



Parent update 11th April 2025 HAPPY EASTER



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DIARY DATES

Sunday 27th April	Nursery Applications for September 2025
Monday 28th April	Start of the Summer Term – all pupils return
Monday 28th April	Colebourne's Week of Play
Thursday 1st May, 3pm -3.30pm	Science Fair Showcase in hall – parents welcome
Wednesday 30th April 8.50am – 9.30am	Eid al-Adha planning meeting
Thursday 1st May 9.00am-10.00am	Coffee morning with the Occupational Therapy Team (support about eating, sleeping, physical/sensory difficulties)
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 6th May	Client Hills Trip – Year 3
Thursday 8th May	Year 3 Greek Day
Thursday 8th May	Professor McGinty History workshops with Year 3 and Year 4
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 19th May	Year 1-3 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Thursday 22nd May	Year 4-6 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Friday 23rd May	Last day of the half term
Monday 2nd June	Start of the Summer 2nd Half Term – all pupils return
Thursday 5th June 9.00am-10.00am	Communication and Autism Team (CAT) workshop for parents <i>Developing independence skills at home and at school</i>
Saturday 7th June	Eid al-Adha
Monday 9th June	3C visit to the Hindu Temple
Tuesday 10th June 9.00am-10.00am	Parent Update Meeting
Wednesday 11th June	Year 6 workshops (Loudmouth) re. social media
Thursday 12th June	3B visit to the Hindu Temple
Friday 13th June	Father's Day Activity morning
Monday 16th June	Class Photo Day
Tuesday 17th June	Year 6 Theme Park Trip
Thursday 19th June	Sports Day
Monday 23rd June	RN Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Wednesday 25th June	RT Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 6 Secondary Transition Day / Class swap day
Monday 7th July, 2pm	Year 6 Leavers performance to parents
Tuesday 8th July, 9am	Year 6 Leavers performance to parents
Wednesday 9th July	Colebourne Summer Festival
Monday 14th July	Year 1-3 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Tuesday 15th July	Year 4-6 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 16th July	Parent drop-in session after school
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers celebration day
Friday 18th July	Last day of the school year (No Friday afternoon club)

End of Term Message from Mr. Guest

What a fabulous Spring Term we have had. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and have learned and enjoyed so much. Many of the children have attended residential visits or have been on trips as well as taking part in some fabulous lessons and projects.



I was lucky enough to have joined in with the Year 5 trip to Tudor World and Stratford Upon-Avon which enabled me to see first hand the incredible knowledge of our children who wowed the staff at the centre.

And this morning, I was serenaded by children in 4M who sang 'Count on me' by Bruno Mars, which was a lovely way to end the term



A reminder about our Science challenge that is now open and involves children thinking scientifically, completing an investigation and recording this on a display – see section a little later for a reminder of the details.

We look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term on Monday 28th April which will also be our week of play, where we will be encouraging more play and activity, along with some personal and whole school challenges, for those who want to take part.

The summer term will be full of more learning opportunities, visitors, workshops, sports days, the summer festival and much more.

We look forward to continuing the super home-school partnership work we have with parents and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr. Guest

Staffing update

A farewell to Mrs. Carter (Rainbow Room Teacher) who is leaving Colebourne today.

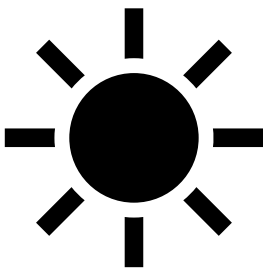
Mrs. Carter was part of the set up our Colebourne Nursery in 2019 and more recently has been our Rainbow room teacher. We wish Mrs Carter all the very best and thank her for all her hard work with the children at Colebourne. For the summer term, Rainbow room provision will be delivered by Mrs Singh, Miss Ali and Mrs Kauser.

Summer Term Uniform, Heat and Hay Fever

Summer uniform

Please remember that children can wear black or grey plain shorts or summer dresses (navy gingham or plain grey/black) for school. This is particularly useful as the weather heats up.

