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*Colby School News Issue 8 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025*  
*The Week after the Half Term Holiday*

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	<p>No Breakfast Club today.</p> <p>After School Club Special – Pumpkin and Bonfire Night themed. 3pm – 4.45pm. £5 per child. Includes refreshments and craft activities. Please book your place on Parent Pay.</p>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Cross Country Event at Stalham High School for selected children. Leaving school at 9.30am and returning by 1.30pm. Please send children with packed lunches.</p> <p>Choir with Mrs Towers before school.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p> <p>Girls' Football Club and KS2 Football Club. £5.</p>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5.</p> <p>Friends of Colby School (PTA) Annual General Meeting from 8.50am in the school hall. All very welcome.</p> <p>After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>





## Autumn Term Dates

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025:** Remembrance Service led by KS2 pupils at 9.15am. KS2 families welcome to attend.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025:** The Friends of Colby School Christmas Fayre from 3pm – 4.30pm.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025:**

Nativity Performance for Amber Class parents at 9.30am and Nativity Performance for Sapphire Class parents at 1.30pm.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025:** No After School Club today.

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



### Colby Kitchen

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025	Macaroni cheese served with sweetcorn and peas. Fruit.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Chicken and vegetable pie served with boiled potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Yoghurt / fruit.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Beef and vegetable burritos served with rice. Yoghurt / fruit.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese, ham, baked beans and tuna and sweetcorn mayonnaise served with salad.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Cheese and tomato pizza, chicken pizza or pepperoni pizza. Fruit.

Our new Winter Menu will follow for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025



### **Tag Rugby**

Congratulations to our amazing Rugby squad who left Holt unbeaten across all twelve games. The squad all improved from our first game and ended up playing some super rugby, especially in defence. A special well done to Harris who led the squad and was a super role model.

Well done everyone! Mr B



### **Colby Walking Club**

A big well done to Emerald Class who took part in the first ever Walking Club. They had an early lunch then walked 1.2km to the park, had a fun play, then walked back 1.2km in time for their afternoon lessons. They all had a great time and can't wait to do it again!

Walking Club will take place and offer all children in KS2 a chance to spend time out of school and be active. It provides a great opportunity to improve mental and physical health and gives children excellent social time. Mr B.

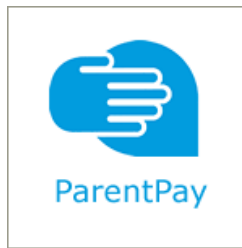


### **School Council EDP art competition**

Across Norfolk, schools are competing to win at prizes for schools. All you need to do is bring in as many tokens as possible. You will find these printed in the EDP. So, if any of your family read newspapers and you see any of these tokens, bring them to school by the 6th of December. Whoever collects the most tokens will receive 30 house points. Please remember to write your first and last name on the back of the tokens and hand them to Amber/Jack or Harris in Amethyst Class.

Thank you.

Amber, Harris and Jack (Amethyst)



### **Parent Pay**

Thank you to everyone who has paid Parent Pay debts since the reminder last week. We still have a significant number of payments owed for After School Club, in particular, and we would appreciate your help with getting payments up to date. We will be sending individual reminder emails out after half term, so it would be very helpful if you could pay off any debts before then. If you are having difficulty making payments, please do not hesitate to contact me privately on [head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk). Thank you.

## **Xmas4schools™**

### **Christmas is coming .... Eeek!**

Your child should have brought home their Christmas card design by now. Please complete the form on the reverse of their artwork and return it to school by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025. You will not need to order at this stage. Once we have sent your returned design to Xmas4Schools they will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From there, you can place your order and make payment.



### **CGP Study Books**

We recommend that Year 6 children purchase Study Books for Mathematics and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation (SPAG). The books are ideal for learning vocabulary and revising work covered in Key Stage 2 ahead of the National Tests in May 2026. We can offer you both books for a reduced rate of £10 (£5 each). If you would like to purchase the books for your child, please send £10 in to school in an envelope marked with your child's name. Thank you.



### **Have a great half term!**

It is hard to believe the first half term of the school year is over! The weeks have flown by! Children have settled into their classes with enthusiasm, energy and their usual sense of fun. It has been wonderful to watch our new Reception children settle in so happily too.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you again next half term for the exciting lead up to Christmas!



