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Colby School News Issue 13 - Friday 5th December 2025
The Week Ahead

Monday 8 th December	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 9 th December	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Choir with Mrs Towers before school. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 10 th December	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Nativity Performance for Amber Class parents at 9.30am and Nativity Performance for Sapphire Class parents at 1.30pm. No hot dinners available today due to the Nativity – please email Mrs Mead by Monday 8 th December 2025 at 3pm, if you would like your child to be provided with a school packed lunch. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 11 th December	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Nativity Performance for Sapphire Class parents at 9.30am and Nativity Performance for Amber Class parents at 1.30pm. No hot dinners available today due to the Nativity – please email Mrs Mead by Monday 8 th December 2025 at 3pm, if you would like your child to be provided with a school packed lunch. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Key Stage 2 Football and Girls' Football Club. £5.
Friday 12 th December	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. No After School Club today. School will close at 3pm today.





Autumn Term Dates

Tuesday 16th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium, North Walsham from 6pm. Please drop children off at 5.40pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Key Stage 2 Pantomime Performance at The Atrium from 6pm. Please drop children off at 5.40pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025: Christmas Party Food lunch.

Thursday 18th December 2025: Christmas Drop In Morning 9am – 10am – a chance for parents past and present to pop in to say goodbye to Mrs Mead and Simon.

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



Key Stage 2 Pantomime at The Atrium, North Walsham

Parents have been issued 2 tickets per family for each Performance at The Atrium, North Walsham (Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 17th December 2025). If you do not need tickets for both nights, please return your unwanted tickets to the school office so we can reissue them.

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.

Please drop children off at The Atrium at 5.40pm. If you are not staying to watch the Pantomime Performance, please pick your child up at 7pm. Thank you.



Amber and Sapphire Nativity Performances

Please note there will be a collection after the Nativity Performance, if you would like to bring some spare change to donate.

You are welcome to take children home afterwards if you attend the 1.30pm Nativity Performances (including any older siblings).

We look forward to welcoming you to Colby School for the Nativity Performances.



Colby Kitchen

Monday 15 th December	Pasta Bolognese with vegetables, served with cheese and garlic bread.
Tuesday 16 th December	Breaded fish served with boiled potatoes, sweetcorn and peas.
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Party Food Lunch.
Thursday 18 th December	Jacket potatoes with a choice of cheese, spaghetti hoops and / or sausages served with salad.
Friday 19 th December	Sausage in a roll served with potato wedges and salad sticks.
Monday 8 th December	Meatballs in tomato sauce served with pasta, garlic bread and salad.
Tuesday 9 th December	Chicken and vegetable korma served with rice and poppadoms.
Friday 12 th December	Cheese pizza and / or pepperoni pizza served with salad sticks and houmous.



FOCS Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December 3pm – 4.30pm

At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre – a lovely way to start our Christmas festivities!

We are very grateful for all the support that the Friends of Colby School give us throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who supports the events and helps to raise money to provide treats and extras for Colby School children – your fantastic fundraising is much appreciated! Recently, the Friends of Colby School funds have sponsored Year 6 Leavers' trophies and lots of Chromebooks for use throughout the school. Thank you very much to all involved in raising the money – it has further enhanced our IT resources for all children.

You may remember we had hoped to refurbish our Colby Kitchen but have not been able to progress with this due to uncertainty regarding our electrics. The Friends of Colby School paid for an air fryer and slow cookers for Colby Kitchen instead, which has greatly helped preparation of our Winter menu. Thank you.

The Friends of Colby School focus for fundraising will remain purchasing Chromebooks for now.

Thank you for your continued support with fundraising for Colby School.



Christmas Party Food Lunch – Wednesday 17th December 2025

Back by popular demand – our Christmas Party Food lunch! We hope you will all want to take part.

Children in Amber and Sapphire Class (and children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to free school meals) will be provided with a lunch of pizza and salad on Wednesday 17th December 2025 – their entitlement to a free meal. However, we hope you will help us have a wonderful Christmas Party Lunch by sending in some additional food so we can have a party buffet together in the school hall.

Key Stage 2 children are invited to send in food for the Christmas Party Food Lunch too. Colby Kitchen will not be providing hot meals for Key Stage 2 on this day (other than those children who are entitled to free school meals).

The chart below lists the food item that we would like you to provide for the Christmas Party Food buffet. It looks more complicated than it is – simply find your child's year group and the letter that starts their surname to find out what food they should bring in. For example: Harry **P**otter in **Year 6** would bring **c**risps.

