



Parent update

19th September 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 23rd September, 9am – 10am	<u>Parent Update Meeting</u> All parents welcome for drinks and biscuits and to hear from Mr. Guest and members of the senior team about school matters. This meeting is in person with an option to attend via TEAMS
Tuesday 23rd September	3B Trip to Kinver Edge Rock Houses
Wednesday 24th September	3C Trip to Kinver Edge Rock Houses
Thursday 25th September	Year 4 trip to Wroxeter Roman Village
Friday 26th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning – all parents welcome <i>(plus bring a friend)</i>
Monday 20th October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)
Wednesday 22nd October	Parent's evening
Thursday 23rd October	Parent's evening
Thursday 23rd October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)
Friday 24th October	Last Day of the Half Term
Monday 3rd November	Start of the 2nd Half of Autumn Term

Homework – Theme Homework Grids

Our approach at Colebourne to Homework is that children should regularly read and practice their number work (either number bonds or times tables).

Each family will do this in a way suitable for their child and should not cause arguments at home – this is not helpful for parents or children.


The theme homework grids are designed to enable ideas for those children and families who want to do additional work at home. Work brought in will be acknowledged in class and children will be able to show their teacher and / or class if they would like to.











The theme grids can be found on the school website via the year group pages: [Students - Colebourne Primary School](#)

Sometimes specific children or a class will be given something to research or complete to help them with their studies.

If parents want further learning at home we recommend CGP books, BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy.

Children who have Ipad scheme I pads at home also have access to Doodle and TT Rockstars, among other Apps.

	Colebourne Primary School	Homework	Year 4	Finish date:	Friday 14th October
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Romans														
	<p>In AD43, the full might of the Roman army landed on the beaches in Kent. It battled inland, storming through hillforts and chopping down anyone who stood in their way. However, they weren't just a destructive force - they built new forts, new settlements and roads. They spread their culture, language and laws. Over time, the people of Britain and the Romans mixed. The Britons began to live the Roman lifestyle, and the Romans took on local customs.</p>													
Theme Activities	Pupil Expert													
<p><i>These activities can be done in any order. Try to do one a week. Bring any completed activities into school to share with the class</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gladiator assault course – create a gladiator assault course and see which members of your family make it through the quickest. 2. Aqueduct – Try to create an aqueduct using recycled materials that carries water. 3. Mosaic Art – Use pieces of paper cut out from a magazine to create a mosaic pattern on a picture you have drawn in the style of the Romans. 4. Latin words – During Roman times the main language spoken by the Romans was Latin. Some words that we use today are Latin. Can you find out what words these are? 5. Roman Invasion – Write a newspaper report about the day the Romans invaded. How do you think the people of Britain felt? <p>Other great websites for general learning are on the school website – e.g. http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/ or Oak National Academy</p>	<p>BECOME AN EXPERT IN A PARTICULAR AREA. Choose one of these areas to become an expert in or choose your own.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 10px;">   <small>Year 4 for more</small> </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> <p>Who founded Rome?</p> </td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center; padding: 10px;">  <small>Hadrian's Wall</small> </td> </tr> </table> <p>You will be able to show your learning to the class in theme lessons.</p> <p>You can show your learning any way you would like. Some ideas could include:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>• Drawings or artwork</td> <td>• Poem</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Models</td> <td>• Poster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Fact files</td> <td>• Animation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Quiz</td> <td>• Interviews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Word search</td> <td>• Maps</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bring in your work as you do it or put it all into a project and bring in all at once. Remember you can research your theme area online or at the library.</p>	  <small>Year 4 for more</small>	<p>Who founded Rome?</p>	 <small>Hadrian's Wall</small>	• Drawings or artwork	• Poem	• Models	• Poster	• Fact files	• Animation	• Quiz	• Interviews	• Word search	• Maps
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Remember you can access learning online using Doodle and TT Rockstars.

