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To all our Colby families,

Another busy week at Colby School. A big thank you to all of you for supporting our *Teddy Buddy Lunch.* It was great to see so many children enjoying a picnic style lunch with their buddies. There was a really happy atmosphere around the school.

I have been into classes this week and seen so many children engaged in their learning and working collaboratively with others. I am also beginning to learn more names and children are keen to help me to remember them.

This morning we sent our Year 5 & 6 children off bright and early to the Houses of Parliament. Mr Frost has sent updates during the day and it sounds like the children are having a fantastic experience.

Simon Smith and the Colby team

Collection from school

Thank you for your support this week with entry to school via the playground gate. Just a reminder, when collecting pupils at the end of the school day, please come on to the playground so that staff can ensure that children meet their adult before leaving through the gate.

Teddy Buddy lunch

Here is what some of our children said about having lunch with their buddy.
Ronnie (Amber) – *I liked the pizza and my friend.*
Tiggy (Amber) – *I had my favourite rabbit with me.*
Hollie (Sapphire) – *It was really fun.*
Louis (Sapphire) – *It was fun because there were lots of friends.*
Isobel (Emerald) – *It was nice to eat with our friends.*

Clubs next week

Monday 19th January 2026	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 20th January 2026	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. Choir with Mrs Towers 8:30-8:50 After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Gymnastics with Premier Sports 3 – 4:15pm £5
Wednesday 21st January 2026	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 22nd January 2026	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys Football with Premier Sports 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm).
Friday 23rd January 2026	BREAKFAST CLUB from 8am. £5. After School Club until 5pm. £5. KS2 Archery with Premier Sports 3 – 4:15pm £5

Colby Kitchen Menu

Monday 19th January 2026	Pasta Bolognese with hidden vegetables, served with garlic bread.
Tuesday 20th January 2026	Cheese & tomato pastry pinwheel, served with potato wedges & baked beans.
Wednesday 21st January 2026	Beef & vegetable stew with potatoes, served with Yorkshire puddings.
Thursday 22nd January 2026	Jacket Potato with a choice of cheese, spaghetti hoops or tuna mayonnaise, served with salad.
Friday 23rd January 2026	Cheese or pepperoni pizza, served with salad sticks & humous.

Headteacher awards

Hudson (Amethyst) for writing a fantastic poem.
Tiggy (Amber) for amazing drawing and address writing
Atticus M (Amber) for great knowledge about evolution
Thomas (Amber) for brilliant independent reading
Henryk (Amber) for fabulous maths work
Harley (Amber) for fantastic balances in gymnastics
Delilah (Amber) for great knowledge of rhyming words
Charlie (Emerald) for brilliant learning.
Oliver (Emerald) for amazing times tables homework
All of Emerald for a brilliant attitude to learning
All of Emerald for making the first week back so great!
George, Harry, Albie, Stanley, Ruby, Archie, Ralph, Freya, Olivia, Ben, Oliver, Phoebe, Daisy, Isobel and Rosa (Emerald) for smashing their times tables
Sebastian and George (Emerald) for brilliant Egyptian knowledge
Mia (Emerald) for super enthusiasm in times tables
Ayla, Ava, Florence (Sapphire) superb 'African' homework
Clara (Sapphire) sharing some beautiful Kenyan artefacts with us
Arthur T (Sapphire) for ace rocket ship homework
Alannah (Sapphire) beautiful Kenya writing
Scarlett, Maia, Harry (Eco Club) for being very active members of Eco!
Leo (Eco Club) for welcoming new Eco members so enthusiastically!
Alannah, Florence, Sophie, Kit, Evie, Felix, Anya, Charlie (Sapphire) for amazing phonics
Quinn (Ruby) for excellent reading with great expression
Felix (Ruby) for great reading
Sophie, Arthur T (Sapphire) for making amounts out of money
Jaxson (Emerald) moved up a phase in reading
Mia (Emerald) fantastic spelling at home
Herbie (Ruby) for passing Olympic times tables challenge
Quinn (Ruby) for passing European times tables challenge
Annie (Ruby) for passing gold times tables challenge
Lily (Ruby) for passing bronze times tables challenge
Rita (Ruby) for passing silver times tables challenge
Jacob, Margot, JP (Ruby) for super multiplying 5 digits by 1 digit
Margot, Kate, Maia, Leo, Maya, Seb (Ruby) for multiplying 3 or 4 digits by 2 digits
Maia, Margot (Ruby) for fantastic history explanations
Alannah, Florence, Sophie, Kit, Evie, Felix, Anya, Charlie (Sapphire) for amazing phonics

Safeguarding

Some useful advice from the NSPCC for parents to start conversation about online safety. For further information, please look at their website. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives
Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of technology.

2. Find the right time and place
Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice
Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand key messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences
Use open questions like:

- 'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'
- 'Who do you chat with online?'
- 'Are they people you know offline?'
- 'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life
These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them.

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 20th January – Y5 & Y6 Dodgeball event in Cromer.

