

Parent update 26th September 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 30 th September	Year 1 Dinosaur Themed Lunch
Thursday 2 nd October	School Census Day
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th October	Colebourne Spooky Craft Event — see later for details
Monday 20 th October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)
Monday 20 th October	Year 6 Parents' Evening (15:25 – 16:45)
Tuesday 21 st October	Year 6 Parents' Evening (15:25 – 16:45)
Wednesday 22 nd October	Nursery to Year 6 Parent's evening (15:25 – 17:55)
Thursday 23 rd October	Nursery to Year 5 Parent's evening (15:25 – 17:55)
Thursday 23rd October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)
Friday 24 th October	Last Day of the Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	Start of the 2 nd Half of Autumn Term

Home Activity Ideas

In the parent update meeting, we were discussing homework. One of the discussions was around playing games as a great way to support language, social and maths. The repetative natures of the games can really support basic skills – and are fun to play.

Here you can see a great offer currently at Argos!

Chad Valley 40 Classic Board Games Bumper Set 703/3252

★★★★ (877)

£5.25*

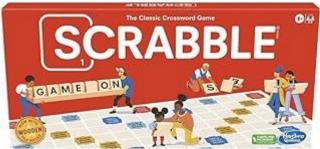
Save 25% | Was £7.00



ARGOS LINK: <u>Buy Chad Valley 40 Classic Board Games Bumper Set | Board games | Argos</u>

Other ideas are card games, dominos, and word games such as scrabble, appleletters and bananagrams





Applications for Year 7

Current Year 6 children can now apply for a secondary school place.

For those living in Birmingham this should be done via the local authority admissions website:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school admissions/1778/appl y for a secondary school year 7 place

You can list up to **six different secondary schools** as preferences in your application. This can include schools outside of Birmingham.

Make sure you list at least one local school where your child would have met the admissions criteria in previous years

If you don't do this, you might end up with a place offered which is none of your options and will be the most local school with places available; this could be several miles away!

Birmingham City Council runs a co-ordinated admissions scheme with neighbouring local authorities.

If you are applying for schools in another local authority then we recommend that you contact them for their admissions arrangements as this will help you to decide if your application is likely to be successful.

Birmingham City Council will only deal with applications for school places if you live in Birmingham and pay council tax to the authority.

Local secondary schools often have open evenings for prospective children and parents.

Here are the local schools which we strongly advice are included as at least one of your 6 options.

Hodge Hill College:

- Open Evening: Wednesday 8 October 16:00 to 18:30
- https://www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk

Washwood Heath Academy

- Open Evening: Wednesday 1 October 15:30 to 18:00
- https://washwood.academy

Hodge Hill Girls School

- Open Evening: Monday 6 October 15:45 to 18:15
- https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Saltley Academy

- Open Evening: Tuesday 17 September 16:00 to 18:00 (already gone)
- https://saltley.academy

Before you submit your application

Read the guidance below before submitting your online application.

<u>Download Parent's guidance to submit online application, change of</u>
preferences and password resets

<u>School Census Day – Thursday 2nd October</u>

Why is this Census Important?

The census is a key source of data used to calculate schools' funding.

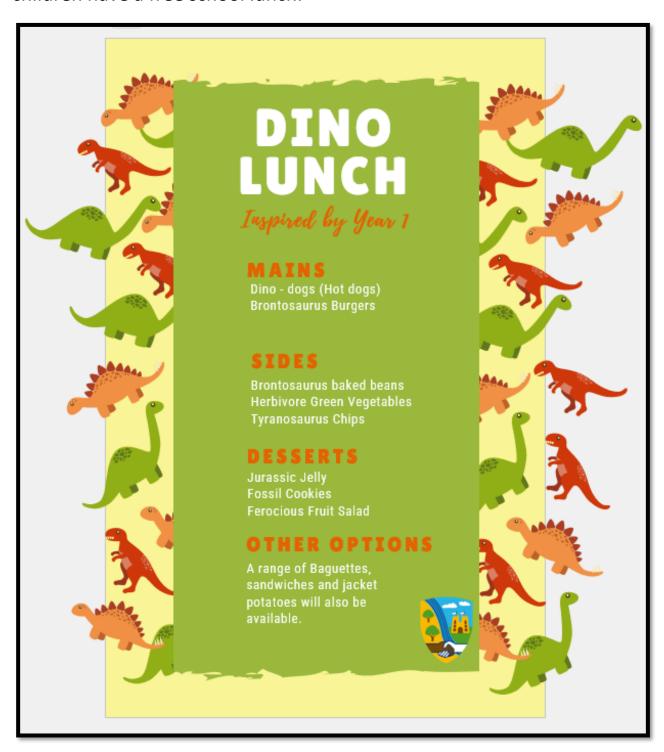
For some of our funding we only get this if children are in school on Thursday 2nd October.

To maximise our funding, we need to try to ensure as many children as possible attend on this day – please help us with this where you can.

(We know some children may be ill on that day and that's okay!)

