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The Week Ahead

Monday 16 th December 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Key Stage 2 Performance Rehearsal at The Atrium pm for the main actors – please bring packed lunches. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Key Stage 2 Evening Performance at The Atrium. Children to arrive at 5.15pm. Adults will be allowed to wait in the canteen after drop off and then enter the theatre at 5.50pm, for a 6pm start.
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Key Stage 2 Evening Performance at The Atrium. Children to arrive at 5.40pm. Adults will be allowed to wait in the canteen after drop off and then enter the theatre at 5.50pm, for a 6pm start.
Thursday 19 th December 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Christmas Party Food lunch and games. Children are welcome to wear party jumpers. Please see information below for the food item your child should bring in – thank you. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 20 th December 2024	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Talent Show for pupils. All children are welcome to wear party jumpers. Talent Show contestants are welcome to wear costumes. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2024 – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3PM.
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Pupils return to school after the Christmas Break. No Breakfast Club – starts tomorrow (Wednesday 8 th January 2025). After School Club until 5pm. £5.



WE PROMOTE STAFF WELL-BEING



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Monday 6th January 2025 (break up Friday 20th December 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025): School closed for the Christmas Holiday.

Tuesday 7th January 2025: Pupils return to school after the Christmas Break.

Tuesday 7th January 2025: No Breakfast Club – starts on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Monday 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025: Year 6 National Test Week.

Monday 23rd June 2025: Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.

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



Thank you from FOCS

A big thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Fayre with us last Friday. What a success it was with happy faces all round. We are pleased to say we made a whopping £2140 to put towards the Chromebook funding. This is amazing and we would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who has helped make this possible by helping with the Fayre on the day, organising raffle prizes, donating Tombola prizes, wine, buying raffle tickets, bringing in cakes and bakes and by supporting us on the day.

We couldn't do it without your help. 😊

We wish you all a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Team FOCS 🎄



Christmas Fayre Thank You from Mrs Mead

A huge thank you to the Friends of Colby School for all of their hard work planning, organising and leading the FOCS Christmas Fayre last week. The happy atmosphere was a perfect start to our Christmas festivities.

A big thank you to everybody who helped – the amazing raffle organisers, the generous raffle prize givers, the people who ran stalls, crafts and games, baked cakes, served refreshments, face painted, helped set up and clear up at the end.

Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the fun! Happy Christmas to you all.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who helped raise funds by buying the poppies and bands this year. We helped raise £102.71 towards the fantastic total of £21,000 for the district.



Colby Kitchen

Monday 16 th December 2024	Chicken and sweetcorn pasta bake, served with garlic bread and peas. A choice of fruit or yoghurt.
Tuesday 17 th December 2024	Chilli, topped with optional cheese, served in a tortilla wrap with broccoli and sweetcorn. A choice of fruit.
Wednesday 18 th December 2024	Chicken in gravy served with roast potatoes, cauliflower and carrots. A choice of fruit.
Thursday 19 th December 2024	CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH – PLEASE REFER TO INFORMATION BELOW TO CHECK THE FOOD ITEM YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING IN – THANK YOU.
Friday 20 th December 2024	Christmas Buffet Party Food and Christmas Treats.



JUNIOR PARKRUN THIS SUNDAY AT BLICKLING

Following on from the success of last half term's Junior Parkrun event where many Colby children took part, we would like as many as possible to take part this Sunday (15th Dec). It is a special Christmas edition so children are encouraged to wear their Santa hats, antlers, etc. We have also been told there might be a little seasonal surprise visitor there on Sunday, ssshhh!!

It is free to attend, children just need to be registered, which is free, on the Parkrun website and bring along their barcode for scanning at the end of the run (paper or electronic form is fine).

The run starts at 9am beyond the overflow car park near the main car park at the Blickling Hall Estate. Just follow others from the main car if you aren't sure where to go. Adults are allowed to run with their child if they wish or just come along and cheer/spectate.

It would be fantastic to see as many Colby children as can make it there again this Sunday.