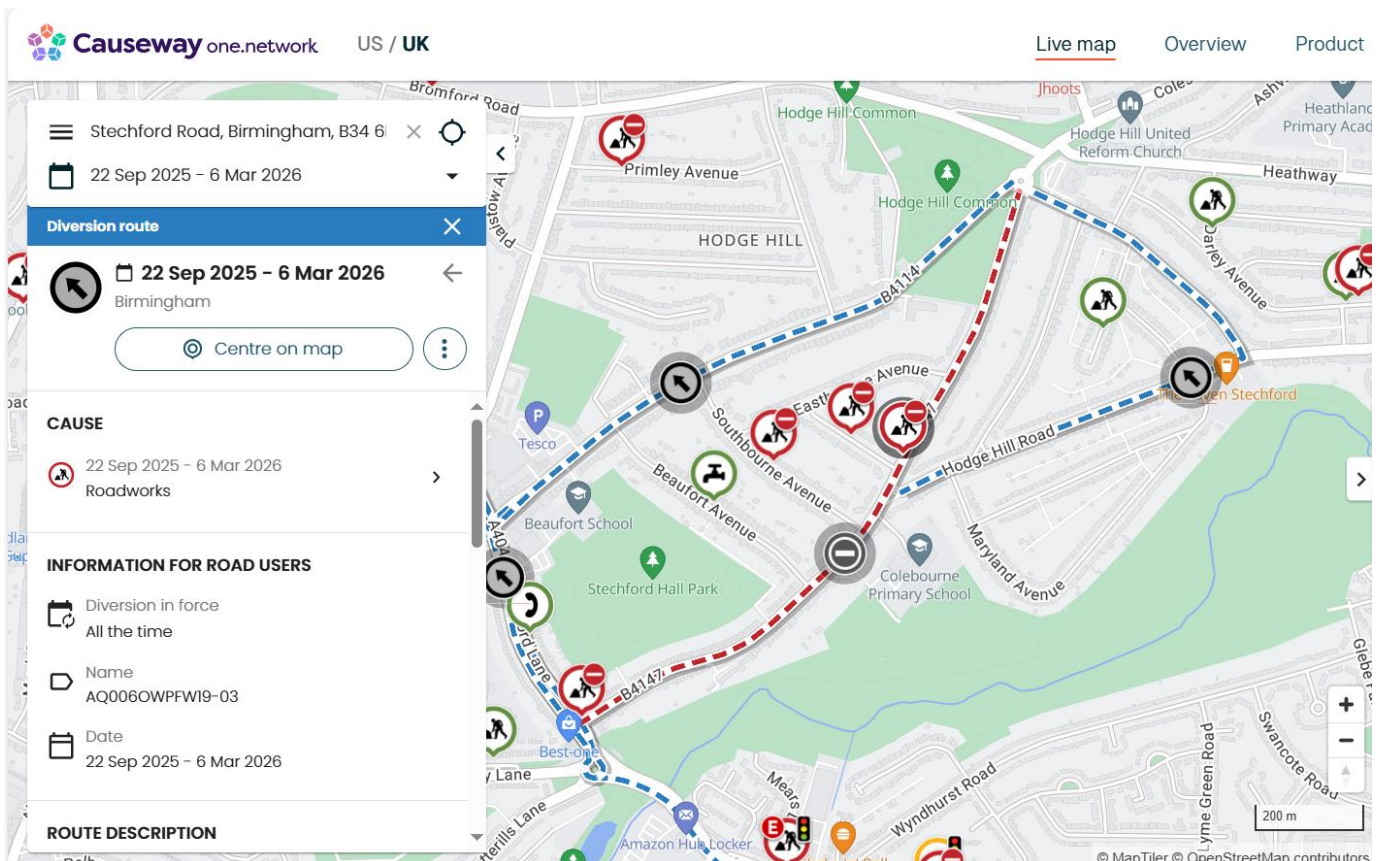
Stechford Road – Road Closure

Starting on Monday 22nd September there will be road closures along parts of Stechford Road; this is to enable the stretch of Stechford Road to have new footpaths.

I have spoken to highways and have been told that on Monday the road closure will only be 10am – 2pm. I am also meeting with them on Monday to discuss any implications for travel to and from school – especially as we have our Nursery who drop-off and pick up during the closure times.

