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<p>Monday 12th February 2024</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Year 6 Parents' meeting to discuss KS2 National Tests at 5pm in Amethyst Mobile. Children welcome to attend with their parents.</p>
<p>Tuesday 13th February 2024</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (Active Norfolk). Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) 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 (no charge). After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th February 2024</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Reception and Year 1 Dance and Yoga Club with Miss Covell from 8.30am before school in Amber Class (Active Norfolk). Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. KS1 Football Club (girls and boys) with Hannah B 3 - 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Thursday 15th February 2024</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Mrs Mead's Breakfast Book Club for selected pupils at 8am. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. Big Bird Watch all day in school. Art Club with Mr Frost 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (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. KS2 Netball Club after school 3 – 4.15pm. £5. (After School Club available afterwards until 5pm, no extra cost.) After School Club until 5pm. £5.</p>
<p>Friday 16th February 2024</p>	<p>Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Dodgeball Club (Active Norfolk) for Key Stage 2 with Ben at 8.30am in the Hall. After School Club until 5pm. £5. BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</p>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February: School closed - Spring Half Term holiday.

Monday 26th February: School reopens for 2nd half of Spring Term.

Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th March: Parent Interviews 3.15 - 6pm. Email sent this afternoon.

Wednesday 27th March: School closes at 3pm for Easter break. No After School Club today.

Monday 15th April: School reopens for Summer Term.

Wednesday 17th April: Internet Safety / Life Skills parent session at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

Monday 6th May: School closed for May Bank Holiday.

Monday 27th – Fri 31st May: School closed for Summer Half Term.

Monday 3rd June: School reopens for 2nd half of Summer Term.

Friday 19th July: School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Calling all budding scientists!

This popular festival returns over the half-term holiday with a jam-packed programme of talks, shows, workshops and performances for all ages. There are LOADS of amazing activities for children, many of which are free but some require prior booking. The Forum, Norwich NR2 1TF is the venue for many of the events. Book and see the programme at norwichsciencefestival.co.uk



Outdoor Learning Permission (Emerald, Ruby Class and Amethyst Class)

We previously asked parents of children in Ruby and Amethyst Class to give permission for children to take part in outdoor learning activities which might take place outside the school grounds. We would like to extend this to include Emerald Class too because we plan to introduce a weekly jogging event on Bridge Road when it is too muddy to use the playing field for Cross Country. Any activities will have a full risk assessment and appropriate staff levels. If you are happy for your child to take part in occasional out of school outdoor learning activities, please email the school office on office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk.

Safer Internet Day 2024 | Tuesday 6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day

This week all classes have been talking about keeping safe online and I thought some of you may appreciate a repeat of our advice on how to keep children safe online.

Sometimes it can be really tricky navigating and understanding the different games that children wish to access and play on. I have found some of the advice from the websites below really helpful and thought that I would share them with you. They have advice for all ages, so are helpful if you have teenagers as well. There is information on some of them about certain games or social media sites that are very popular with the children eg. Roblox, Fortnite, WhatsApp. Definitely, worth a read if you are unsure about the safety of certain apps and websites.

If you have any other questions about online safety, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Moulton.

You can reach us by emailing office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 01263 733381 (and Mrs Smith or Mrs Green will pass on the message).

Wendy Towers (Subject Leader for Computing)

- <https://parentinfo.org/>
- https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>
- **Talk to your child about what they're up to online.** Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.
- **Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child.** The **Thinkuknow site** has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16.
- **Encourage your child to go online and explore!** There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.
- **Keep up-to-date with your child's development online.** Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.
- **Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.** Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.

- **Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.** For children of primary school age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.
- **Know what connects to the internet and how.** Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone or games console.
- **Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.** Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. Service providers are working hard to make them simple, effective and user friendly.



Norfolk Constabulary Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is one of Norfolk Constabulary's main priorities. As it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6 February 2024, the Children and Young People Team have put together a letter (attached) which contains links to useful information for parents and carers, including a "Family Internet Agreement" which will assist you in starting conversations with your children about positive behaviour and staying safe online.



Headteacher Awards

- Verity (Sapphire)** for fabulous letter writing
- Noah (Sapphire)** for explaining what an adjective is
- All Sapphire Class** for hard work on our crayons English topic
- Emily and Charlotte (Sapphire)** for super holiday work whilst skiing
- Alice's phonics group** for super focusing
- Libby, Freya, Ralph, Poppy and Rosa (Sapphire)** for amazing 'adding on' maths
- Milo, Jaxson and Edward (Sapphire)** for hard work on editing
- Bella (Amethyst)** for getting 22/25 on a memory game
- Dolly (Amethyst)** for an amazing score on a persuasive text
- Florence (Amethyst)** for knowing the difference between fungi and plants
- Rufus (Amethyst)** for perfect information in science
- Dolly (Amethyst)** for great English
- All of Amber Class** for thinking of great questions to ask the Natural History Museum
- All of Year 1 in Amber Class** for great Maths work
- All of Reception children** for great phonics
- All of Sapphire Class** for fantastic fruit kebabs
- James (Emerald)** for awesome mathematics
- Rosie, Lev and Lucas (Emerald)** for awesome mathematics
- Frankie and Rosie (Emerald)** for brilliant gymnastics
- Ivy (Ruby)** for awesome RE



Life Skills' lessons

Dear Amber Class and Sapphire Class parents,

This term Amber Class and Sapphire Class will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS curriculum in our Life Skills' lessons.

During these discussions we will aim to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's 'PANTS' acrostic, which is like a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

PANTS stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate.

These include:

"Appropriate" and "inappropriate" touching,

Your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable naming parts of the body,

Who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and see how you can help keep your children safe in partnership with Colby School, more information can be found at nspcc.org.uk PANTS.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Christine Mead