Mr B and Hannah

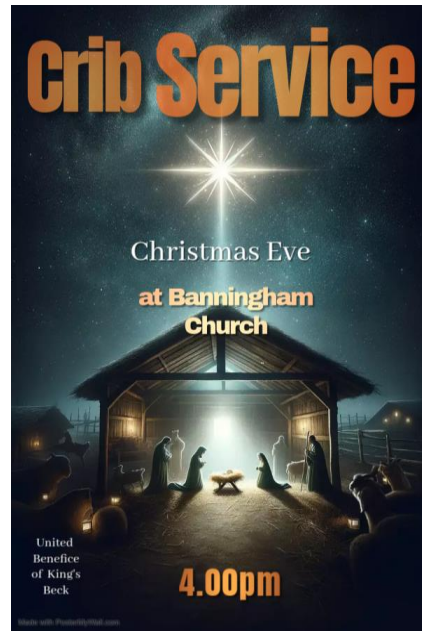


Amber and Sapphire Nativity

A huge well done to the lovely children of Amber and Sapphire Class, who performed so beautifully during their performances this week. Thank you to parents / families for providing children with great costumes and coming along to support them. Thank you to the wonderful staff of Amber and Sapphire Class. I hope you all enjoyed the shows as much as we did – there is nothing quite like an angel costume to get you in the mood for Christmas! Thank you for your generous contributions to the collections at the end of the performances – we raised £230 which will be spent on additional music resources for children to enjoy.

The United Benefice of King's Beck

Our friends from Open the Book would love to see you at the services below.
Everyone is very welcome.



Headteacher Awards

Emily (Emerald) for a lovely story and beautiful writing

Milo (Emerald) for being an amazing artist

Milo (Emerald) for kindness

Harper (Sapphire) for being sensible with friendships

Brooke (Sapphire) for lovely story writing

Libby (Sapphire) for great music knowledge

Arwen, Giles and Rosa (Sapphire) for collecting rubbish and looking after Colby School

Etta, Florence and Anya (Sapphire) for brilliant Christmas story writing

Freya and Olivia (Sapphire) for being super stars at maths exchanging

Oscar (Sapphire) for amazing maths

Libby (Sapphire) for fantastic independent maths

Bea (Amethyst) for brilliant maths with Mrs Mead

Maia, Olive, Jaxson, Edward, Milo, Emily, Leo, Remy, Sebastian, Daisy, Harry and Seb (Emerald)

for wonderful Wall of Wonder work

Verity, Rita, Ben, Leo, Felix, Sebastian and Charlotte (Emerald) for great story ideas

Herbie, Verity, Charlotte, Phoebe and Isobel (Emerald) for an excellent school play rehearsal

Noah (Emerald) for great story homework



Christmas Party Food Lunch – Thursday 19th December 2024

We reinstated the epic Christmas Party Food Lunch last year and it was a great success! So, it's back by popular demand again on Thursday 19th December 2024 and we hope you will all want to take part.

Children in Amber and Sapphire Class (and children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled to free school meals) will be provided with a lunch of pizza and salad on Thursday 19th December 2024 – their entitlement to a free meal. However, we hope you will help us have a wonderful Christmas Party Lunch by sending in some additional food so we can have a party buffet together in the school hall.

Key Stage 2 children are invited to send in food for the Christmas Party Food Lunch too. Colby Kitchen will not be providing hot meals for Key Stage 2 on this day (other than those children who are entitled to free school meals).

The chart below lists the food item that we would like you to provide for the Christmas Party Food buffet. It looks more complicated than it is – simply find your child's year group and the letter that starts their surname to find out what food they should bring in. For example: Harry **P**otter in **Year 6** would bring **crisps**.

Please cater for around 8 children – you don't need to provide a whole feast. If you could send the food in a disposable container, that would be very helpful. Otherwise, please label any box clearly so we can return it to you afterwards.

If your child has food allergies, you may prefer to send them with a plate of their own party food. Please contact me if you would like to discuss how we can help your child enjoy the buffet safely.

Please send your party food donation in on morning of Thursday 19th December 2024.

Any wrapped donations (crisps, wrapped biscuits, wrapped cakes) which are left over (if anything is) will be donated to a Christmas Food Bank.

If you would prefer your Amber or Sapphire Class child just to have their pizza lunch that day, please let me know. There is no pressure for children to be involved but we may need to reallocate food donations if children opt out. Key Stage 2 children can choose to bring a packed lunch instead but, again, it would be helpful if you could let me know in advance so I can ensure we have enough food to go around.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about our Christmas Party Lunch.

Christmas Party Food Lunch – Thursday 19th December 2024

Please let me know if you would like to change your food item for any reason, or if I have missed your child's surname off!

	AMBER AND SAPPHIRE PARTY FOOD DONATIONS.
	PLEASE FIND YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP AND INITIAL OF THEIR SURNAME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PARTY FOOD TO SEND IN. THANK YOU.
Sausage rolls	Reception children: surnames beginning with A, B. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with B, D.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Reception children: surnames beginning with D, F.
Cheese sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with H, K. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with E, F.
Ham sandwiches	Reception children: surnames beginning with P, R, S.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Reception children: surnames beginning with T, V, W.
Cocktail sausages	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with A, B.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with C, D, G, M. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with H, M, R, S.
Biscuits (jammy dodgers, party rings, oreos, jaffa cakes)	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with L, P. Year 2 children: surnames beginning with T, W.
Cakes	Year 1 children: surnames beginning with R, T, W, Y.
Pizza slices	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Salad	Provided by Colby Kitchen for Amber and Sapphire.
Veggie sausage rolls and veggie cocktail sausages	Provided by Colby Kitchen for all vegetarians.