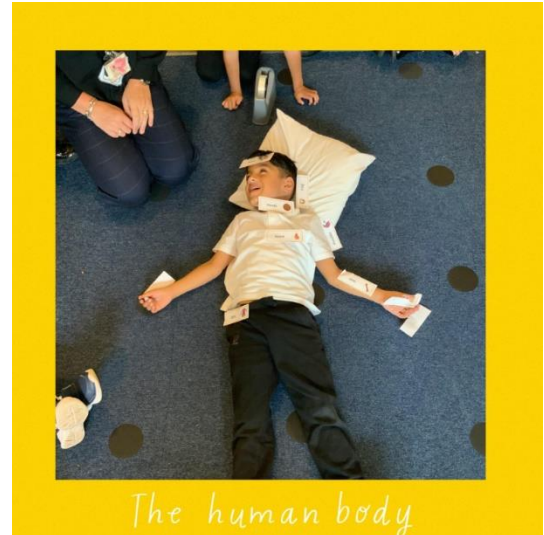
I will aim to give you an update after my meeting.

I would recommend that Pandas class (AM and PM) leave a little more time if they are using a car to get to school.



Year 1 – Human body

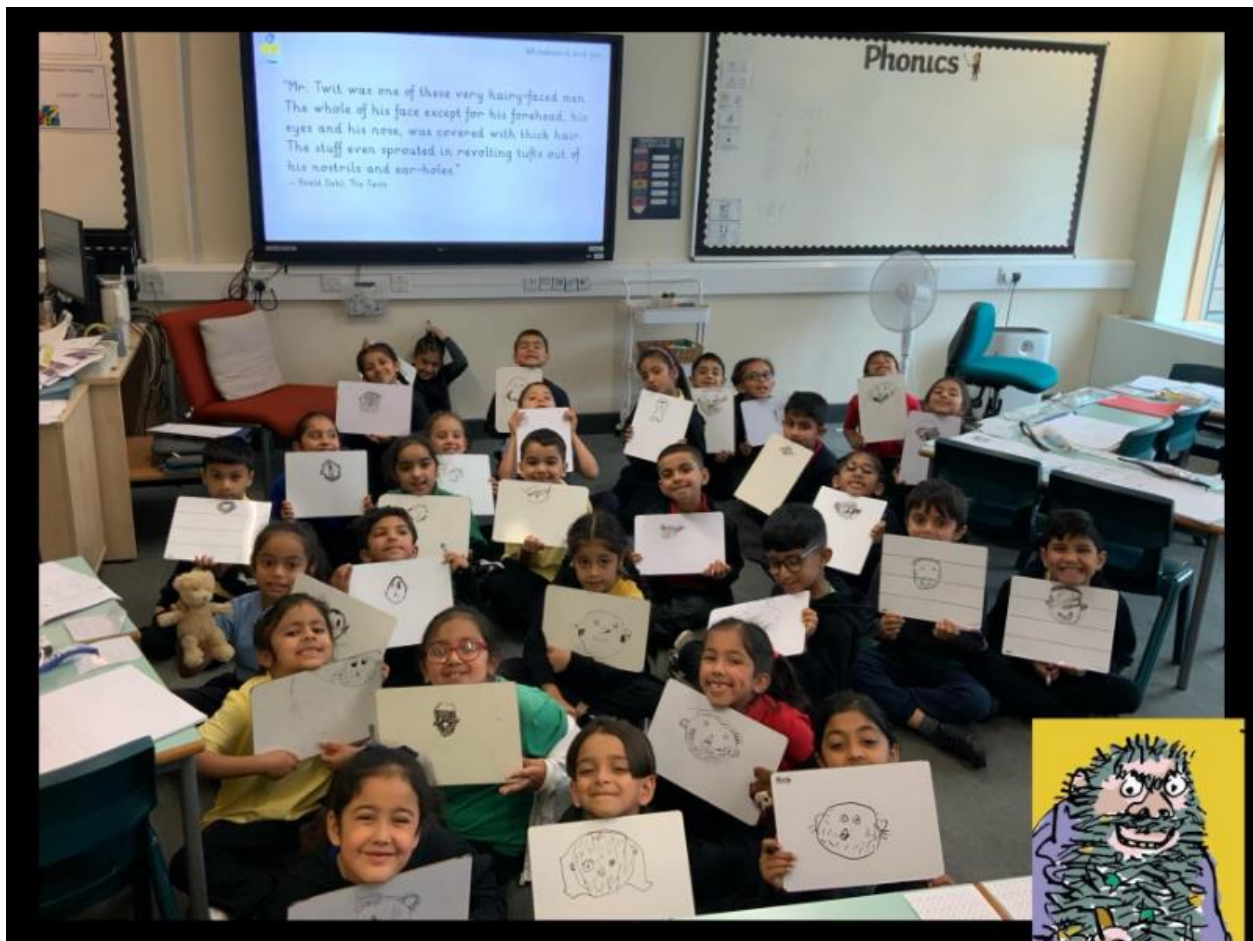
Year 1 have started their exciting new Science unit on the human body! The children have been keen to identify different body parts and understand their roles. They have clearly retained lots of learning from reception as they had some great conversations about how our bodies work!