Please remember to label your child's clothes with their name as this helps us reunite items with their owners.



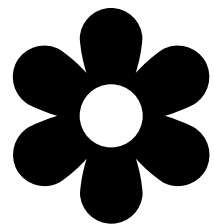
Summer heat

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day.

For hot sunny days please also ensure they have a hat and have applied sun cream before school.

Hay Fever

As the Hay Fever season kicks in, please ensure your child has taken and precautionary medication before school and that we have additional medication in school.



Year 3 visit to the Theatre

Year 3 had a fabulous time watching the Horrible Histories show at the Alexander Theatre; lots of children were amazed by the theatrics of the show, including the 3D effects.



Reception Offer Day - 16 April 2025

Information from the Local Authority:

If you applied online, on time and provided an email address, we will email you on Wednesday 16 April 2025 to tell you which primary school your child has been offered.

We cannot guarantee the exact time you will receive your email as this depends on your service provider. However, we expect you to receive your offer email by 4pm on Wednesday 16 April 2025.

We will also send you a formal offer letter posted by 1st class post on Wednesday 16 April 2025, which you will receive from 16 April.

The offer letter will explain how to accept or refuse the offer that has been made.

Do not contact Birmingham City Council before you have received the offer of a school place.

The school admissions team cannot tell you which primary school place has been offered to your child by phone or email.

You must have received your email or letter before contacting the school admissions team.

You may contact School Admissions if you have not received your email or letter by Thursday 17 April 2025.

We will be in contact with families who have been offered a place at Colebourne after the Easter break and let you know all about the welcome meetings and transition.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all those involved in our Easter Egg hunt – we hope you had fun! Thanks to everyone involved.



School Clubs – Summer Term 2025

These are the school clubs that will be running during the summer term. The after school clubs will start from **Tuesday 6th May**. You **do not** need to return a form - just pay online **through 'Arbor'** to book a place for your child. Please note, all clubs will now be non-refundable. You must book your child's place by **Wednesday 30th April at 1pm**. **Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis**. Payments are now open.

Every child should be able to access clubs regardless of their family's financial situation. If your child would like to attend but you may struggle to fund it or you need help paying through Arbor, please contact us to discuss this further. Please do this before the bookings open to avoid disappointment.

Children need to be collected promptly at 4.15pm from outside Year 2. Please use the pedestrian entrance only - not the car park.

Year 5 & 6 who normally walk home alone will be dismissed at 4.15pm unless you tell us otherwise.

Tuesday	Y4,5 & 6	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Tuesday	Y3,4,5 & 6	Dance Club	Miss Blake	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Wednesday	Y2 & 3	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Thursday	Y1 & Reception	Athletics	Spark Active	£18.00 for 9 sessions
Other Clubs available during lunchtime in school <i>(No charge to attend – no need to book!)</i> Starting from week beginning 28th April 2025				
Monday	Year 4,5 & 6	Reading For Pleasure Club	Mrs Wren	Bring your own book and read
Tuesday	Y3, 4, 5 & 6	Chess Club	Mrs Haigh	Turn up and play chess
Thursday	Y3, 4,5 & 6	Crochet Club	Mr Guest	Bring your own equipment or a starter kit can be purchased from school shop (Arbor) £3

Your child will need to arrive in school in their PE kit the day they are in a sports-based club.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PAY ONLINE AS THIS WILL BE YOUR BOOKING FOR THE CLUB



**Colebourne
KS2 Crochet Club**

Summer Term
Thursdays
12.30pm - 1pm
Pastoral Room (Studio)

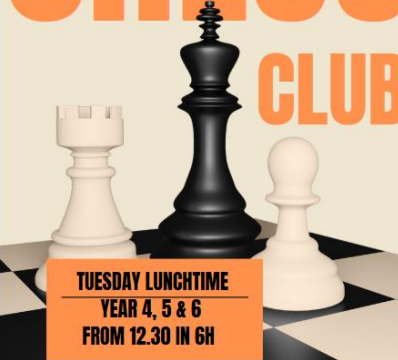
Learn to crochet or bring your own crochet projects.

