



Parent update



11th July 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

At Colebourne, we work together to be...		
	Compassionate	We care for and help ourselves and others. We accept people for who they are.
	Ambitious	We do the best we can and work hard to reach our goals.
	Respectful	We are polite and considerate to others. We respect differences and welcome everyone. We follow rules.
	Engaged	We concentrate, and contribute to learning and school life.
...because at Colebourne, we C.A.R.E.		

DIARY DATES

Monday 14th July, 2pm	Parents vs Staff Football Match <i>Parents are welcome to come and watch - walk via the vehicle entrance onto the back field; no parking onsite!</i>
Tuesday 15th July	Year 4-6 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 16th July	Year 1-3 Celebration Assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 16th July, 3.20pm – 4pm	Parent drop-in session after school
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers celebration day
Friday 18th July	Last day of the school year (<i>No Friday afternoon club</i>)

Uniform next week incl uniform swap

It is going to be another warm week next week so please feel free to wear clothes suitable for the weather – including non-uniform if that helps.

On Wednesday we will have tables set out on the driveway for any donations of school uniform. The tables will be set up with labels with different sizes. If you would like to donate some uniform- please place the items neatly in the correct size zone!

Parents can then take any uniform they would like. This will be left out on Wednesday after school; please help yourself!

If any families would like us to collect some uniform on their behalf, please email parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk with details of sizes and items required and we will do our best to bag these up for you.

PARENTS VS TEACHERS Football Match



Monday 14th July
2pm-3pm
School Field

The biggest match of the year approaches – and it's not the Lionesses vs Wales it's the Staff vs Parents! (*Although – come on Lionesses – you can do it!*)

Parents are welcome to come and watch and cheer on the teachers!!!! (Or parents 😊).

If you are attending, please walk via the school vehicle entrance and onto the field.

Children will also be coming out to watch for a time.

To ensure a successful event please note there will be a parents watching area separate to the children.

We look forward to a what we hope becomes an annual fixture in the Colebourne calendar.

Staff and Parents – make sure you warm up!!

Nursery – when it hot....

Nursery had fun playing games outdoors, splashing in the paddling pools and even enjoyed ice creams and slushies in the sun! 😊🍦🥤☀️



Times Tables Rockstar Day – Friday 11th July

The children were super competitive while having fun for our Rock Star timestables day. Lots of great costumes and lots of maths questions answered.



Animals in school



Today Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from our animal handler. They saw spiders, owls, lizards and much more.

Many children ticked off one of the '50 Things' by holding a creature.



Story Workshops

All of the children have enjoyed a story workshop this week, along with a visit to the book fair.



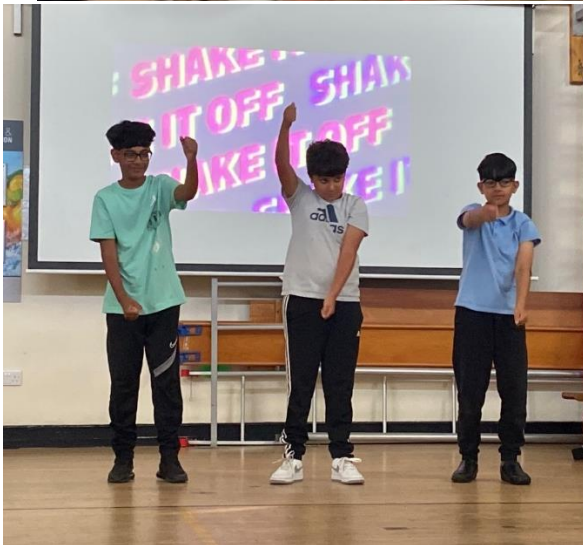
STORY TELLING SESSION



Year 6 Leavers assembly

A massive well done to our Year 6 children on a fabulous leavers' assembly. They really showcased their energy and it was super to see how much they enjoyed performing.

We look forward to celebrating more next week with a picnic and leavers party.



Year 6 First Aid

One of our school guarantee areas is to ensure all children leaving Colebourne have a good basic understanding of first aid.

This week, our Year 6 children have completed their basic first aid training with the Red Cross.



Red Cross
First Aid Workshop.



