



Parent update

9th May 2025

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At Colebourne, we work together to be...

	Compassionate	<i>We care for and help ourselves and others. We accept people for who they are.</i>
	Ambitious	<i>We do the best we can and work hard to reach our goals.</i>
	Respectful	<i>We are polite and considerate to others. We respect differences and welcome everyone. We follow rules.</i>
	Engaged	<i>We concentrate, and contribute to learning and school life.</i>

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

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DIARY DATES

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 <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	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 <i>9.00am-10.00am</i>	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
Tuesday 17th June <i>9.30am – 10am</i>	Nursery – September 2025 Parent Welcome Meeting
Thursday 19th June	Sports Day
Friday 20th June	M & M Productions – The Jungle Book Years 1-6 in school time
Monday 23rd June	RN Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Tuesday 24th June <i>2.30pm – 3.15pm</i>	Reception – September 2025 Parent Welcome Meeting This is mainly for families new to Colebourne but existing parents are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 25th June	RT Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm
Friday 27th June <i>8.45am – 9.30am</i>	Parent workshop - How children learn <i>Delivered by Mrs. Wren and Mrs. Taylor</i>
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)

Annual Calendar for next school year

To help parents with arrangements, here is an overview of the main school dates for next school year.

Please remember we are unable to authorise holidays in term time; please book any of these in the school holidays.



Annual Calendar

2025- 2026

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Key						
School closed- Holidays						
School closed- Bank holiday						
Staff training days (school closed for children)						
Voting day (School closed for children)						

1H Visit to Sheldon Country Park

1H had a fabulous Green Space trip this week to Sheldon Country Park. Lots of fun was had and the children got to say hello to lots of the animals too!



Year 3 Visit to The Clent Hills

Year 3 had a super walk around the Clent Hills for their Green Space trip; they got to 'check out the view', spot the amazing bluebells and make a 'house for a mouse!'.





Year 3 Greek Day and Professor McGinty Visit

What a busy and fun week Year 3 have had!

On Thursday they had the wonderful Professor McGinty Greek workshop and also had their Greek Day!



Year 4 Viking Workshop

Year 4 had an awesome time with Professor McGinty learning all about Vikings.





Free ADHD Webinars for Parents & Carers

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-10569301121>

Support & Talk: Diagnosing ADHD

Join our free webinar by ThinkADHD.

Upcoming Webinar Dates:
Dates for May, June and July now available!

Support & Talk: Making Sense of ADHD

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A vibrant poster for the Ward End Fire Station Open Day. At the top, logos for 'The Community Down', 'Junior's', 'MEAT & EAT', and 'TESCO' are displayed. The main title 'Ward End Fire Station OPEN DAY' is in large, bold, blue letters with a yellow outline, set against a background of colorful stars and a rainbow. Below the title, the date and time '22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm' are written in blue, followed by the invitation 'Come and join in the fun!'. The poster features several colorful balloons with text: 'Cakes', 'Friends', 'Groups', 'Fun', 'Face Painting & DJ', 'Games & Demo's', 'Rides', and 'VR headsets'. In the background, a red and yellow fire engine is parked on a road. Below the balloons, five cartoon characters are shown: a woman in a blue uniform, a person in a yellow fire helmet, a man in a white uniform, another person in a yellow fire helmet, and a woman in a dark uniform with a headset. Above them are speech bubbles containing the text: 'Refreshments', 'Stalls', 'Fun activities', 'Safety advice', and 'Community stands'. A red banner at the bottom of the character row reads 'Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!'. The footer contains logos for 'WMFS West Midlands Fire Service', 'Unity Hubb', and 'West Midlands Police', along with the address 'Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF' and the website 'www.wmfs.net' and social media handle '@WestMidsFire'.

Ward End Fire Station
OPEN DAY
22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm
Come and join in the fun!

Cakes Friends Groups Fun Face Painting & DJ Games & Demo's Rides VR headsets

Refreshments Stalls Fun activities Safety advice Community stands

Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!

WMFS West Midlands Fire Service
Unity Hubb
West Midlands Police
Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF
www.wmfs.net @WestMidsFire

Items from previous updates:

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 any precautionary medication before school and that we have additional medication in school.

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.

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/>

Useful Links for Parents

Home Learning Links

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

We also have some of our subscription services such as

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

School information links for parents

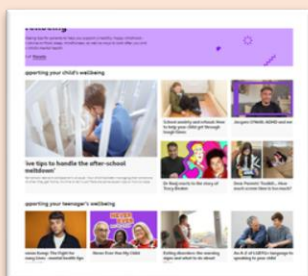
Year group expectation sheets: Key expectation sheets	Email address for parents: parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk
School information for parents: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/	
Term Dates: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/	
Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne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

PARENTING AND HEALTH SUPPORT



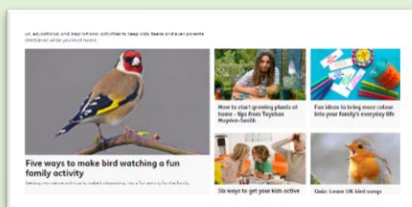
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>