This is a drop in club. There is no charge for the club but children need to bring their own crochet equipment.

Starter kits available for £3
(1 x hook; 1 x yarn; 1 plastic needle)
- purchase via the Arbor Shop
(Limited Availability)
See Mr. Guest for further details.


Come and join

CHESS CLUB



TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
YEAR 4, 5 & 6
FROM 12.30 IN 6H


So many books, never enough time....



Reading for Pleasure Club
Year 4, 5 and 6

Why not bring in a reading book of your choice and join Mrs Wren to enjoy some relaxing reading time.

In the library on a Monday lunchtime,
12.30pm- 1.30pm.



Colebourne Competes and Week of Play

We all know how important healthy activity and play is for children.

At Colebourne we are having a **special week of play** and launching **Colebourne Competes** - some challenges and competitions for the children to take part in.

Colebourne Competes

28.04.2025



Colebourne Competes

Each half term, we'll have exciting new challenges waiting for the children! There will be a mix of opportunities for children to get involved if they would like to including personal challenges, working with a team, plus whole school challenges - there's something for everyone.

Plus

Every day during the first week back, the children will have an extended morning break where they will be able to try out new games and play activities.

This is being launched by Mr. Michael on Monday 28th April in Assembly.



Colebourne Science Fair

We are excited to announce a return to Colebourne's Science Fair. The children are **all** invited to participate by investigating and recording their own science project, either by themselves or with a family member.

The project can be;

- an experiment to answer a question,
- a problem and solution
- a research project.

It can be on any area of science that interests your child.

Questions could be something like;

- 'What mixture makes the biggest bubbles?'
- 'Which is the best make of bubble gum?'
- 'Which tastes best: supermarket 'home brand' biscuits/cereals or branded ones?'
- 'What colour bird feeder do birds prefer?'

