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*The Week Ahead*

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. Selected Year 5 pupils to UEA Sport Leadership event. Leave at 8.45pm, return for 3pm. Swimming for remaining Year 5 children – please remember packed lunches. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 - 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.



**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** Sapphire class to Brideswell Museum to meet Florence Nightingale.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025:** Year 6 National Test Week.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025:** Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025:** Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Aylsham High School.





### **Headteacher Awards**

- Noah (Emerald)** for excellent work in RE  
**Margot (Ruby)** for writing a great letter to Parliament  
**Arthur C (Amber)** for fabulous Phonics  
**Phoebe (Emerald)** for some amazing Maths  
**Verity (Emerald)** for beautiful handwriting  
**Verity, Lily and Ben (Emerald)** for marvellous Maths  
**Sebastian (Emerald)** for awesome Maths  
**Bea (Amethyst)** for excellent work in Maths  
**Frankie (Emerald)** for being really helpful  
**Mia (Sapphire)** for being kind to a younger pupil  
**George (Sapphire)** for great knowledge about oceans  
**Archie (Sapphire)** for brilliant Rainforest knowledge  
**Ruby (Sapphire)** for fantastic Phonics  
**Anya (Sapphire)** for amazing Phonics and independent adjectives  
**Harry (Sapphire)** for incredible independent news writing  
**Felix and Freddie (Sapphire)** for super writing plans  
**Ruby (Sapphire)** for amazing Maths  
**Stanley W (Sapphire)** for amazing reading of tricky words in Phonics  
**James and Reuben (Ruby)** for passing the Olympic times tables challenge  
**Eddie (Ruby)** for passing the Bronze times tables challenge  
**Isabelle (Ruby)** for passing the Gold times tables challenge  
**Bertie, Reuben Dylan, Harris, Amber, Izzy, Flint, Kate and Margot (Ruby)**  
for fantastic multiplication  
**Isobel and Daisy (Emerald)** for perfect scores in a Maths test  
**Maia, Lily, Rita, Scarlett, Olive, Isobel, Phoebe, Verity and Emily (Emerald)**  
for great Life Skills poems  
**Rita, Ben, Felix, Harry, Maya, Herbie, Hugo, JP, Leo, Quinn,  
Daisy, Edwards, Noah, Sebastian, Isobel and Remy (Emerald)**  
for passing the Quarter Finals times tables test  
**Felix, Herbie, JP, Leo and Quinn (Emerald)** for passing the Semi Final times tables test  
**Frankie (Emerald)** for a lovely display  
**Isobel and Daisy (Emerald)** for great tidying up  
**Olivia (Sapphire)** for brilliant Maths  
**Albie and Charlie (Sapphire)** for fabulous Maths with base 10  
**Barnaby (Amber)** for amazing independent Maths  
**Ava K (Amber)** for a confident and interesting Show and Tell  
**Bo (Amber)** for being kind and independent  
**Archie (Amber)** for a super interesting Show and Tell  
**Delilah (Amber)** for beautiful contributions to whole class chats  
**Arthur T (Amber)** for being kind and polite in his use of language  
**Henryk (Amber)** for amazing rolls in gymnastics  
**Arthur C (Amber)** for an amazing learning attitude  
**Kit (Amber)** for working really hard in history  
**Ivy (Amethyst)** for excellent Maths all week  
**George and Imogen (Amethyst)** for excellent setting descriptions  
**Blake, George, Cody and Matthew (Amethyst)** for excellent group work  
**Ivy (Amethyst)** for great English



### More Headteacher Awards

**Imogen and George (Amethyst)** for excellent Maths

**Anna, Stanley, Alfie and Alannah (Amethyst)** for amazing scores in a Reading Test

**Barnaby and Ivy (Amethyst)** for fantastic 3 mark answers in a Reading Test



### Blickling Junior Parkrun

It was great to see some of our Colby children at the Blickling Junior Parkrun's 3rd Birthday last Sunday. Felix and Leo completed their first runs, well done boys! Maia achieved her marathon wristband which children can earn by completing enough Junior Parkruns to accomplish the 26-mile marathon distance, a fantastic achievement. Half marathon wristbands can also be earned.

Well done to all the Colby runners 😊

Hannah Burton



### Colby Kitchen

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with meatballs, served with broccoli and carrots. Fruit.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Chilli, topped with optional cheese, served in a wholemeal tortilla wrap, green beans and sweetcorn. Fruit
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Chicken and vegetable stew served with dumplings and peas. Yoghurt and fruit.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Cheese pizza, chicken pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus. Fruit.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Sausages served in a bread roll with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks). Optional tomato sauce. Fruit.



### **Colby Comets 4 - 3 Coltishall**

The unbeaten Comets travelled to a rain soaked Coltishall on Thursday to test their squad depth against one of the in-form sides in the league. Managers Brown and Richards rang the changes and gave call ups to Raff, Harris, Dylan, Cody and Teddy whilst Barns, Otto and Alfie led the team. The game started poorly as Coltishall struck twice in the first five minutes with a well worked goal from a corner followed by a long-range drive from the edge of the box. With regular keeper Bertie being rested, Reuben took the gloves but couldn't quite manage to keep either shot out. He was however able to save the Comets moments later when he rushed off his line to smother another attack from the home side.