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 5 Green Space Visit

Last week, year 5 had a hot hot hot walk along the River Cole as part of our Green Space visits.

Children were invited to spot various things on a spotter card. We saw lots of Dragon Flies and just at the end we ticked off a Grey Heron.

We also played Poo Sticks (one out of our 50 Things)



Reception graduation

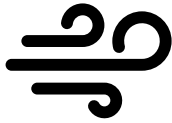
Reception had a fabulous graduation day this week with a special assembly and then lots of fun activities.



Poem by Muhammad 5P

Well done to Muhammad in 5P for his wonderful Walking through Nature Poem

Walking Through Nature



As I walk along,
Nature catches my eye.
My heart feels at home,
Here I belong.

The wind whistles,
Through the waving trees.
A choir of birds sing to me,
And the buzzing bees.

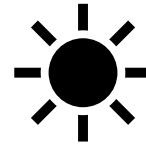
The crickets chirp relentlessly,
In tall dense grass.
Butterflies flutter by,
Above the dandelions in the grass.



As I walk along,
Nature catches my eye.
My heart feels at home,
Here I belong.

I run around,
In the morning dew.
The tall dense grass,
Tickles me too.

The leaves rustle,
Where squirrels run by.
And they dance,
Under the sun and the sky.



Here I feel tranquillity,
A peace like never before.
And as I walk through nature,
Nature shall see me through.

And then beside me,
A river.
A river?
Yes, a river.

The River Cole ripples,
It flows at a perfect pace.
It's soothing and
It calms me inside.

And now the nostalgia comes rushing back,
And now I feel peace.
And now I know that,
Nature heals all.



Summer Fair

We hope you enjoyed the summer fair. Thank you for coming and enjoying the fun with us. A huge thanks to all those who helped prepare, run and tidy up the summer fair.

All the money raised will go straight into school funds to support next years activities for the children and helps pay for those little extras we give out during the year and some of the events we run.



End of year reports.

Yesterday, you should have received your child's report via email.

The children have worked so hard this year and we look forward to even more progress and growth next year.

Class photos

We have had a delay on the delivery of Class photos. We hope they will arrive early next week and then will be given out on Thursday when the children bring home their books; this should help keep them nice as they can slip them inside a book!

Parent feedback

As the end of this school year approaches, if you would like to give any written feedback about the year, please complete this very short form. This will allow us to look at what has gone well and build on that for next year, and to hear any suggestions you have.

This is also an opportunity to give a shout out and thanks to any members of staff.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qtScEN4dxZ>



SEPTEMBER: Funtime after school club – new times and charges

Thanks to all those who completed the childcare survey. As a result of this and assessing our provision, please see below the times and charges for Funtime club from September 2025.

- 3.20pm – 4pm (£3.50 per child/day)
- 3.20pm – 4.30pm (£6.50 per child/day)
- 3.20pm – 5.00pm (£10.00 per child/day)
- Fridays 3.20pm – 4pm (£3.50 per child)

SEPTEMBER: Morning snack - fruit

From September the school morning snack will now be a fruit only option (with possible occasional other options). There will be a 'fruit shop' where children can choose their fruit!

This can be booked in the usual way with the cost remaining at 40p per day (payable half term in advance as a single payment for the half term).

The office will alert you when the payments are open for September.

New school cook



Jo Maycock (Head Cook)

Our previous head cook – Mel has officially retired. We thank her for her many years of service to the school.

Joanne Maycock who was the deputy Head Cook has now been appointed as Head Cook.

We look forward to continuing to work with Jo and her team

Summer Reading Challenge – Birmingham Libraries

Sign up for the summer reading challenge at a local library.

Full details here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



The banner features the 'THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge' logo and the 'Story Garden' title. Below the title is a large illustration of children playing in a garden. To the right is a smaller version of the 'Story Garden' book cover.

1. Sign up
Click 'Join now' to create your account.

2. Read books
Set your own goal and read anything you like. Add your books to your profile, with a review!

3. Earn digital rewards
Unlock special online badges and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal! *

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.

Autumn Term - Swimming at Colebourne for new Y2 - 6



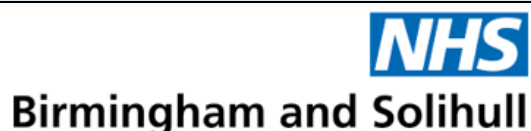
Starting in the second week back, children in new Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will begin their swimming. This will be done on site in our temporary pool which will be situated on the junior playground.