How to enter

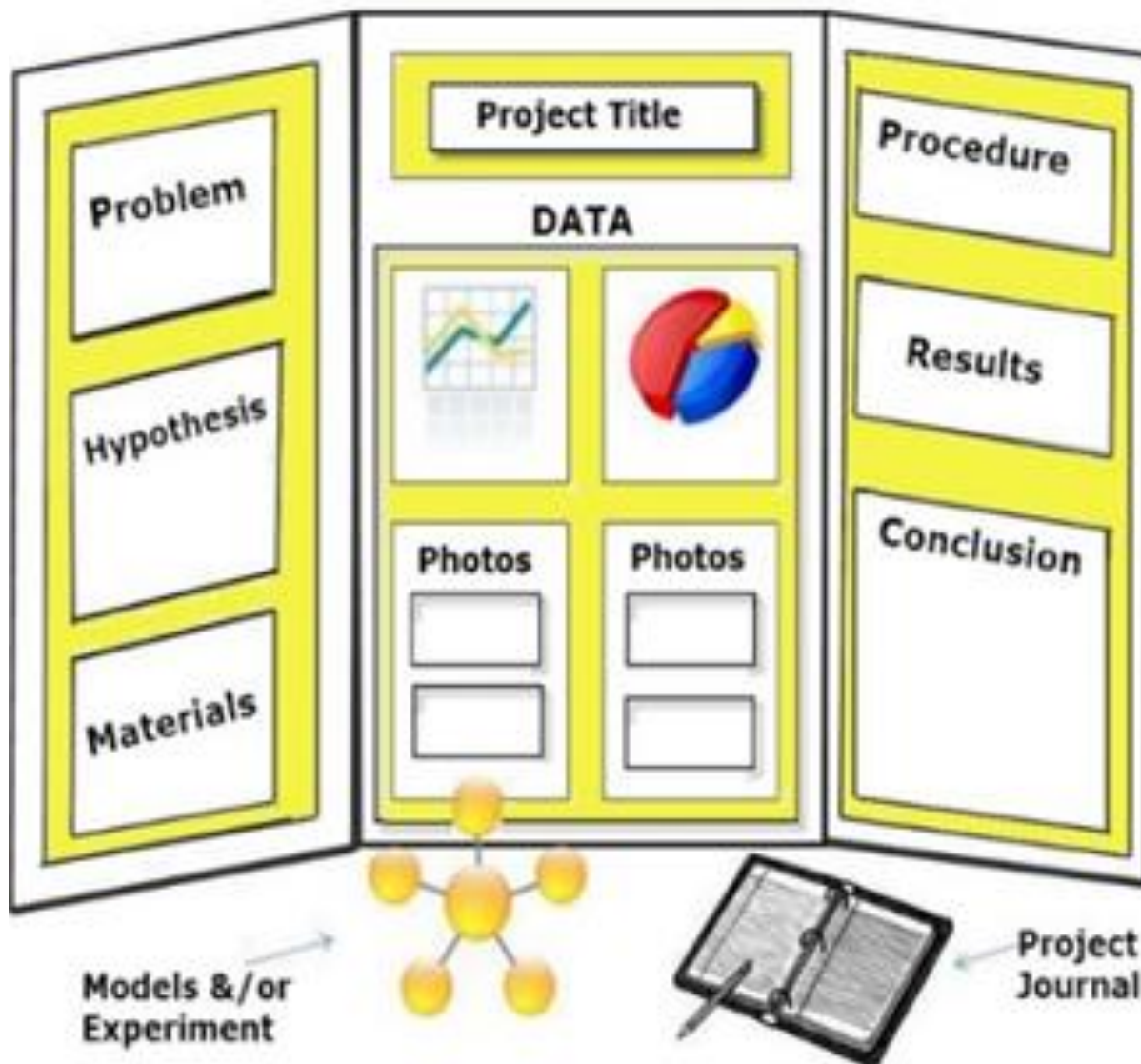
When your child has carried out their investigation or research, they need to make a display board to communicate their learning to others. This needs to have 3 panels of information (as shown) which can be made from a large cardboard box or even a cereal box, opened out, painted or covered in wrapping paper and held together with tape.

The display board should follow the format we use for Science Investigations in school and clearly show;

the project title

- the question or problem
- what your child thinks the answer is (prediction/hypothesis)
- what they did (method/procedure)
- what they observed/what happened (results).
- what they found out (conclusion)

Here is an example of what a board could look like:



They can also include a small model or experiment and/or project notes.

The children need to bring their completed projects to school on the morning of **Thursday 1st May**.

All children's entries will be displayed in their classrooms and shared with their class and year group. If you wish to come and see the entries for yourself, they will be on display in the Hall from 3.00pm on **Thursday 1st May 2025**.

We can't wait to see all the exciting ideas the children come up with this year!

Mrs Taylor

Assistant Headteacher – Curriculum

Hodge Hill Marketplace Roadshow 2025

Shaping Birmingham's Future Together (SBFT) partnership is organising a Marketplace Roadshow in 2025, with marketplaces planned across Birmingham's constituencies. These marketplaces aim to provide residents with valuable information about local and city-wide support services and ongoing activities that benefit the community.

Objectives of the marketplaces

The marketplaces aim to create an inclusive space for Birmingham residents to:

Inform: To provide citizens with information about available services and support from the council and its partners.

Engage: To connect with officers, partnership members, and local citizens, fostering connections as part of the SBFT partnership approach.

Collaborate: To explore opportunities for joint efforts to improve community outcomes and learn from local groups.

Once you have registered your interest, SBFT will contact you with the latest information about the marketplace you selected and discuss any accessibility support you may need on the day.