### **Career opportunities at Colby School**

I thought you might like a sneak peak at an advert which will be placed on the Norfolk Education Vacancies website shortly:

I am excited to inform you about exciting new career opportunities at Colby School next term. It is a time of change for wonderful reasons, with staff leaving for new adventures including travelling and babies! We look forward to welcoming new members of staff to our happy team.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT 37 hours per week (applications also considered from candidates who are interested in part-time hours).**

**Scale D £13.26 - Scale E £13.69 per hour starting wage**

**We are looking for a new teaching assistant to:**

Manage our Breakfast Club and lead a social and happy start to the day for children attending (Monday – Friday),

Support teaching and learning in EYFS / Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2,

Work with our Special Needs Co-ordinator to plan and deliver sessions for a pupil with Special Educational Needs,

Lead exciting activities at our After School Club on Mondays,

Bring new talents and interests to our enthusiastic team.

It will be a rewarding position with lots of variety – there is never a dull moment at Colby School!

**In return we can offer:**

A supportive staff and community,

Enthusiastic and positive children,

A school committed to making learning fun for all children and work enjoyable for all staff,

A beautiful landscape, including lots of outdoor learning spaces and pets!

This position would be particularly suitable for a candidate wishing to gain experience before teacher training but applications are welcome from any interested candidates.

Please feel free to contact us for more details or visit our website to learn more about our lovely school.

Please download an application form from the Education Vacancies website.

Closing date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5pm

Interview: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Starting date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026





### **Headteacher Awards**

**Isobel (Emerald)** for completing a quiz at home  
**Mia (Emerald)** for excellent maths  
**Albie (Emerald)** for excellent place value in maths  
**Albie (Emerald)** for moving up a phase in reading  
**Mia (Emerald)** for brilliant independent maths  
**Hudson (Amethyst)** for awesome Geography writing  
**Giles (Emerald)** for being kind  
**Rita (Ruby)** for awesome reading  
**Rita (Ruby)** for fantastic mathematics  
**Hudson (Amethyst)** for great swimming  
**Frankie (Ruby)** for passing semi-finalist times tables  
**Rita (Ruby)** for passing finalist times tables  
**Margot, Maya, Edward and Leo (Ruby)** for passing gold times tables  
**Charlotte, Maya, Olive, Felix, Hugo and Maia (Ruby)** for passing silver times tables  
**Emily, Olive and Herbie (Ruby)** for passing European times tables  
**Jacob (Ruby)** for passing Olympic times tables  
**Maia, Rita, Jacob and Isabelle (Ruby)** for being Stars of the Week  
**Rita (Ruby)** for super spellings  
**Rita (Ruby)** for super addition and subtraction (using inverse)  
**Bertie, Albert, Harris and James (Amethyst)** for getting 20 out of 20 on a spelling test  
**Harry (Amethyst)** for great spelling  
**Hudson (Amethyst)** for swimming  
**Hudson (Amethyst)** for super spelling, fantastic reading and great work in geography  
**Stanley (Sapphire)** for SUPERB reading with expression!  
**Louie, Harper, Felix, Max, Charlie, Orin, Alannah, Ellie, Etta, Amelie, Sophie, Hollie, Brooke, Anya, Arthur C, Kit, Archie, Amelie, Florence, Evie (Sapphire)**  
fantastic counting in 5s - ALL over the classroom!  
**All Sapphire children (Sapphire)**  
for taking part and learning SO much during our special Diwali Day.



### **Bikeability**

In November, KS2 will be undertaking Bikeability, the modern take on Cycling Proficiency. It is a really fun experience and will help the children feel more confident when cycling. It's also good fun and nice and active!

With half term coming up it might be a good time to double check bikes work and helmets fit properly. It might also be a good chance to have a little practice too.

Year 6 will need their bikes in school - Monday 17th November until Thursday 20th November.

Year 3,4 and 5 will need their bikes on Friday 28th November.

If you have any questions then please ask Mr B or Mr Frost.

Mr B



### Message from Mr Smith

To all the Colby children and families,

I really enjoyed spending time in and around the school yesterday. I spent some time with Mrs Mead, learning more about the school and meeting children and staff. It was lovely to be able to meet some of you at the end of the school day too, even if the weather wasn't very kind to us!

I look forward to spending more time at Colby soon.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy and restful half-term break.

Kind regards,  
Mr Smith



*Christine Mead*