All children will need a swimming costume / swim shorts, a towel and some slip on footwear such as crocs or sliders.

We would strongly encourage all parents to take their children swimming over the summer holidays to build up the children's confidence, ready for September. Exact days when they will need their kits will follow.

For details of opening times and FREE swim sessions at Stechford Leisure Centre – please visit: <https://www.birminghamleisure.com/stechford-leisure-centre>

Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England for children and adults



Did you know about an NHS service which pharmacies across England are offering for children (as well as adults) called **Pharmacy First**?



What is Pharmacy First?

Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment* without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

The pharmacy will send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate.

This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

Patients that are already exempt from prescription charges, such as children, will still be exempt from charges if treatment is provided for the listed conditions, otherwise usual [NHS prescription charge rules](#) apply.


For more information on how your pharmacist can help, visit [Think pharmacy first :: NHS Birmingham and Solihull](#) or watch the Pharmacy First video by clicking [here](#).

School Ipad Scheme

If you are not already part of the iPad Scheme and you would like to have a device ready for September that your child can use in school AND at home please contact Mr. McKinney as soon as possible by emailing: g.mckinney@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

This is available to any child from new year 1 upwards!

Are you interested in joining our iPad Scheme?



- LATEST 11th Gen iPad
- + Insurance Approved Case
- + Carry Bag
- + Stylus
- + 36 Month Insurance
- + Full Management/Support
- + Apps
- + Owership after 36 months

£16.95 per month

**We are accepting new signups NOW.
Closes 8th September 2025. If you're interested please email Mr McKinney
g.mckinney@colebourne.bham.sch.uk**

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Glebe Farm Library – Summer Holiday Activities

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/glebefarmlibrary>

SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT GLEBE FARM LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: PAPER CUP CRABS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 25TH JULY

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: DREAMCATCHERS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: SUNSHINE RAINBOW PLATE. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: BOOKMARKS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: PAPER FLOWER CROWNS. DROP-IN SESSION, 2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: BEE GONKS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: PAPER PLATE JELLYFISH. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: RAINBOW CARDS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: PAPER PLATE LLAMAS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: HANDPRINT SUNFLOWERS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST

FAMILY CRAFT SESSION: HANDPRINT FLAMINGOS. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST

(FOR ADULTS): COFFEE MORNING. DROP-IN, 11AM - 12:45AM
FAMILY CRAFT SESSION*: TISSUE PAPER TURTLE. DROP-IN , 2:30PM - 4:30PM

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
*NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OLD.**

HOLLY LANE UNITEDS FOOTBALL



SUMMER CAMP

come join our 1st ever football camp

Fun games, meet new friends

Boys & girls/ages 4-15year olds

Mon-thurs-1000am-400pm

friday-1000-300pm

all coaches dbs checked and insured

Summer holidays

WK3-4/8/25-8/8/25

Wk4-11/8/25-15/8/25



For more info please tx

Lee 07393176495

Or

Mark 07595980830



£20.00 day or £70.00 week



**Holly Lane Utd presentation
&**



COMMUNITY Family Fun Day

July 12th 2025 10AM - 4:30pm

Free Entry

£3 on site car parking

**Raffle Stalls Tombola
Bouncy Castles**



**Shard End Playing Fields
Kendrick Avenue
B34 7SD**



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US ON

07780453079 Hollylaneutd@gmail.com

Year 3 – Year 6 Residential Opportunity

We have secured a provisional booking for a wonderful Bush Craft Camp for children in years Year 3 – 6 (from September) for next Summer.

We only have a short window to secure this booking and need to make sure we have enough interest before committing to paying a deposit.

The expected cost for the 3 days (2 nights) of activities will be approximately £240. This may be less based on numbers and fundraising.

Brief outline of trip:

- Children sleep in a pre-set up camp
- Site staff available 24 hours
- Colebourne staff attending
- Various bush craft and team activities
- All food, accommodation and transport included

If you would like your child to be considered for a place – please complete this online form by Thursday 3rd July.