Constituency	Date	Time	Venue	Sign up today
Hodge Hill	30 April 2025	10:30am to 12:30pm	Saltley Wellbeing Centre, 120 Broadway Ave, Birmingham B9 5YD	Register for this marketplace

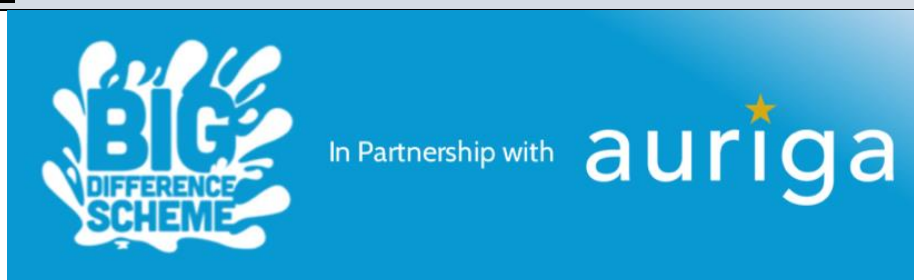
FULL DETAILS AND OTHER DATES FOR DIFFERENCE LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND HERE: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/shaping-birminghams-future-together-marketplaces-2/>

Eid al-Adha

We are now looking ahead to Eid al-Adha and would like to have a small working party of parents to work with Mrs Rizwan, Mrs Ahmed and Mr Guest to discuss what celebrations to do in school.

If you are interested in joining the conversation – please attend a planning meeting on Wednesday 30th April 8.50am – 9.30am at school.

Water Bills



You could get up to 70% off the average Severn Trent bill.

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £23,492.

Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance in excess of this amount.

The Scheme will assess your household income when you apply, and that assessment will determine how big a reduction you're eligible for.

If your application is successful, you'll get a brand new payment plan. The Big Difference Scheme will design a payment plan especially for you which will include payments towards any outstanding debt on your account.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>

Broadband



Broadband - Social tariffs

Most broadband providers have Social tariffs broadband is an option for people in lower-income households. If you're receiving Universal Credit, Pension Credit or certain other government benefits, you could be eligible.

- <https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/low-income-families>
- <https://www.bt.com/broadband/home-essentials>

Are you struggling with rising living costs due to fuel bills?

**Visit our Energy Drop In
Tuesday 29th April
10.30am – 12.30pm**



Help, Advice & Support

Get practical, free advice on how to save energy, access grants and gain financial support towards your energy bill

Eligibility

If you are disabled or have a long-term health condition, on a low income, benefits or are in debt to your energy provider, we can support you!



**Disability Resource Centre
Unit 18, Ace Business Park
Mackadown Lane, Kitts Green
Birmingham, B33 0LD**



SEND Friendly Easter holiday play days

SEND-FRIENDLY

EASTER HOLIDAY FAMILY PLAY DAYS

Book Family Days: ticketsource.co.uk/parks-for-play/

Family Day **Pre-booking and registration form required**
Healthy hot meal included for children. All ages. parents stay. **FREE!**

WEDNESDAY 16TH
1.30pm-4pm

Plus, Sing a long with Robert Lane

Newlife Awareness Session

At this Family Day you can meet Newlife nurses and senior managers, sign up for Play Therapy Pods, ask questions, gain insight into how you can apply for Equipment Grants and Loans, find out how we advocate for families and learn how Newlife can help you and your family. An opportunity to connect and learn more about the support available to you while your children play.

WEDNESDAY 23RD
1.30pm-4pm

Plus, MJ's animal antics

FREE!

CORONATION RD PLAY CENTRE, CORONATION ROAD, SELLY OAK, B297DE



Items from previous updates:

URGENT - outstanding payments

We are now at the end of the financial year and need to ensure our accounts are up to date.

This means that any outstanding payments for trips, dinner money, funtime club or breakfast club must be cleared by the end of next week.

The office have been in contact with parents with outstanding balances – please pay as soon as possible.

