confirmed cases of slapped cheek syndrome (parvovirus), following some recent advice. Thank you.



Multiplication success!

Ruby and Emerald Class have been using Times Tables Rock Stars to learn their times tables. Last week they had a competition and these are the winners:

The third "Most Valuable Player" was **Isabelle (Ruby)**,
The second "Most Valuable Player" was **George (Emerald)**
and the Most Valuable Player was **Jacob B (Ruby)**
Well done to these awesome Rock Stars!



Sports Leader Sponsored Cycle Ride

Last term, lots of Key Stage 2 children enjoyed taking part in a Sponsored Cycle event. It started as an idea from Year 6 children who were keen to raise money for new goal posts and due to their commitment and enthusiasm, it spread to other year groups too! I am delighted to inform you that the children raised a staggering £1,233.68! Our new goals have arrived and we are very excited to have them! Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in this fundraising event.

JustOneNorfolk.nhs.uk

Support for Families

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership would like to remind families not to struggle alone. Contact the Just One Norfolk support and advice line on 0300 300 0123 or log on to www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk for a range of support including emotional wellbeing, practical and mental health support and more.



Operation Encompass

We are part of Operation Encompass, a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norwich Police and our school. Operation Encompass has been set up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. Mrs Mead (or Mr Frost in Mrs Mead's absence) will receive a confidential email from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child from Colby School has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence. Colby School has designated Mrs Mead and Mr Frost as Key Adults. They have received guidance from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared in confidence to make sure the right support is available for children and their families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mead.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Colby School Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Christine Mead
Colby School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Gavin Frost
The Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs Stephanie Kershaw



Internet Safety

We're reviewing our Internet Safety Policy this term and I thought some of you might appreciate a repeat of our advice on how to keep children safe online.

Sometimes it can be really tricky navigating and understanding the different games that children wish to access and play on. I have found some of the advice from the websites below really helpful and thought that I would share them with you. They have advice for all ages, so are helpful if you have teenagers as well. There is information on some of them about certain games or social media sites that are very popular with the children eg. Roblox, Fortnite, WhatsApp. Definitely, worth a read if you are unsure about the safety of certain apps and websites.

If you have any other questions about online safety, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Moulton.

You can reach us by emailing office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 01263 733381 (and a message will be passed on to me).

Wendy Towers (Subject Leader for Computing)



Internet Safety contd.

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/programmes>
- <https://indd.adobe.com/view/edb6c04a-b984-4cd4-ab93-79ea28ac8298>
- **Talk to your child about what they're up to online.** Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- **Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.** The **Thinkuknow site** has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16.
- **Encourage your child to go online and explore!** There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.
- **Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.** Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- **Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.** Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.
- **Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.** For children of primary school age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.
- **Know what connects to the internet and how.** Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone, games console or TV.
- **Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.** Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. Service providers are working hard to make them simple, effective and user friendly.

Have a great weekend!

Christine Mead