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The Week Ahead



Monday 5 th May 2025	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY. HAVE FUN!
Tuesday 6 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception Hearing and Vision screening am. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 7 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 8 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 9 th May 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Pirates and Parrots After School Club Special 3 – 4.30pm (led by our very own Heads of Little People). Games, art activities and party food included. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Family Friday on the playing field after school – you are very welcome to hang out after school.



WE PROMOTE STAFF WELL-BEING



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025: Year 6 National Test Week. **NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE MONDAY – THURSDAY THIS WEEK DUE TO YEAR 6 NATIONAL TESTS.**

Friday 16th May 2025: FOCS Fundraiser for Colby Kitchen at Aylsham Town Hall from 7pm.

Friday 23rd May 2025: School closes at 3pm for Summer half term. No After School Club today.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May: School closed for Summer half term.

Monday 2nd June 2025: School reopens from 8.30am. No Breakfast Club today.

Friday 6th June 2025: School photographs (class, siblings and individual) from 9am.

Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June 2025: Year 6 Crazy Sleepover.

Monday 23rd June 2025: Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.

Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June 2025: Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Aylsham High School.

Friday 4th July 2025: Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover from 6pm! £10 per child.

Tuesday 22nd July 2025: School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Online Safety Update

Artificial Intelligence has been in the news more recently and there have been studies regarding how children are interacting with this online. They have also investigated AI companions and AI chatbots.

Common Sense Media put out a comment yesterday stating that they do not recommend these to anyone under the age of 18. I have posted information about this on the Colby Facebook page if you would like to know more.

Thanks

Wendy Towers



New Guinea Pig Request

Unfortunately, on Tuesday one of beloved guinea pigs, Nibbles, passed away. Guinea pigs usually prefer to live in groups of three and at the moment we are down to only two. If anybody has a female guinea pig that they would like to donate, please let any of the staff know.

Many thanks,

Erin, Ellen and Rosa (Guinea Pig team)



Headteacher Awards

Orin and Charlie (Amber)

for working together to create a fantastic aeroplane model out of junk modelling

Max (Amber) for amazing phonics

Hollie (Amber) for amazing news writing

Max and Ellie (Amber) for super use of conjunctions in their writing

Arthur P (Amber) for fantastic sentences in phonics

Ayla (Amber) for being safe and sensible in the sun

Barnaby and Quinn (Amber) for waiting patiently

Sebastian and Oliver (Emerald) for fantastic fractions

Annie (Emerald) for writing a lovely sentence in English

Eva (Ruby) for working incredibly hard in Maths

Amber (Ruby) for passing the Gold times tables challenge

Jack (Ruby) for passing the Finalist times tables challenge

Reuben, Albert, Jacob, Kate, Bertie, Harry, Harris, Isabelle, James (Ruby)

for a fantastic report of Kett's Rebellion

Imogen (Amethyst) for full marks on a test

Raff (Amethyst) for great English

Otto and Max (Amethyst) for helping a younger child

Teddy (Amethyst) for an excellent reading test



FOCS Colby Kitchen Fundraiser

On Friday 16th May 2025, we will be holding our Colby Kitchen fundraiser. We will have live music, a quiz, a bar, and yummy buffet food prepared by Twist and Sprout (Herbie and Orin's Mum). This fun-filled evening is a good opportunity for the Colby community to come together and raise funds for such a fantastic project, The Colby Kitchen Refurb. Team numbers for the quiz will be 2 - 6.

Tickets for this event are limited and are selling fast. Ticket cost is £20pp and includes food. They can be obtained by contacting FOCS or Lorna (Herbie and Orin's Mum).

If you feel you can help with this event in anyway, whether on the day or in the preparation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hi gang- Lorna here. Hopefully you will have gotten a leaflet home about this. I want to be clear that 'bring your families' speaks to *your extended family- NOT your wonderful children*. This is a grown-ups only gig this time.



Easter Reading Challenge

Well done to the following children who also completed the Easter Reading Challenge and received certificates and a prize in assembly today:

Poppy, Ruby, Freddie and Albie (Sapphire) and Seb S (Emerald)



Colby Kitchen
Summer term menu

Monday 19 th May	Cheese and ham pasta bake in white sauce, served with garlic bread, peas / sweetcorn. Yoghurt and fruit.
Tuesday 6 th May and 20 th May	Mince and vegetable bolognese served in a jacket potato with cheese, carrots and green beans. Fruit.
Wednesday 7 th May and 21 st May	Sweet and sour chicken, served with rice and prawn crackers. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 8 th May and 22 nd May	Meatballs in tomato sauce, served in a sub roll with salad. Yoghurt and fruit.
Friday 9 th May and 23 rd May	Omega 3 fish fingers in a roll served with salad sticks (carrots, peppers, cucumber) and humus. Yoghurt and fruit.
Monday 12 th May	Cheese and tuna bake in a tomato and vegetable sauce, served with garlic bread, peas and sweetcorn. Fruit.
Tuesday 13 th May	Mince and vegetable chilli served in a jacket potato with cheese, carrots and beans. Fruit.
Wednesday 14 th May	BBQ chicken in a wholemeal wrap, served with vegetable cous-cous. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 15 th May	Sausage in a roll served with salad. Fruit and cheese and crackers.
Friday 16 th May	Pizza – cheese and pepperoni, served with salad sticks (carrots, peppers, cucumber) and humus. Fruit.