If you are having difficulties in paying – please contact us to discuss.

PLEASE NOTE – IF WE DO NOT GET PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL AS SCHOOL CANNOT AFFORD TO SUBSIDISE ANY FURTHER THAN WE ALREADY DO.

Changes to charges for Summer Term

As you will know, the changes in costs for goods and services have steadily been going up, and now with the increases in National Insurance, many of our suppliers have increased charges.

This has had a significant impact on our school meals provision and as such, from the **summer term Dinner money** will now be **£2.70 per meal**.

We have been able to maintain the same charges for breakfast club, after school club and snacks for the Summer Term.

Nursery applications are now open for September 2025

Applications for **Nursery for September 2025** are now open for children born between: **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**.

Applications are NOT a first come first served; any applications received by the deadline for applications will be considered using the published admissions criteria.

Visit the school admissions webpage for more details and to book onto an information meeting:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions>

Term dates and staff training days for the year

The updated term dates and the staff training days are on the school website: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/>

Remaining Staff Training Days:

- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July 2025*

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary>

Extreme Weather Response

At Colebourne we have an extreme weather policy which supports us in ensuring the safety of pupils, staff, and families.

You can see the full policy via the **policies link** on the new school website parents section: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/>

ADHD support

FREE ADHD online parent course

A Nurturing ADHD Kids courses for parents/carers of children with ADHD are starting after the Easter holiday. Registration is now open.

These courses are free for families in Birmingham.

Children do not need to have already received the diagnosis - they work with families who are on the assessment pathway as well.

The courses are online, 90 minutes a week for six weeks.

They can join for a daytime session or an evening one.

They will be running on:

<p>Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pm Starting Tuesday 29th April</p>	<p>Register HERE</p>
<p>Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am Starting Wednesday 30th April.</p>	<p>Register HERE</p>

Register now
for next courses

Nurturing ADHD kids

Free online courses for parents and carers of
children and young people with ADHD



LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Join our friendly six week
course
to learn how to understand
and support them

You can join the day time
session or the evening one.

It is online so you join from
your own home.

You can register using the
QR codes or email

contactus@brewseducation.org

Registration closes at
5 pm on Monday 28th April

**Tuesdays
7 - 8.30pm**

starting
Tuesday 29th April



**Wednesdays
10- 11.30am**

starting
Wednesday 30th
April



Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

CIC Business Registration: 13240865



Looking for support and guidance on ADHD? *Think ADHD* is offering free 60-minute webinars covering key topics like Making Sense of ADHD and Navigating the Diagnostic Process. Each session includes expert advice and an open discussion space.

Book your free place or explore more dates here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/relate-birmingham-and-black-country-105693011121>

Relate
Birmingham & Black Country

District Football Trials

This information is relevant to...

- Boys currently in Years 3, 4 and 5
- Girls currently in Years 4 and 5

...who either plays for a team outside of school or is a talented footballer.



Erdington and Saltley

Primary Schools FA

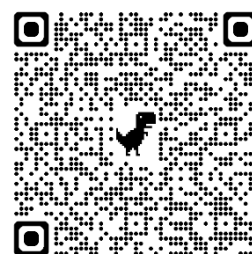
www.espsfa.com

District Football Nominations 2025/26

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/daughter has been identified by their school as a talented footballer and nominated for the 2025/26 Erdington and Saltley district football trials. This letter contains key information about district football.

Scan here to learn more about district football's partnership with Aston Villa:



What is district football?

District football is the highest level of youth football for primary aged pupils outside of academy football. As a city, Birmingham has over 300 primary schools. These schools are divided into seven geographical districts, with each district having its own representative football team.

What is Erdington and Saltley district?

Erdington and Saltley have 49 primary schools across Erdington, Saltley, Nechells, Hodge Hill, Washwood Heath, Bromford and Shard End.

My child already plays for a football team. Is this a problem?