	EMERALD, RUBY AND AMETHYST PARTY FOOD DONATIONS.
	PLEASE FIND YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP AND INITIAL OF THEIR SURNAME TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT PARTY FOOD TO SEND IN. THANK YOU.
Sausage rolls	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with C, F, G. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with J, L, M.
Cheese and onion pastry rolls	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with B, C.
Cheese sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with H. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with O, P.
Ham sandwiches	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with J, M. Year 5 children: surnames beginning with M, S.
Cheese and pineapple on sticks	Year 5 children: surnames beginning with E, F, J.
Cocktail sausages	Year 4 children: surnames beginning with D, G, S, T.
Crisps (Pom bears, hula hoops, ready salted crisps)	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with A, B. Year 4 children: surnames beginning with A, B, C. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with R, S, T.
Biscuits (jammy dodgers, party rings, oreos, jaffa cakes)	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with O, P. Year 4 children: surnames beginning with J, L, M, P.
Pizza slices	Year 3 children: surnames beginning with S, V, Y. Year 6 children: surnames beginning with A, B, C.
Salad (carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes)	Year 6 children: surnames beginning with D, E, F, G.

Cinderella & Rockerfella

KS2 Christmas Play Arrangements

We are getting very excited about you all coming to watch our fantastic pantomime next week. The children have been working very hard and I am sure you will have a fantastic time watching them. Here are the final details for next week.

MONDAY: All children will need their costumes for the dress rehearsal to KS1 on Monday. They can either come in their costumes and bring uniform to change into or come in their uniform and get changed at school. Any children that are going to The Atrium need to make sure that they have a packed lunch with them today.

TUESDAY: Please can children arrive at The Atrium at 5:15pm today in their costumes. Unless I have specifically spoken to the children, they will be performing on the stage in bare feet so please make sure they are not wearing tights. Parents will not be let into the theatre until approximately 5.50pm (for a 6pm start) but are welcome to wait in the canteen area or drop off and return later. The play will be finished by approximately 7:15pm. If you have REMEMBER to bring your tickets with you for the performance. If you forget them, you will have to wait until everyone else is seated before you will be allowed into the theatre.

WEDNESDAY: Please can children arrive at The Atrium at 5:40pm today in their costumes. Unless I have specifically spoken to the children, they will be performing on the stage in bare feet so please make sure they are not wearing tights. Parents will not be let into the theatre until approximately 5.50pm (for a 6pm start) but are welcome to wait in the canteen area. The play will be finished by approximately 7:15pm. REMEMBER to bring your tickets with you for the performance. If you forget them, you will have to wait until everyone else is seated before you will be allowed into the theatre.

Any questions then please contact Mrs Towers on wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk .

As you will be aware from previous events, you are welcome to take photographs during performances but we politely request that images / film are not shared on social media. Please avoid taking photographs of children other than your own.

Some parents have asked if children can sit on their laps during performances. The Atrium will not allow non-performing children to sit on their parents' laps due to fire regulations regarding the maximum number of people allowed.

Please note, there will be a collection held at the end of the performances to raise funds for hire of The Atrium and music resources. Please bring some change with you, if you would like to make a donation.

Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

James, Albert, Margot, Harris, Eddie, Flint, Isaac, Edgar, Harry, Hudson, Eva, Lev, Rosie, Kate, Amber, Jacob C, Reuben and Harrison (Ruby)

for fantastic descriptions using DADWAVERS!

Arthur C (Amber) for an amazing book review

Hollie (Amber) for beautiful writing

Jenson (Amber) for concentrating beautifully while reading

Henryk (Amber) for being super helpful around the classroom

Ellie (Amber) for being extremely helpful

Sophie (Amber) for confident singing and dancing

Ava B (Amber) for great listening skills

Ayla (Amber) for amazing writing in phonics

George (Amber) for being a kind friend

Jude (Amber) for great carpet behaviour

Barnaby (Amber) for being really brave

Clara (Amber) for being kind to a friend who was sad

Esme (Amber) for amazing effort while reading

To all Amber and Sapphire children for amazing Nativity performances

Orin (Amber) for helping a friend during the Nativity

Sophie (Amber) for being so kind to a friend

Rosa, Anna Dylan, Evie and Erin (Amethyst) for beautiful acting of The Christmas Carol

George and Ellen (Amethyst) for working out the answer for a triangle angle extension

Otto (Amethyst) for litter picking at breaktime

Christine Mead