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*Colby School News Issue 28:  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024: The Week Ahead*

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Choir (combined) with Mrs Towers from 8.30am before school. KS2 Handball Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm. £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class. Silent Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 and KS2 Girls' Football Club with Hannah B 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS1 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. No Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club today. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS2 Gardening Club with Mrs Frost 3 - 4.15pm £5 - a few spaces left. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) KS2 Football Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) PLEASE BRING WATERPROOF COATS / WARM PE KIT. Netball Match at Rackheath after school for selected players. No Netball Club. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	School re-opens.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Emerald Class visit to Hickling Broad

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Pizza for lunch today – swapped with Friday due to staffing logistics.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Fish fingers for lunch today – swapped with Wednesday due to staffing logistics.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** National Tests for Year 6 pupils. **NO BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK – SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE. STAFF AND HALL SPACE UNAVAILABLE DUE TO TEST ADMINISTRATION.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** **NO HOT LUNCHESES** available today due to Year 6 National Test Administration. Please contact Mrs Mead if you would like us to provide your child with a packed lunch.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Bike-ability for Yr 6 pupils this week.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Samuel Thomas – art workshop in Emerald Class.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Reception pupils Vision and Hearing Screening.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Cake Sale at break time run by the School Council.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May:** School closed for Summer Half Term.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** School reopens for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Summer Term.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** School photographer visiting to take individual, family and class photos.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 1 Phonics Tests.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** New Reception Induction Morning for parents in the Hall 9.15am.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Year 6 Extended Crazy Sleepover.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Ruby Class trip to the Royal Norfolk Show.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 pupils' Induction Days at Aylsham High School.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Reception Pupils' Induction mornings. Your child will be invited to attend one session.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Amber Class trip to ROARR Dinosaur Park.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Sapphire Class visit to Stranger's Hall, Norwich.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Meet your new class / teacher morning.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 6.00pm:** Key Stage 2 Crazy Sleepover! More details to follow.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Sport Week.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



## Headteacher Awards

**Ralph, Freya and Olivia (Sapphire)** for being mini teachers in Phonics

**George (Amber)** for outstanding Phonics knowledge

**Lucas and Hudson (Emerald)** for fantastic news writing

**Scarlett (Emerald)** for amazing maths

**Hudson (Emerald)** for great work

**Charlie D (Amber)** for incredible reading

**Orin (Amber)** for showing amazing kindness

**Hudson and Lucas (Emerald)** for marvellous maths

**Scarlett and Lev (Emerald)** for awesome maths work

**Imogen, Raff, Ellen, Stanley, Amber C, George, Evie, Ivy, Anna, Dylan and Otto (Ruby)**  
for fantastic stage directions



### London Marathon Sponsorship

CONGRATULATIONS to Evie's mum (Amber Class) for successfully completing the London Marathon last weekend. What a Star! Here is a short memory of her run:-

"Wow! What a weekend!

After all the training miles over the last 4 months, running the streets of London was my victory lap. Thousands of people lined the streets to cheer and see loved ones taking on the challenge.

I luckily managed to spot Evie and Danny twice with their sign and balloon at miles 18/19 and 25. By chance just before the final corner I saw my friend from run club. I crossed the line with her, a special moment we will both remember.

My finish time was 4hrs 37mins - a PB and one of my favourite runs ever.

To celebrate Evie, Danny and I had lots of pizza !! ☺

Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you would like to donate, there is still time. Any amount will gratefully be received. Thank you." <https://gofund.me/3f645f54>



### More Headteacher Awards

**Erin, Imogen, Evie and Stanley (Ruby)** for super spelling scores

**Solomiia (Ruby)** for working super quickly

**Amber E, Teddy, George, Amelie and Alfie (Ruby)** for fantastic reading test scores

**All of Emerald Class** for being thoughtful and kind in an RE lesson

**Lucas and Hudson (Emerald)** for great calculations

**Jacob and Verity (Emerald)** for great maths

**William (Emerald)** for being awesome!

**Elsie (Amethyst)** for super English

**Sofia and Cian (Amethyst)** for a great character description

**Dolly (Amethyst)** for amazing history work

**Ophelia, Dolly, Elsie and Florence (Amethyst)** for amazing setting descriptions

**Rufus and Bella (Amethyst)** for awesome reading

**Noah (Sapphire)** for helping clear plastic at the seaside

**Felix (Sapphire)** for amazing English work about trolls

**Verity (Sapphire)** for detailed troll writing

**Ben (Sapphire)** for brilliant maths

**Hugo (Sapphire)** for excellent use of commas in sentences

**Charlie D (Amber)** for brilliant reading

**Orin (Amber)** for incredible kindness

**All of Year 1 (Amber)** for fantastic writing

**Florence (Amber)** for being super kind

**Archie L (Amber)** for always being really helpful in class

**Brooke (Amber)** for being a great mini Phonics teacher



### **Colby Kitchen**

I've had a couple of questions regarding school meals this week, so I thought I would include my answers on the newsletter for all of your information. As you know we will be conducting a survey regarding meals with children and parents this term. This will take place later in the term when Year 6 have completed their National Tests. Year 6 will help to interview younger children about their favourite foods and this information will be included on the survey sent out to parents.

I've been asked why we don't operate a 2 or 3 week rolling menu to offer more choice over the half term. We have done this in the past but parents and children found it confusing and preferred us to have the same menu each week. I am happy to review this and it will be a question on the parent survey.

We haven't moved over to a summer menu yet because the weather is so cold and children are still enjoying their sausage and mash etc. We will review the menu again when we see some sunshine – fingers crossed this will be soon!

I've been asked why we don't use Norse to provide our dinners or follow the Norse menu. We have a small kitchen at Colby School and cannot offer the daily range of choices that Norse can. We have considered using Norse to provide our meals in the past and researched this. Governors voted unanimously against using Norse due to the cost - we would have needed to heavily subsidise the Norse meals and make unwanted cuts elsewhere to do so.

Thank you to Megan and Vikki for all their hard work in Colby Kitchen. They have continued to adapt the menu following feedback from children – aiming to provide meals that are enjoyed by all. Thank you to those of you who have been in touch to say how much your children enjoy their school dinners. Macaroni cheese has been a great addition to the menu and sausage and mash remains a firm favourite! If you have any meal suggestions you would like to share before the parent survey, please let me know.



### **Keeping safe on the Colby School lay-by**

Parents have commented to me that a few of you are driving very fast onto the car park. We'd rather your child was a bit late than have an accident! Please drive safely.

I've also been told that cars, particularly 4x4s, that drop their children off in the first entrance and wait for them to go in gate are obstructing the vehicles going in and out. Please be mindful of where you wait and check you are not blocking the view of the road. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe.

*Christine Mead*