More Headteacher Awards

Amelie (Sapphire) for fantastic tens in maths
Harry, Rosa, Ruby and Freddie (Sapphire) for comparing fractions
Ralph (Sapphire) for amazing work in phonics
All of Sharks phonic group for incredible phonics
Olivia, Freya, George, Freddie, Alannah, Giles, Arwen and Ruby (Sapphire)
for super stick insect writing.
Stella (Sapphire) for great helpfulness
Giles, Archie, Oscar, Freya, Olivia and Ralph (Sapphire)
for expert using of hacksaws in our woodwork session!
Mia, Freya and Florence (Sapphire)
for a super first meeting as our new class School Council members



Success out of school



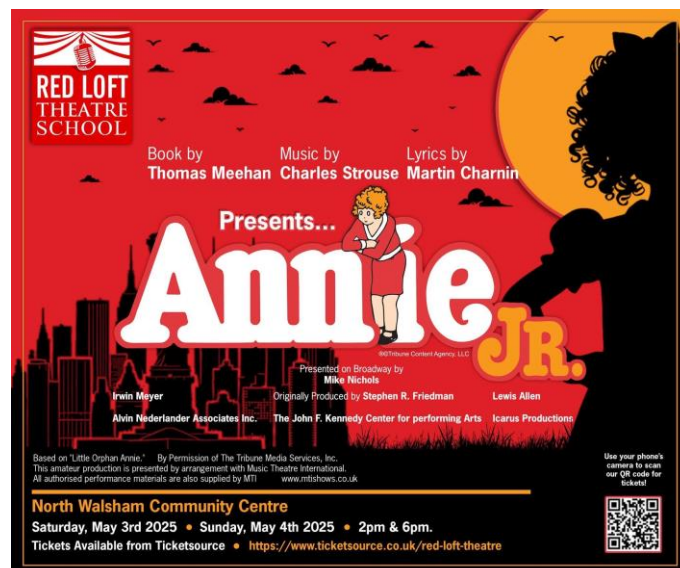
Congratulations to **Quinn** (Emerald) for passing his Level 1 and Level 2 Swimming!
Well done, Quinn!



Success out of school



Congratulations to **Edward** (Emerald) who completed his 10th Parkrun last Saturday at Blickling, and with a P.B. too! Edward's dad said that he's loving running, in large part thanks to Colby's Running Club. It's brilliant that the school has inspired him to take this up. Next target: 25! Well done Edward – you are a star!



A BIT ABOUT COLBY'S KITCHEN PROJECT



OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE INVOLVE A KITCHEN REFURB;
INCLUDING A NEW COOKER & EXTRACTOR ALONG WITH SOME
PREP EQUIPMENT TO HELP OUR CHEFS PROVIDE DELICIOUS &
NUTRITIOUS HOME-COOKED FOOD- FAST.

IN TIME, THIS WILL ALSO OPEN THE DOOR TO HANDS-ON FOOD
LESSONS FOR OUR CHILDREN, HELPING THEM BUILD A POSITIVE,
PRACTICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD. THINK OF IT AS A WAY
OF TEACHING THEM THE REALLY IMPORTANT EMPOWERING
STUFF- THAT FOOD IS FUEL- AND FUEL IS ENERGY- FOR
HEALTHY, HAPPY, ACTIVE LIVES.

THERE'S SO MUCH POTENTIAL HERE, AND WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT
THE FUN AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS PROJECT CAN UNLOCK FOR
OUR CHILDREN—AND THE WHOLE COLBY COMMUNITY!

BUT HERE'S THE THING-

**WE NEED YOU TO COME AND SUPPORT
US TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO MAKE
THESE CHANGES.**

TICKET SALES ARE KEY HERE AND WE SIMPLY CANT DO IT
WITHOUT YOU- AND WE NEED TO SELL MORE TICKETS.

CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, GRANDPARENTS, NEIGHBOURS...
EVERYONE IS WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS! JOIN US, HAVE A
LAUGH AND HELP US COOK UP SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE
FUTURE.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL GATE ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOON (TOMORROW)

- PLEASE BRING CASH!



CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1046536

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT
– NOT FOR YOUR LOVELY CHILDREN THIS TIME.**



Dear Colby parents, children and families,

It is with genuine sadness that I am writing to tell you that I will be leaving Colby School at the end of the Autumn term (December 19th 2025). I will have served over 18 years as Headteacher at Colby School by then and, after much soul searching, I have decided it is the right time to say goodbye.

Colby School has been such a huge part of my life – it's been my second home, and in many ways, my extended family. My time here has been really happy and deeply rewarding – I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of so many children's lives, watching them grow, learn, and shine in their own unique ways. It would be very easy to stay forever because saying goodbye will be so hard. However, Simon and I have always dreamed of travelling while we still have enough energy to enjoy it. We will be starting our new life with a road trip in America to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary at Christmas, with further trips planned in 2026 and beyond.

It has been a pleasure to work for such wonderful children and to have had support from such committed parents, families, staff and governors. Colby School is a truly remarkable community and I feel blessed to have been part of it. I am grateful for the opportunity we have all had to work together to build a school of which we can be very proud.

The Governing Board are working closely with an external advisor to plan for the recruitment of my replacement. I am confident there will be another leader keen to take my place and ensure that Colby School continues to thrive in the years ahead.

Thank you for your support, trust and partnership. It has meant the world to me.

With kind regards and every best wish for the future,
Christine x

PS. I'll be around on the playground after school today, as usual. I would appreciate it if you could wait to tell your children this news at home over the weekend, where you will be able to reassure them that Colby School will always be Colby School. Thank you.

Christine Mead