Year 2 – Mr. Twit work

Year 2 looked at Character descriptions this week and looked at different descriptions from different books.

You can see here that the children have drawn a picture of what they think Mr. Twit looks like by listening carefully to the description in the book!
Look how great they are!



Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest and the Senior Leadership Team

Parents / Guardians are invited to come and have a drink and biscuit with Mr. Guest and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

For new parents, these meetings take place at least every term and usually involve Mr. Guest (Head teacher) and other staff sharing information with you about school and seeking your views on a range of matters.

It is very informal and friendly – so please come along if you can. It is a great way to meet other parents and get to know more about Colebourne.

The first meeting of the school year is on **Tuesday 23rd September, 9am – 10am** in the main school hall. **You can come straight in after drop off from 8.30am and start having a drink and a natter before the meeting starts at 9am.**

There is also the option to attend via TEAMS and a link is posted on Class Dojo on the morning.

PARENT UPDATE MEETING

**Tuesday 23rd September 2025,
From 8.30am for tea and biscuits**

9.00am start

In the main school hall

*Parents are invited to attend our next Parent update meeting
(Remote attendance link will be available via Class Dojo on the morning)*

Tea / Coffee and biscuits provided

School Updates will include:

**Curriculum changes | School Priorities | Attendance
School 3 Year Vision | Autumn Events | Parent Voice Feedback
After school clubs | Trips and Residential
and more**

Plus time for parent questions and feedback



Summer reading challenge

Did your child complete the Summer Reading Bingo challenge?

If they did, please let us know so that we can get them a certificate.

Final chance to submit details for certificates in Wednesday 24th September

Complete the child's details here:

->[READING CHALLENGE COMPLETION FORM](#)<-

Macmillan Coffee Event - Friday 26th September from 8.40am

We are holding a fundraiser here at school. Everyone is welcome to come and join in; there will be cakes and drinks to enjoy. Please feel free to bring along family members and friends from the local community.

Donations of cakes will be warmly welcomed; these can be sent to classrooms the day before or in the morning or brought in with you on the morning.

There will also be some competitions (e.g. guess the weight of the cake) to win some goodies.

Thanks in advance for your support.



Come and join us

When: Friday 26th September

Where: Main hall

When: 8.40am - 10.15am

Items from previous updates:

Pupil absence reporting

A reminder of how to **report a pupil absence**.

Please phone the school office number – 0121 675 8500 (The **online form** will **no longer be available**).

Follow the options to report an absence.

You will be prompted to **leave a voice mail** message giving details of:

- Your **child's name**
- Your **child's class**
- A **brief explanation** of the **reason for absence**.

Please note – this message can be left in **home language** if needed as our system can automatically translate.

Please aim to leave your absence message by 8.40am on the first day of absence.

Please note – voice messages are recorded and stored for reasons of absence.

Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that Department for Education guidance means that we are not able to authorise holidays in term time. Please avoid booking these.

School Dinner Menus

Please see the next page for the dinner menus for this term. Please note that occasionally menu items do change where we have supplier issues.

01/09/2025	WEEK 1 MENU	29/09/2025
08/09/2025	WEEK 2 MENU	06/10/2025
15/09/2025	WEEK 1 MENU	13/10/2025
22/09/2025	WEEK 2 MENU	20/10/2025



YOUR MENU

Week ONE

Autumn Term



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All day breakfast	Chicken Burger	Lamb Shish Kebab	Margherita Pizza	Breaded fish
Fish Fingers	Mac and Cheese	Vegetable Samosa	Build your own Wraps	Cheese lattice
Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping
A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes
Potato Waffles Garden Peas Fresh Carrot Batons Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar	French fries Broccoli Sweetcorn Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar	White or Brown rice minted yoghurt dip Mixed veg Kachumber salad Seasonal Salad Bar	Potato Wedges Spaghetti hoops Sweetcorn Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar	Diced potato Fresh Carrot Batons Peas Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar
Chocolate Concrete	Cookies	Mini Fruit Trifle / Special	Ice Cream	Mousse
Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly

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ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

For any allergen/dietary requirements please speak to the Catering Supervisor

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YOUR MENU

Week TWO

Autumn Term



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers	Hot dogs	Cajun Spiced Chicken	Margherita Pizza	Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Lasagne	Mac and Cheese	Vegetable Samosa	Tuna Pasta Bake	Hot Vegetarian Pastry
Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping	Baked Potato with the daily topping
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Mashed Potato Garlic bread Garden Peas Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar	French Fries Carrot Sweetcorn Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar	White or Brown rice Garden Peas Mixed Veg Kachumber salad Seasonal Salad Bar	Garlic Bread Chunky Chips Spaghetti hoops Broccoli Seasonal Salad Bar	Diced potato Sweetcorn Garden Peas Baked Beans Seasonal Salad Bar
Chocolate Hedgehog	Flapjack	Chocolate Crispie Cake	Ice Cream Tubs	Shortbread and Custard
Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly

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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

September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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29	30					

October						
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27	28	29	30	31		

November						
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December						
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February						
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March						
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April						
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May						
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July						
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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)						

PE KIT AND SWIMMING DAYS

PE KIT DAYS	SWIMMING KIT
	 <p>Children can come to school in either PE kit OR school uniform on these days. If the PE kit symbol is also on that day PE kit must be worn as there is a PE session on that day too</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery					
RN					
RT					
1H					
1M					
2G					
2M					
3B					
3C					
4J					
4M					
5G			 		
5P			 		
6A					
6H					

	Year 2 swimming 2G (12 th Sept; 26 th Sept; 10 th Oct) 2M 19 th Sept; 3rd Oct; 17 th Oct)
	PLEASE NOTE – THESE ARE UPDATED DAYS

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/>

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/>

School Policy Reminders

Label clothing and equipment

Please label children's clothing – especially jumpers, coats and lunchboxes. Items with names on get back to their owners much faster!

Start times and pick up times

Start times:

The playground gates open at 8.30am. All pupils should be in class by 8.40pm.

The top gates are closed promptly at 8.40am.

Arrivals after this time should walk around to the school office via the vehicle entrance.

Pick up times:

3.20pm (Monday to Thursday)

12.40 (Friday)

Reception doors open 5 minutes before these times to allow parents to collect reception children before collecting other children.

We ask that parents collect children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 BEFORE collecting siblings from Year 1 and 2; this helps us clear the playground at the end of the day.

Nuts:

Children should not bring any items containing nuts into school.

Water Bottles:

Please ensure your child has a fresh water bottle each day. It is important for their health and learning that they stay hydrated.

Healthy snack:

Please remember to send only healthy snacks for your child to enjoy during the school day. Thank you for supporting our commitment to healthy eating.

Birthday Treats:

We ask that birthday treats are not bought into school; this includes food items and gift bags.

Jewellery:




The only jewellery allowed in schools is studded earrings and watches (No devices with any recording function); **All jewellery MUST be removed for PE and swimming**; we suggest jewellery is left at home on PE and Swimming days.

School uniform and PE Kit:



Details of our school uniform and supplies is available on the school website: <https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Please remember that PE kit is PLAIN BLACK shorts or jogging bottoms and COLOURED PE T-SHIRT (House colour)

Useful Links for Parents

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

We also have some of our subscription services such as

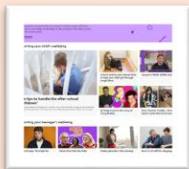
	<p><u>Doodle</u></p> <p>A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English</p> <p><u>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</u></p>
	<p><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p> <p>Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p><u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</u>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

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



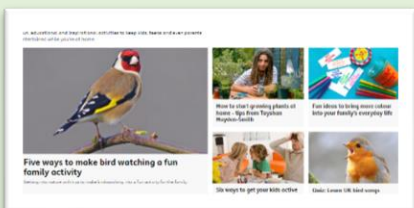
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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 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>