Please cater for around 8 children – you don't need to provide a whole feast. If you could send the food in a disposable container, that would be very helpful. Otherwise, please label any box clearly so we can return it to you afterwards.

If your child has food allergies, you may prefer to send them with a plate of their own party food. Please contact me if you would like to discuss how we can help your child enjoy the buffet safely.

Please send your party food donation in on morning of Wednesday 17th December 2025.

If you would prefer your Amber or Sapphire Class child just to have their pizza lunch that day, please let me know. There is no pressure for children to be involved but we may need to reallocate food donations if children opt out. Key Stage 2 children can choose to bring a packed lunch instead but, again, it would be helpful if you could let me know in advance so I can ensure we have enough food to go around.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about our Christmas Party Lunch.

Christmas Party Food Lunch – Wednesday 17th December 2025

Please let me know if you would like to change your food item for any reason, or if I have missed your child's surname off!

	AMBER AND SAPPHIRE PARTY FOOD DONATIONS. PLEASE FIND YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP AND INITIAL OF THEIR SURNAME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PARTY FOOD TO SEND IN. THANK YOU.
Sausage rolls (or vegan sausage rolls)	Reception children: surnames beginning with B. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with A, B.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Reception children: surnames beginning with D.
Cheese sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with G, H, J, L. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with C, D.
Ham sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with M, S.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Reception children: surnames beginning with W.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with A, B. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with G, L, M.
Cocktail sausages (or vegan sausages)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with H. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with P, R, T, W, Y.
Biscuits (jammy dodgers, party rings, oreos, jaffa cakes)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with D, F, K, P.
Cakes	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with R, S, T, V, W.
Pizza slices	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Salad	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Vegan sausage rolls and vegan cocktail sausages	Provided by Colby Kitchen for all vegans / vegetarians.

	EMERALD, RUBY AND AMETHYST PARTY FOOD DONATIONS. PLEASE FIND YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP AND INITIAL OF THEIR SURNAME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PARTY FOOD TO SEND IN. THANK YOU.
Sausage rolls (or vegan sausage rolls)	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with B, D.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with E, F, H.
Cheese sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with M, R. Year 5 children: surnames beginning J, L, M, P.
Ham sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with S, T, W.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with A, B.
Cocktail sausages	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with J, M.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with C, F, G, H, O, P, R. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with E, F, J.
Biscuits (jammy dodgers, party rings, oreos, jaffa cakes)	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with S, V, Y. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with R, M, S.
Pizza slices	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with A, B, C, D. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with B, C.
Salad (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes)	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with G, R, S, T.



Headteacher Awards

Rita (Ruby) for fantastic mathematics
Frankie (Ruby) for fantastic mathematics
Giles (Emerald) for brilliant story writing at home
Harrison (Amethyst) for an incredible maths test result
Bertie (Amethyst) for a great explanation in English
Harrison and William (Amethyst) for great answers in English
Bertie, Reuben and Harris (Amethyst) for excellent comparisons
All Year 5s (Amethyst) for fantastic maths tests results
Rita (Ruby) for wonderful reading
Norah (Amber) for fantastic news writing
Henryk (Amber) for lovely phonics work
Ronnie (Amber) for lovely blending while reading
Jenson (Amber) for being a sensible shepherd in our KS1 Nativity
Eva (Amber) for amazing crafting skills
Heath (Amber) for using his words to his friends beautifully
Fred (Amber) for amazing sounds in phonics
Atlas (Amber) for great reading in phonics
Martha (Amber) for a great attitude to learning
Any, Evie, Felix and Florence (Sapphire) for superb Sluggy stories
Arthur C and Esme (Sapphire) for fantastic phonics
Arthur P and Henryk (Amber) for amazing 'au' work
Barney and Reuben (Amethyst) for amazing inference
Isabelle (Ruby) for wonderful reading
Quinn (Ruby) for amazing reading
Sebastian and Giles (Emerald) for amazing maths
Heath (Amber) for showing kindness towards someone who was hurt



Nearly time for goodbye ... getting closer

It is hard to believe there are only 2 weeks until the end of term and until Simon and I will leave the wonderful community of Colby School. We'll see you at the various upcoming Christmas events but would also like to invite parents past and present to pop in to say goodbye from 9am – 10am on the morning of Thursday 18th December 2025, if you would like to. The Handbell team and Choir will be performing and FOCS will be providing refreshments.

We'll be heading down the red carpet (Year 6 leaving tradition) on the playground at 3pm on Friday 19th December 2025 – a quick exit because I know I will be very emotional by then. And then off to Heathrow on Saturday 20th December 2025, for our next adventure to begin.

Christine Mead