The Comets were rattled but somehow found a way back into the game with two moments of magic from Otto. First, he latched onto a through ball from Alfie, collected the ball, spun and then smashed the ball into the far corner from twenty yards. Straight from the restart Dylan, who had a magical first half, beat three players and whipped a beautiful cross into the area where Otto was waiting to smash the ball first time into the roof of the net. It got better before half time, as this time Otto turned provider and flicked a neat through-ball into Alfie's path and he banged home with power and style! Dylan and Stanley were marshalling the midfield well whilst Barns was playing like a prime Rio Ferdinand, full of pace, power and style. Teddy made a crucial interception and dealt with the home side's tricky winger for the rest of the first half.

The second half was a much tighter affair and the Comets had to rely on some last ditch defending from Harris and Cody to keep their lead intact. More chances went begging for the home side with Raff making a couple of timely interventions. This pressure finally told as the home side bundled the ball in with five minutes left.

The Comets never give up though and have already battled back from difficult positions twice this season. Barns aggressively intercepted the ball and played a perfectly weighted ball through the midfield to Alfie, who first time flicked the ball to Reuben. Like a mini Mo Salah, he controlled the ball and drove towards the goal before smashing a worldie into the far corner to spark wild celebrations in almost darkness.

The winning goal capped off a fantastic game from both sides.  
Players of the match were Stanley and Dylan.  
Mr B

All the Colby Comets went to play football at Coltishall School on Thursday 23d January 2025. Everyone played brilliantly, particularly as most people played in unusual positions. Some of the people who had lots of game time had a break to allow the people with less game time a chance to play. An amazing match with a 4 - 3 win, Otto G with 2 goals, Alfie with 1 goal and also Reuben with 1 goal. Stanley and Dylan played their socks off and they received Man of the Match!  
A special mention to Harris J for his debut. Smashed it!  
Barnaby (Sport Captain)



### Dodgeball Championships

On Wednesday, Colby took 2 teams to attend the annual, and highly anticipated, Year 5/6 Dodgeball Championships. This being a competition that Colby has won for the past 4 years. Both teams came up against very competitive schools and children were fantastic adapting to the different tactics they were playing against. Between the two teams, Colby won 7 matches and lost 3. As a result, one Colby team finished in first place, having not lost a match, and the other Colby team finished in 3rd. A fantastic day for Colby School and the Year 6 who attended the event. That's now half a decade of dominance in the competition! Well done to all involved and thank you to Cody's Mum who helped with transportation to the event.

Ben

On Wednesday (22nd of January) two teams were chosen to participate in a Dodgeball Tournament at Cromer Academy. We played fifteen games and won the competition - it was intense! The people who participated were: Nina, Otto, Cody, Barnaby, Ivy, Ines, Teddy, Adam, Max, Harriet, Stanley, Raff, Alfie and George.

A big thank you to the staff and parents who drove the teams to the Academy and an even bigger well done to the 14 Year Sixes who were involved.

Nina (Sport Captain)



### Out of school celebrations!

Year 6 have asked children throughout the school about any recent success out of school that they would like us to celebrate. Well done to the following children:

This week **George** in Sapphire Class has won a trophy for his cricket. This is a major success for him and we hope he carries on doing well. Well done, George!

**Bonnie** from Amethyst Class has been focussed on writing books with the hope of getting them published by Penguin. The books consist of two main characters, Isabel and Daniel who later find out they are twins.

During the holidays **Alannah** from Amethyst Class passed her tap exam which is a big achievement. By George (Amethyst)

**Sophie** from Amber Class earned 5 medals in a gymnastics' competition in Peterborough.

**Iris** won 1 medal and a certificate in a different gymnastics' competition.

**Barnaby** went to football and got a medal and **Ellie** got a trophy in a gymnastics' competition.

**Tiggy** and **Clara** got a certificate in swimming and **Arthur** got a sticker in another gymnastics' competition.

Well done to all these children for their fantastic achievements out of school – awesome!

By Teddy (Amethyst)





### **Office closed on Monday, Tuesday and Friday next week**

The school office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Friday next week due to building work. Please use email to contact us because we will not be able to get to the telephone easily:

[office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@colby.norfolk.sch.uk) or [head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@colby.norfolk.sch.uk)

If you urgently need to come into school, please use the bell hanging on the front gate to let us know you are there (the bell used for Breakfast Club and After School Club) and we will get to you as quickly as we can. Sorry for any inconvenience.



### **Year 6 go to London**

On Friday 17th January 2025, Year 6 pupils travelled to London to visit Parliament and have a street visit to 10 Downing Street to learn how laws are made. Stopping off at Downing Street was clearly one of our highlights of the day, as we saw Larry the cat and got loads of pictures in front of the famous door. To be able to see the Prime Minister's office up close was only able to happen because the Secretary of our School Council contacted them through an amazing letter.

Lunch in Trafalgar Square proved to be thoroughly enjoyable! We were astonished by how grand and glamorous everything was but as soon as we stepped into Westminster Abbey we were lost for words as impressive wooden beams and delicate stone decorations filled our visions.

After our breath-taking tour through the House of Commons and the House of Lords we stopped at the Education Centre for a workshop. Near the end, our local MP, Steff Aquarone, came and had a talk with us and gave us a small present as a keepsake. Finally, we dragged ourselves into the bus and headed home. Mrs Smith had only one thing to say, "Awesome!"

A special thank you to Mr Frost for organising and leading this amazing school trip and to Mr Brown, Mrs Smith and Josie for supervising us too, we wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

By Imogen (School Council Secretary) on behalf of all Year 6 children.

*Christine Mead*