If you would like any further information please contact the office.

ONLINE FORM: <https://forms.office.com/e/Pf0NX1VyqF>

Please note - if we do not have enough interest via the online form by 3rd July, the residential will not go ahead.



Summer Holiday Workbooks available to order

If you would like a summer workbook, please order these by 8th July via the Arbor shop.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKBOOKS

BUY THROUGH SCHOOL AT £4 A BOOK
(RRP £6.50)

Books available to buy:

Reception moving to Year 1
Year 1 moving to Year 2
Year 2 moving to Year 3
Year 3 moving to Year 4
Year 4 moving to Year 5
Year 5 moving to Year 6

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Bring it on Brum! Holiday Clubs are Back for Summer 2025!

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (Benefits related) you should have just received an Arbor email from Mr. Guest earlier this week. This has the HAF code to enable you to book FREE summer holiday clubs.

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, your child can enjoy holiday clubs packed with fun, learning, and healthy meals – all at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they can join the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs throughout the spring, summer, and winter holidays (excluding half-terms). Full eligibility criteria can be found here: [Eligibility Criteria](#).

With a diverse range of activities like sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme based on its location and type – there's so much to explore!

Not Eligible? No worries! Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

Summer Holiday Clubs

Dates: Monday 21st July - Friday 29th August 2025 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).

Bookings Open: From Monday 30th June 2025 at www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

Please note – bookings for the Summer Club happening at Colebourne is OPEN NOW! Details and booking here:

<https://www.fitkidszone.co.uk/hodge-hill-hafs-summer-camp/>

FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C

HODGE HILL SUMMER CLUB

COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**STECHFORD ROAD
HODGE HILL
B34 6BJ**



MONDAY 21ST JULY

TILL

MONDAY 11TH AUGUST

MONDAY TO FRIDAY



FREE

9 AM TILL 1PM

£5.00

1PM TILL 3PM

**CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE
BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
AND HAVE A HAF CODE**

Multi-Sport

This summer club will provide life skills and help build confidence

Children will be able to access a nutritious balanced meal throughout the day as well as refreshments which will all be provided by Fit Kids Zone C.I.C

All Welcome

If you don't receive free school meals, you are still welcome to attend our club with a small charge per day
£10 per day without food £13 per day with food
9am till 3pm

www.fitkidszone.co.uk/hodge-hill-hafs-summer-camp/

07985607421





**HODGE HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUMMER '25 HOLIDAY CAMP



HODGE HILL PRIMARY
Twycross Grove
FREE PLACES
Monday 4th - Friday 15th August
10am - 2pm
FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

FREE

For children who receive free school meals due to benefits

All staff have enhanced DBS checks & have experience working with children

FREE PLACES with lunch provided
for children who receive
free school meals due to benefits

**BOOK
NOW**



SCAN ME

Children from the local area who receive Free School Meals due to benefits (not because they are in Infants) will be eligible for a FREE place with Bring It On Brum. Your school will have the relevant Bring it on Brum code which is required when booking

USE THE QR CODE OR WEBSITE LINK
<https://bookings.kssp.co.uk/list>



Spark Active
Igniting a passion for physical activity



holidayscheme@sparkactive.co.uk

0121 688 1359

Items from previous updates:

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)						

What's On - Compass Fun Day – 1st August

Colebourne have been invited to attend a **Compass Fun Day**, a free family-friendly event taking place on **Friday, 1st August 2025**, from **11:00 AM to 3:00 PM** at the **Dolphin Centre**.

This event is open to all families and will include:

- Games and activities for all ages
- Interactive workshops (face painting, football, henna and more)



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: *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

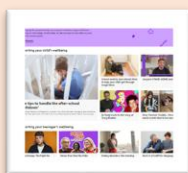
Year group expectation sheets: Key expectation sheets	Email address for parents: parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk
School information for parents: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/	
Term Dates: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/	
Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne 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



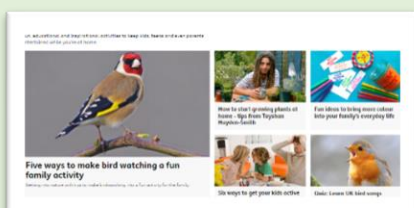
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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

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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 more than 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>