Year 1 Dinosaur Lunch

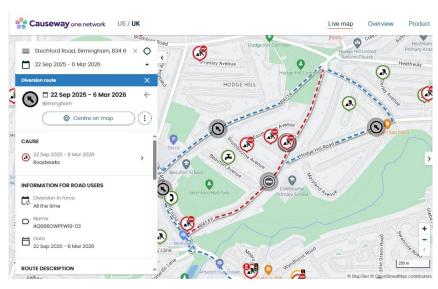
As part of the year 1 theme – Jurrasic Era, the children will have special lunch options on Tuesday 30th Sepetember. No need to book as all Year 1 children have a free school lunch.



<u>Stechford Road – Road Closure Update</u>

This week I met with the team from Keir who are working on the pavement replacements along Stechford Road.

They have informed us that the road closures will be in sections starting from the Stechford Lane



end and working down Stechford Road. These works will take place over many months and they are aiming to complete the works outside of Colebourne during the October half term to avoid too much disruption.

Water Bottles – Regular washing

We have noticed some of the children's water bottles have started to have moldy bits – especially in the pop out straws and lids.

Please can you encourage your child to bring home their bottle each day for washing.



Year 3 – Kinver Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Kinver Edge this week! The children were amazing and did the school proud. There were lots of great questions and a lot of bravery to be seen in taking on new challenges to see if they could have been a child in the Iron Age.

Children made clay pots, did willow weaving, started a fire, handled artificacts and climbed to the top of the hill to see the Hill Fort location.











Year 4 Wroxeter Roman City Trip

Year 4 had a brilliant time stepping back in time at Wroxeter Roman City!

The children loved exploring the ruins of Roman houses, walking the same streets ancient Romans once did, and really bringing their learning to life. They took part in hands-on activities like designing their own Roman mosaics and identifying spices and herbs the Romans used in cooking through fun sensory tasks.

They also had the chance to see genuine Roman artifacts, helping them make some amazing connections to our class topic on the Roman Empire. It was brilliant to hear the children using their knowledge from class and asking thoughtful questions throughout the day.

The children demonstrated super listening, asked great questions, and displayed loads of enthusiasm — well done, Year 4!







Parent Update Meeting Slides

Thanks to all those who attended the meeting earlier this week - either in person or online. A copy of the presentation was posted on Dojo on Tuesday and can also be downloaded via the school website parent update meeting page:



https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parent-update-meetings/

Any questions or comments - please get in touch.

Summer reading challenge

Congratulations to our Summer Reading Challenge children who completed their BINGO of reading!



Macmillan Coffee Event - Friday 26th September from 8.40am

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning and contributed so generously. Your support helped us raise muchneeded funds for a worthy cause, and we truly appreciate your kindness and involvement in our school community.

Also, a big thanks to Mrs Lewis for organising this, and the staff for supporting.

We have raised a fabulous £424.74



Stechford Lane Public Open Space Consultation

The local authority has been allocated dedicated S106 funding to improve the public open space at Stechford Lane and they are proposing to deliver a number of improvements for the local community. These range from a new accessible play area with associated disabled parking provision, to other improvements focusing on sport and fitness.

They would like to hear *your* views on what *you* feel is needed or would like to see in this space. For this reason, they have included a number of questions in the following survey, which are centred around seeking feedback from local residents on what they feel are priorities for this vital green space.



Please click the link for more information and to give your views:

https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/stechford-lane-pos-improvements



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.

WEEK 1 MENU	29/09/2025
WEEK 2 MENU	06/10/2025
WEEK 1 MENU	13/10/2025
WEEK 2 MENU	20/10/2025





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 Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Mini Fruit Trifle / Special Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Ice Cream Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jell

YOUR MENU Week Two

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

Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Baked Fish Fingers	Hot dogs	Cajun Spiced Ch <mark>icken</mark>	Margherita Pizza	Chicken Nuggets	
Vegetable Lasagne	Mac and Cheese	Vegetable Samosa	Tuna Pasta Bake	Hot Vegetarian Pastry	
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	
Mashed Potato	French Fries Carrot	White or Brown rice	Garlic Bread	Diced potato	
Garden Peas Baked Beans	Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Mixed Veg Kachumber salad	Chunky Chips Spaghetti hoops Broccoli	Garden Peas Baked Beans	
Seasonal Salad Bar					
Chocolate Hedgehog	Flapjack	Chocolate <u>Crispie</u> 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

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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

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nursery					1
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Year 2 swimming

2G (12th Sept; 26th Sept; 10th Oct) **2M** 19th Sept; 3rd Oct; 17th 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 you 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 unform 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



Home learning grids

Additional learning opportunities each half term
Home learning grids



BBC Bitesize

Lots of links to learning and skills http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/



Oak National Academy

A huge range of lessons, resources and subjects
Oak National Academy

We also have some of our subscription services such as



Doodle

A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English

https://www.doodlemaths.com/



Times Tables Rockstars

Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student

Year group expectation sheets:

Email address for parents:

Key expectation sheets

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.

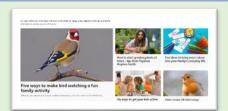
https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/



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 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