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Monday 21 st July 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Meet your new teacher / class morning. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am (usually lasts 45 minutes to an hour). School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club.
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Colby School re-opens for the Autumn Term 2025. No Breakfast Club or hot lunches today due to Colby Kitchen re-stocking. After School Club from 3pm – 5pm. £5.



Colby Kitchen End of Term Menu

Sorry for some slight changes to the Colby Kitchen Menu this week due to unforeseen circumstances. A change to Tuesday's Menu below.

Monday 21 st July 2025	Cheese, vegetable and tomato pasta bake, served with garlic bread and sweetcorn. Fruit or yoghurt.
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Fishfingers in a bread roll with salad. Fruit or yoghurt.
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Colby Kitchen is closed today due to kitchen re-stocking. Please send your child with a packed lunch or contact Mrs Mead by 3pm on Tuesday 22 nd July 2025 on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to be provided with a packed lunch.



WE PROMOTE STAFF WELL-BEING





Headteacher Awards

Stella and Ruby (Sapphire) for wonderful writing about History
Ava K, Bo, Delilah and George (Amber) for fantastic reading in phonics
Ava B (Amber) for brilliant and neat writing in phonics
Archie (Amber) for amazing focus in maths
Max (Amber) for being a kind and supportive friend
Esme (Amber) for being sensible in the classroom
Iris (Amber) for being supportive to other people and cheering them on during Sport Week
Quinn (Amber) for being confident and expressive during Sport Week
Tiggy (Amber) for working brilliantly in a team during Sport Week
Charlie D (Amber) being helpful and cleaning the craft area
Charlie D (Amber) for super maths work
Libby, Stella and Ruby (Sapphire) for a fantastically detailed letter from a Victorian child
Evie and Brooke (Sapphire) for being really sensible
Orin (Sapphire) for incredible phonics
Giles and Archie (Sapphire) for being superb bike chain replacers on bike day!
Sapphire Class for sharing stories outside with Year 6 buddies.



Just One Number [0300 300 0123](tel:03003000123) is the telephone number to contact Just One Norfolk NHS. Just One Number is the single point of access for Norfolk & Waveney Children & Young People's Health Services. This includes;

- The Norfolk Healthy Child Service
- Norfolk & Waveney Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service.

Families, professionals and young people can get in touch with Just One Number by calling [0300 300 0123](tel:03003000123).

Your call might be a parenting question or a worry about your child's physical & emotional health, or communication development. Whatever your reason to contact Just One Number, the team are there to help you.

Parentline [07520 631590](tel:07520631590)

Parentline is a text service for parents and carers to get in touch with Just One Norfolk about any parenting questions or concerns. You might find it hard to call in to Just One Number during opening hours or you may just prefer to chat by text with a health professional.

If you need advice about your child or young person's health or wellbeing, simply send a text and one of the team will text you back. You can text at anytime on [07520 631590](tel:07520631590). A health professional from the 0-19 team will reply during our opening times. You can have the whole conversation by text if that works best for you, or the practitioner can call you.



Friends of Colby School News

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported us at the Summer Fayre last Friday. It certainly was a hot one and the ice pops went down a treat. We raised just over £1250 to add to the Colby School Funds and we are very grateful for all your help to achieve this. From buying raffle tickets, filling lucky bags, donating tombola prizes, baking delicious homemade treats and donating cakes, we could not do it without you. By supporting FOCS you are supporting our wonderful Primary School and in turn supporting your fabulous Children on their Education journey. A special thank you to those who helped set up, run stalls and clear away on the day in the stifling heat. Also, a big thank you to Laura Gosden and team for organising the raffle prizes. We hope you all have an amazing summer break. We look forward to more fundraising in the Autumn term.

Happy Summer

Carly, Alice and Georgina - FOCS Trustees

PS: Good luck to all the wonderful Year 6 pupils on their transition to High Schools. You will be awesome!!



