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Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Football with Hannah B 3 - 4.15pm £5. (After Sch Club available until 5pm) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Father Christmas Fun Run. Children are invited to wear warm and comfortable Father Christmas outfits / Christmassy costumes. Weather permitting, children will run on Bridge Road and the playing field path. Please email the school office on <a href="mailto:office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk">office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk</a> to give your permission for your child to run on Bridge Road. Thank you. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Colby Christmas Talent Show – school only. Colby School closes for the Christmas Holiday. After School Club until 5pm.



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023:** School closed for the Christmas holiday.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023:** Pupils return to school for Spring term.



**Help needed for a family from Ukraine**

We've been made aware of a family from Ukraine who are desperately seeking to be housed in the UK. They are close family friends of a family whose children attend Colby School. If anyone has considered helping with re-housing and would like more information, you are very welcome to contact Hannah Everett at Colby School to discuss. The family is a Mum with two children aged 11 and 4 years old. It would be wonderful if someone from the Colby community could help.





### Headteacher Awards

**Mariia, Bella and Rita (Amethyst)** for Spelling Shed  
**Rufus, Josie and Jack (Amethyst)** for great grammar  
**Eva, Bella, Rita, Emily, Zara, Isabelle, Toby, Elsie, Mariia and Freddie (Amethyst)** for fractions  
**Eva, Rita and Elsie (Amethyst)** for passive sentences  
**Rufus (Amethyst)** for kindness  
**Mr Frost (Amethyst)** for Wordle  
**Jack (Amethyst)** for being a great sound engineer at The Atrium  
**Alannah (Ruby)** for fantastic reading  
**Eleanor (Ruby)** for helping an adult at break-time  
**George (Ruby)** for politely correcting Mrs Towers  
**Eleanor, Evie, Imogen, Dolly and Solomiia (Ruby)** for finding perimeters accurately  
**Cian (Ruby)** for super calculations  
**George (Ruby)** for passing the Olympic times tables challenge  
**Imogen (Ruby)** for passing the Super Olympic times tables challenge  
**Dolly and Viv (Ruby)** for being the only ones to get a question correct  
**Matthew (Ruby)** for a fantastic science assessment on Developing Experts  
**Barnaby (Ruby)** for being a super cleaner  
**All of Sapphire Class for being awesome in the Nativity**  
**Flint (Sapphire)** for super attitude in phonics  
**The Vikings (Sapphire)** for awesome no line adding in maths  
**Scarlett and Rosie (Sapphire) and Ed (Year 6)** for being really kind to an injured pupil  
**To ALL of Amber class for being so amazing in our Christmas play!**



### Head Boy and Head Girl Awards

**Jacob (Amethyst)** for a great attitude  
**Elsie (Amethyst)** for being kind  
**Emily (Amethyst)** for being really helpful in Amber class



### Out of school success!



Congratulations to **Nathaniel (Emerald)** and **George (Ruby)**, who both passed their orange belts in Muay Thai (also known as Thai boxing) last week and are now green belts.  
Well done – you are super stars!



### More out of school success!



Huge congratulations to **Margot (Sapphire)** who competed in her first Gymnastics competition on Saturday for North Walsham Gymnastics Club. It was in Peterborough and was between six Gymnastics Clubs covering the East of England. Margot was understandably nervous but stayed positive and focused and won Gold in the bar competition plus three Bronze medals and a 4th place in other disciplines. Absolutely fantastic – well done, Margot!



### Performance Week

I am sure anyone who joined us for the Amber and Sapphire Nativity or the Key Stage 2 Pantomime this week really enjoyed the shows.

Amber and Sapphire children loved sharing their Nativity with you. They were confident, happy and full of energy! It's hard to believe our Reception children are only in their first term of school! Thank you to Amber and Sapphire staff for all their hard work supporting the children to produce such a lovely performance. We were very proud of Amber and Sapphire children – I am sure you were too.

The Key Stage 2 Pantomime was also a great success. Well done to all of Key Stage 2 for their enthusiastic singing and brilliant acting. The audience chuckled away throughout and enjoyed the wonderful singing. Key Stage 2 were fantastic performers – a real bunch of super stars! It was wonderful to see everyone looking so confident and happy. A big thank you to Mrs Towers for her excellent leadership of music throughout the school and to all other Key Stage 2 staff for their support.

A special mention to **Ophelia (Ruby)**, **Dolly (Ruby)** and **Sophia (Ruby)** for stepping in as understudies for children who were unable to perform due to illness (or who we were unsure would be well enough). They worked really hard to learn loads of extra lines and songs. Ophelia, Dolly and Sophia received special "Everyone Leads" certificates in Assembly today for ensuring the Show could go on! Thank you girls, you are superstars!

Thank you for your generous contributions at the end of the performances. We really appreciate all your lovely feedback about the KS1 and KS2 performances this year. We love showcasing our creative curriculum, and our Christmas performances give us the chance to celebrate our learning priorities of creativity, confidence and fun!



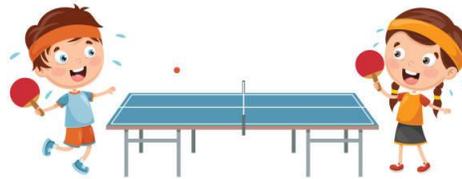
### School Morning Drop Off

Please could I politely request that children are in school before 8.50am when the school bell goes and the gate is locked. The gate to the playground is opened at 8.30am to allow plenty of time for drop off. The gate is locked at 8.50am to allow staff to get the children in and settled before lessons start. It is disruptive to the whole class if children are late. The 8.50am – 9.10am timetable slot is often used for targeted intervention work or to talk about the lessons for the day ahead. It is unsettling for children to miss this time. With wintery weather ahead, please consider if you need to set off earlier to ensure children are here by 8.50am. Thank you for your help with this.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available every day of the week from 8am. Children have a delicious breakfast of cereal, toast, porridge, yoghurt and juice. They also have time for a run around on the playground from 8.30am. Breakfast Club costs £5.00 per session.



### Table tennis table

We have a full size indoor table tennis table, which is in really good condition but surplus to our requirements. It would be ideal for a playroom and we would love it to go to a new home. It cost over £400 new but we would accept an offer of £50 for it. Please ask if you would like to come and see it.



### Christmas Reading Challenge

Please find attached a Head Girl and Head Boy Reading Challenge for the Christmas Holiday. Thank you to **Bella (Amethyst)**, **Toby (Amethyst)** and Mrs Honey for arranging this competition. Your child will be given a paper copy next week to bring home. They should return any completed challenge sheets to Bella or Toby in Amethyst Class by Monday 9th January 2023. If there are any other reading challenges they have completed that are not on the sheet then please do add them on! Also, a photo of them doing one of their challenges to display in the library would be great - please email it the office. Happy reading!

*Christine Mead*