No. District footballers also play for a second team - either a grassroots team or an academy team. Boys' district matches are played on Saturday mornings, while girls' games are played on Friday evenings. They do not clash with grassroots football.

My child plays for a professional academy. Is this a problem?

No. Children who play for academy teams (e.g. Birmingham City, Walsall, Wolves) are allowed to play district football.

Why should my child play district football?

Best facilities in the city: All district games are played from a central location - Aston Villa's training ground.

High standard: District football is the highest standard of youth football outside of academy football.

Player Pathway: District football offers players a direct route into an academy such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City or Wolves. Each year, many Erdington and Saltley players are signed by professional clubs. We currently have former players playing professionally for Manchester City, Manchester United, Leeds United, Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and others.

What do I need to do if I want my son / daughter to attend the trials?

Register now at www.espsfa.com/trials.

Where can I learn more about district football?

www.espsfa.com

www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com

Instagram: @esps.fa or @bhampsfa

Twitter: @espsfa or @bpsfa

Scan here to
register for district
football trials:



Register for district football trials now:

www.espsfa.com/trials

**Trials will take place throughout April and
May 2025 – REGISTER NOW!**



BOYS
AND
GIRLS

DISTRICT FOOTBALL

TRIALS

2025/26 SEASON



REGISTER NOW!



OFFICIAL PARTNER

APRIL AND MAY 2025

HUGE HONOUR WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

ACADEMY FOOTBALL PATHWAY

HIGHEST STANDARD OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL



REGISTER NOW: WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS

Useful Links for Parents

Home Learning Links

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home learning grids</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Additional learning opportunities each half term</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home learning grids</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BBC Bitesize</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lots of links to learning and skills</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Oak National Academy</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A huge range of lessons, resources and subjects</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Oak National Academy</u></p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Doodle</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</u></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</u></p>

School information links for parents

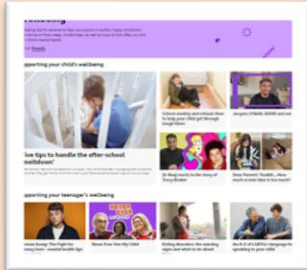
Year group expectation sheets: <u>Key expectation sheets</u>	Email address for parents: <u>parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk</u>
School information for parents: <u>https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/</u>	
Term Dates: <u>https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/</u>	
Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop: <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary</u>	
Free school meals checker: <u>https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/oefe/birmingham/provider</u>	
School policies: <u>School policies</u>	

PARENTING AND HEALTH SUPPORT



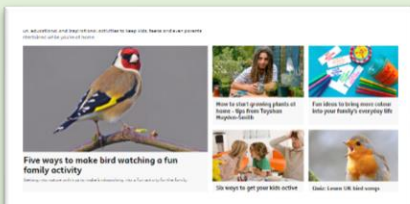
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/>



BBC Wellbeing site
– video and help for parents own mental health and that of their children

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t>



BBC bitesize parents
Tips, advice and activity ideas for being a parent

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents>



Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including: the school nurse; Community paediatric and child development centres; Forward thinking Birmingham...And much more

Birmingham School Health Support Service

FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Water Bill Support

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £23,492.

Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance in excess of this amount.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/>



Broadband - Social tariffs

Most broadband providers have **Social tariffs** broadband is an option for people in lower-income households. If you're receiving Universal Credit, Pension Credit or certain other government benefits, you could be eligible.

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/low-income-families>
<https://www.bt.com/broadband/home-essentials>

At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

At Colebourne, we work together to be...

	C ompassionate	<i>We care for and help ourselves and others. We accept people for who they are.</i>
	A mbitious	<i>We do the best we can and work hard to reach our goals.</i>
	R espectful	<i>We are polite and considerate to others. We respect differences and welcome everyone. We follow rules.</i>
	E ngaged	<i>We concentrate, and contribute to learning and school life.</i>

...because at Colebourne, we C.A.R.E.