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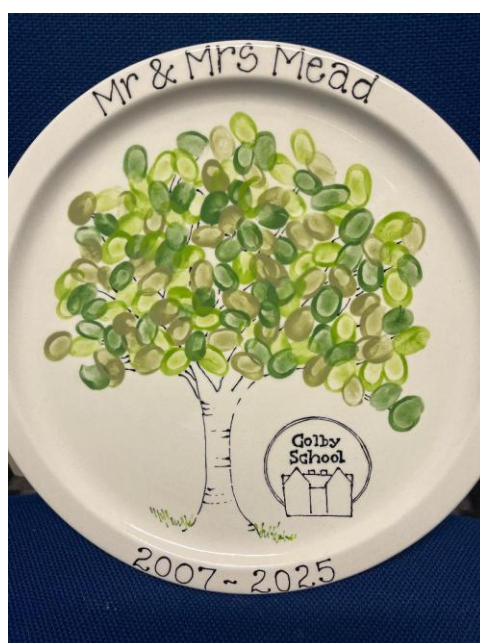
*To my dear Colby family past and present,  
It has been lovely to see so many of you during our Christmas festivities and to have a chance to say goodbye. We've been able to share so many happy memories and Simon and I really appreciate your kind words and best wishes.*

*Thank you to everyone who came to the FOCS Goodbye event yesterday. It was very special and it meant a lot to us both. We are totally overwhelmed by your gifts, thank you very much. The beautiful plate will be a wonderful reminder of your lovely children and we look forward to planning an exciting trip in 2026 with your extremely generous donation – we'll let you know where it takes us. Thank you.*

*It has been an absolute pleasure to be Headteacher at Colby School over the last 18+ years. I will miss the everyday laughter, friendship and fun. It has been a privilege to be part of the very special Colby community and I will miss you very much.*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Love from Christine x*



## **"Never Wanna Say Goodbye"**

Thank you to Mrs Towers and Colby School children for the lovely goodbye song in Assembly today  
(to the tune of Never Gonna Give You Up).

Don't be a stranger to us  
You've been the Head and best one too  
A full fantastic eighteen years  
We couldn't have asked for anything more  
We just wanna tell you how we're feeling  
Gotta make you feel the love

Never gonna forget you  
Never wanna say goodbye  
But now you're gonna see the world without us  
Today's gonna make us sad  
Don't wanna say goodbye  
We're gonna miss you both for a long time

Not forgetting Mr Mead  
His Breakfast Clubs, are so great we say  
Colby, we all know what fun he's been  
We eat our toast and sometimes we throw it  
And if you ask us how we're feeling  
Don't tell me you're too blind to see

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(Ooh, say goodbye)

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Never gonna say, never gonna say  
(say goodbye)  
Never gonna say, never gonna say  
(say Goodbye)

We've worked together for so long  
Our hearts are breaking, now we say goodbye  
Colby, has been lucky to have you around  
We know we'll miss you and we're gonna say it  
And if you ask us how we're feeling  
Don't tell me you're too blind to see

Never gonna forget you  
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We're gonna miss you both for a long time (Repeat chorus x2)

### *The Dates Ahead*

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Mrs Mead and Simon leaving the playground on the red carpet at 3pm. No After School Club today. School will close at 3pm today.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	School opens for the Spring Term at 8.30am. No Breakfast Club today. After School Club from 3 – 5pm. £5. Premier Education will be joining Colby After School Club staff for additional sport opportunities at After School Club this term (while Ben Richards is at his second teaching placement). More information to follow at the start of term.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club from 3 – 5pm. £5.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Glow in the Dark Dodgeball sessions for all classes. Please wear PE kit today. After School Club from 3 – 5pm. £5. Premier Education Sport After School Club 3 – 5pm. £5.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club from 3 – 5pm. £5. Premier Education Sport After School Club 3 – 5pm. £5.

I've written over 700 newsletters in the last 18+ years. Now it's time to sign out.  
Goodbye and thank you – I will miss you all very much. Xx

*Christine Mead*

Dear Colby children, staff and families,

It was such a joy and a privilege to be invited to watch both the KS1 nativity and KS2 performances over the last couple of weeks. I was so impressed by the enthusiasm, confidence and skill of all pupils to put on such amazing productions. A huge well done to all, you must be so proud of them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Colby School for their hard work and efforts over the last term and to wish Mr. and Mrs. Mead a healthy and happy retirement together.

Finally, to all the Colby children and families, I wish you a safe and joyful Christmas and I look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Warmest regards,

*Mr Smith*