North Norfolk School Sports Partnership Swimming Gala

Colby, Beeston Hall and Sheringham Primary took to the pool on a beautiful, bright June morning to compete for the various medals and trophies. We had our strongest ever team and were soon winning races. Maia started off the parade of medals with wins in breast stroke and butterfly. In year 4 James and Kate won both their races, as well as a victory for the girl's relay team with Izzy, Scarlett and Maia (who was swimming up a year). In year 5, the boys won three of the individual races and Barnaby, Harry, Reuben and James – also swimming up a year – won their relay. For the oldest boys, George came first in the breast stroke, Cody won in the freestyle and fly.

To round off the Gala, Ellen, Imogen, Anna and Evie were able to completely dominate their age group winning every race in record times. There were four other records set by Colby swimmers – James, Kate and Maia in the butterfly, and Kate, again, in the breast stroke. All together the team won half the races but, due to the size of the other schools and the points scoring system, we were just outpointed by an extremely enthusiastic Sheringham squad.

I would like to thank the fleet of parents who were able to transport and support the children in this fantastic event. We couldn't go without your help. Additionally, Beeston Hall staff deserve a great deal of appreciation for being such gracious hosts and providing everyone with such wonderful facilities and tasty refreshments.

By Mr Mead



Sports Week 2025

It has been an absolutely fantastic Sports Week again. Lots more details will follow in the next newsletter but I wanted to say thank you for supporting our events this week so enthusiastically. A huge thank you to Mr Brown, Ben Richards and Ben Towers for planning and delivering such a sport filled week full of fun! What absolute stars! We really appreciate all your hard work.



French Pique-Nique

Amethyst and Ruby class enjoyed a delicious afternoon buffet with a selection of bread, cheese, saucisson, salad, jam and of course, snails! There were many more children wanting to sample les escargots than expected and the reviews were equally surprising:

"They were more flavourful than I thought they would be." Kate.

"***** (5 Stars)"

"I absolutely loved the garlic butter and would definitely eat snails again." Amber.

"They tasted of some sort of delicious chicken in garlic sauce. For anyone who hasn't tried them: they are not at all slimy!"

Sounds like Megan and Vikki may have to change the Colby Kitchen menu!



Sweets in a Jar Winner

Well done Jacob B in Ruby who had the closest guess of the number of sweets in the jar at the Summer Fayre! Thank you to everyone who had a go!



Please could we ask that you check your ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. We have to balance our books before the new school year. It really is important that we have all the accounts balanced. Thank you in anticipation.



Thank you

Thank you to FOCS and all parents and families who have been involved in helping at Colby School throughout the year. Colby School is a team effort and we appreciate all you do for us. It has been a very busy, happy and productive year at Colby School – thanks for all your help and support. We know we are extremely lucky to have such a strong school community, where you help out in so many ways.



**9.15am start for new Reception children
on Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2025**

In a change of arrangements to those discussed at the Reception Parent Meeting, we have decided to welcome new Reception children to Colby School at 9.15am on the first few days of the Autumn term (slightly later than our usual start time of 8.50am). This will provide children and families with a quieter start to the day and should help with a smoother handover. It will also give new parents more space on the carpark while they get used to drop off routines. Amber Class will be open from 8.30am as usual from Wednesday 3rd September 2025, so Year 1 children can arrive at their usual time. Amber Class children with siblings are also welcome to come when you drop off their older brothers or sisters, if you would prefer. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this. Thank you.



Year 6 National Test Results

We are extremely proud of our amazing Year 6 children for their fantastic National Test Results, which reflect their hard work over the years at Colby School. All children made fantastic progress and should be very pleased with their fantastic scores. Well done to you all!

Reading National Test

96% achieved the expected standard or above
64% achieved great depth (above the expected standard)

Mathematics National Test

96% achieved the expected standard or above
39% achieved greater depth (above the expected standard)

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test

86% achieved the expected standard or above
29% achieved greater depth (above the expected standard)

Writing portfolios

75% achieved the expected standard or above
7% achieved greater depth (above the expected standard)

Christine Mead