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Dear Colby Family,

As we reach the end of another year, I would like to say thank you for your continued support. It's been another successful year, full of happy moments and laughter.

Thank you to the children of Colby School for your enthusiasm, energy and positive attitudes. Thank you to staff for their hard work throughout the year – they really are a special bunch who work hard to provide the very best care for your children. It has been wonderful to read your appreciation of staff on the Annual Report reply slips returned so far.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy holiday.

Kind regards,

Christine Mead



Wednesday 3rd September
2025

Colby School re-opens for the Autumn Term 2025.

Playground opens from 8.30am. Reception children invited to arrive at 9.15am – see note below.

No Breakfast Club or hot lunches today due to Colby Kitchen re-stocking.

After School Club from 3pm – 5pm. £5.



WE PROMOTE STAFF WELL-BEING





Colby Kitchen

Wednesday 3rd 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 6pm on Tuesday 22nd 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.

As mentioned at the Reception Parent Meeting, we ask that Reception children bring packed lunches at the beginning of term to give them the security of food from home while they settle into school life. Please do not hesitate to contact me on head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk if you would like school to provide a packed lunch during this period.



Headteacher Awards

Emily P, Olive S, Scarlett T, Charlotte P, Isobel F, Maia V-K, Lily G and Verity J
for amazing help in the library



Colby Cycling Challenge

Over the last few weeks Sports Leaders have been cycling around the Norfolk countryside to try and accumulate 1407km to cycle the length of Britain. Their progress has been nothing short of outstanding and they eventually smash their target with a couple of days to spare. I would like to give a huge congratulations to all the children who have contributed, I think it's an incredible achievement that has inspired so many to really push themselves.

A big thankyou to Edward, Kate, Ava K, James, Erin, Evie, Imogen, Bertie, Amber, Hugo, Barney, Harris, Blake and Reuben for excellent contributions, without your efforts we would have fallen short.

The following children have been truly inspirational to bike such huge distances.

A special well done to;

Teddy (106km), George (103km), Ellen (159), Barnaby (217km), Adam (181km), Cody (183km)

A huge thanks to all of our wonderful parents who have supported our amazing young people to so much success! If you still want to donate then please visit our gofundme page.

<https://gofund.me/a7e4d9c0>

Have a great summer.

Mr B



**Information from Colby and Banningham Parish Council
Summer event- 2 August 2025**

There will be a summer event at the Community Hall on Saturday 2nd August from 3pm to around 7pm. There will be a barbeque, live music, games, a bar and stalls - a great opportunity to meet other residents.

Tickets are £3 per person and this will give you one free item from the barbeque and one free drink from the bar. You may of course then purchase more of these. Please do order your tickets soon, preferably by 31st July- so that we can plan for food and drinks.

Get your tickets from any of these Parish councillors. Look forward to seeing you there!

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**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 Awards

The following Awards were given in our Leavers' Assembly today. Congratulations to Year 6 for all they have achieved this year and throughout their time at Colby School.

House Leadership Award

Matthew, Otto, Ellen, Anna, Max, Cody, Teddy and Alannah

Sports Leader Award

Matthew, Cody, Blake, Alfie, Raff, Otto, Adam, Stanley, Teddy, Max, Ellen, Imogen, Anna, Ines, George and Evie

Sport Captain Leadership Award

Barnaby and Nina

Guinea Pig Care Award

Ines, Amelie and Rosa

The Green Award

Amber and Dylan

School Council Leadership Award

Blake, Imogen and Raff

The National Test Awards

Reading The 40s Club:

Ellen, Amelie, Evie, Teddy,
Rosa, Bea, Matthew, Raff,
Otto, Ivy, Max, Bonnie, Dylan,
Stanley, Blake, Imogen, Anna, Barnaby

Grammar and Punctuation The 40s Club:

Otto, Matthew, Evie and Imogen

Spelling The Twentyish Club:

Imogen, Anna and Evie

The Shifu Award:

Imogen, Evie and Matthew

Arithmetic The 40/40 Club:

Imogen and Adam

Mathematics National Test Legend Award:

Otto, Adam and Imogen

The National Test Legend Award

Imogen



Year 6 Awards contd.

Attendance Awards

Anna and Adam

The Creative Arts Award

Alannah and Bea

The Politeness Award

Dylan

The Positive Attitude Award

Harriet and Bonnie

The Pizza Eater Certificate

Bea, Amber and Harriet

The Determination Award

Ivy

The Footballing Excellence Award

Alfie

The Kindness Award

Adam and Erin

The Friendship Award

George and Nina

The Enterprise Legend Award

Ellen, Imogen, George, Blake, Teddy, Adam, Raff and Otto

The Head Boy and Head Girl Award

George and Evie

The Ambassador Award

Max, Erin and Barnaby

Outstanding Contribution

Imogen

The Isabelle Mardle Award for Sporting Excellence

Barnaby



Goodbye to our lovely Year 6

It is very sad to say goodbye to our wonderful **Year 6** pupils but I know that they are ready for High School, both academically and emotionally. Their confidence, enthusiasm for learning and kindness has made them a credit to Colby School and we wish them every success for the future.

Goodbye and good luck, Year 6.

Come back and visit us to let us know how you are getting on.

School Leavers song

Nobody Knows by the Lumineers

We don't really want to leave Colby
And it seems like we're too young
Searched the school and found our life long friends
We don't really want to leave Colby

It is really hard to leave Colby
Memories formed over the years
They were unforgettable
We'll find it hard to leave Colby

We don't want to really leave
It seems so easy till you try
Now it's gone, the time flew by
Nobody knows how it's going to go

Colby has really felt like a home
The care and support we all had
Making memories till our end
Love is deep for our second home

Together through Colby we've grown
Through all our highs and our lows
This is not where our story ends
For our future and all our friends (x2)



Join the free Summer Reading Challenge run by the Norfolk Library Service!

Children can grow their imaginations with this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden - Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors.

We enjoyed a recent visit by a librarian who introduced the children to the Summer Reading Challenge run by Norfolk Libraries. The children were so enthusiastic and keen to sign up.

This year's theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. They can also join in with free Story Garden activities at their local library.

It is so important that children continue to read lots over the long summer break because it will:

- Boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Helps prepare children to return to school in the autumn
- Supports the move into a new year group
- Help to ensure that the children maintain their current reading level.

Our librarian will return in September to give out certificates and celebrate the children's successes. I will be joining the adult Summer Reading Challenge which this year is focussed on 'food'!

I look forward to hearing all about your reading adventures!

Mrs. Frost

Christine Mead