



Parent update

17th October 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

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 23 rd 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
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of Term – all children finish 12.40pm (<i>No clubs</i>) (<i>Pizza Party for all children before dismissal</i>)
Thursday 22 nd January	M&M Productions - evening panto - Sleeping Beauty

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing parents at next week's parent meetings. If you haven't done so yet – please book an appointment via the Arbor app.

Any problems – please give the office a call or email.

Please have a read later in this edition about our approach to feedback and what this may look like in the books when you see them next week.

Please note – **entry to parents evening will be via the pedestrian entrance;**
*please note – the staff car park **should not** be used.*

Applications for Year 7

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

DEADLINE IS 31st OCTOBER

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

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

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/application_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.

Here are the local schools which we strongly advice are included as at least one of your 6 options otherwise your child could be left with an out of area offer including school not listed on their form.

**Hodge Hill College
Hodge Hill Girls School**

**Washwood Heath Academy
Saltley Academy**

Before you submit your application

Read the guidance below before submitting your online application.

[Download Parent's guidance to submit online application, change of preferences and password resets](#)

Deadline for Bushcraft (Y3-Y6) and Dodford (Y1-Y2)

The Deadline for sign up for Bushcraft (Y3-Y6) and Dodford (Y1-Y2) trips is Friday 24th October.

As of today, there have not been enough sign-ups for either trip to go ahead - so if you want your child to go on one of these trips – please pay the deposit via Arbor or get in touch with school by next Friday.

Letters about each trip were published on Class Dojo (1st October)

If you would like more information about either trip – please get in touch via the office.

Y3 – 6 – BUSHCRAFT information

YEAR GROUP:	Year 3, 4 5 and 6
VISIT TO:	Residential Visit – Boughton Woods - Northampton We have arranged for pupils to have the opportunity to undertake a residential visit in Northampton. The children will spend 3 days and 2 nights on this residential which is set in the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside on a dedicated secure woodland camp site.
DATE OF VISIT:	Monday 8th June 2026 – Wednesday 10th June 2026
TIMES AND ANY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS	Monday 8 th June 2026 – Children arrive at school for normal drop off time and will leave by 9.30am Wednesday 10 th June 2026 – Children will arrive back to school for around 4.30pm (TBC closer to the time of the trip)
MEANS OF TRANSPORT:	Coach
COST	<u>£250</u> Payment for the trip is to be made using the Arbor online system <i>A reduction for children eligible for free school meals will be to <u>£220</u></i> £50 deposit will need to be paid by Friday 24th October 2025 The full balance to be paid by 13th April 2026 (Longer payment options are available for all parents if needed, please contact school) <i>(Total cost includes transport, accommodation, activities, and food)</i>

Y1 – Y2 – FARM information

YEAR GROUP:	Year 1 and Year 2
VISIT TO:	 Residential Dodford Childrens Farm, Bromsgrove 1 night stay
DATE OF VISIT:	26th-27th March 2026
MEANS OF TRANSPORT:	Minibus
COST	<u>£35</u> Payments for the trip to be made using the Arbor payment system £20 deposit will need to be paid by Friday 24th October 2025 The full balance to be paid by the end of Friday 12th December 2025. (For longer payment options, please contact school) <i>(Total cost includes transport, accommodation, activities and food)</i>

Changes we have made to the school feedback policy

How will this feel different?

You might begin to hear the children talk more about the 'feedback approaches' in school and when looking at their books you might see yellow highlighter (which is used to indicate support/ feedback used), green pen (teacher comments) or purple pen (where children themselves have been involved). In the autumn term this will look different for different classes as we are trialling different ways (all based on best practice research) to support the school in then generating the final policy.

Initial reviews have been very positive, and the children are not only doing well with this approach but are also enjoying it. Below outlines some of the key principles around the policy change:

Purpose of the feedback policy

At Colebourne Primary School, we believe that effective feedback is essential for pupil progress. Our feedback policy prioritises live marking and verbal feedback as powerful tools to support immediate learning, reflection, and improvement.

Colebourne Principles:

- *We will give the children high quality instruction- using formative assessment strategies, a well-planned and engaging curriculum, and the pedagogical approach needed to deliver it effectively (READY).*
- *Teachers are skilled in deciding when and how feedback is best delivered. The feedback is focused on moving learning forward and filling gaps.*
- *Classrooms have effective learning environments to ensure the feedback is positive and supportive to pupils. Teachers ensure there is an opportunity for the pupils to use the feedback and move their learning forward. Feedback should be timely, specific, and actionable.*
- *Feedback should promote independence, confidence, and a growth mindset.*

Order form for CGP

Mrs. Wren has been able to arrange some special prices for CGP books.

The order forms will be available at Parents' evening next week and sample books will be available for you to look at. Once we have the orders, we will put your total on Arbor for you to pay and get them ordered for delivery just after half term.



Colebourne Primary School

Parents' Evening Order Form

Pupil Name:

Parents' Evening Number: PES-000717

Class:

Fill in the form below and return to your school by 03/11/2025 for these special Parents' Evening prices.

Title	Book Code	Retail Price	Parents' Evening Price	Qty	Total
KS1 English Year 1 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E1CW12	£3.99	£2.30		
KS1 English Year 2 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E2CW12	£3.99	£2.30		
KS2 English Year 3 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E3CW22	£3.99	£2.30		
KS2 English Year 4 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E4CW22	£3.99	£2.30		
KS2 English Year 5 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E5CW22	£3.99	£2.30		
KS2 English Year 6 Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Book - Book 1 (with Answers)	E6CW22	£3.99	£2.30		
KS1 English Year 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E1W12	£5.75	£3.15		
KS1 English Year 2 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E2W12	£5.75	£3.15		
KS2 English Year 3 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E3W23	£6.75	£4.15		
KS2 English Year 4 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E4W23	£6.75	£4.15		
KS2 English Year 5 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E5W23	£6.75	£4.15		
KS2 English Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)	E6W23	£6.75	£4.15		
KS2 Maths Year 4 Targeted Question Book	M4Q25	£6.50	£3.30		

KS2 Maths Year 3 Targeted Question Book	M3Q25	£6.50	£3.30		
KS2 Maths Year 5 Targeted Question Book	M5Q25	£6.50	£3.30		
KS2 Maths Year 6 Targeted Question Book	M6Q25	£6.50	£3.30		
KS1 Maths Year 1 Targeted Study & Question Book	M1R11	£6.50	£3.30		
KS1 Maths Year 2 Targeted Study & Question Book	M2R11	£6.50	£3.30		
Maths Activity Book for Ages 4-5 (Reception)	MPFRQ01	£2.99	£1.80		
Writing Activity Book for Ages 4-5 (Reception)	EPFRH01	£2.99	£1.80		
English Activity Book for Ages 4-5 (Reception)	EPFRQR1	£2.99	£1.80		
KS2 Maths Year 6 SATS Question Book (for the 2026 tests)	MLFW23	£6.60	£3.15		
KS2 English Year 6 SATS Question Book (for the 2026 tests)	E6FW23	£6.60	£3.15		
KS2 English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Study Book - Ages 7-11	EGR24	£6.60	£3.15		
			Total	£	

Home learning

A reminder that Theme Home Learning Grids are a great resource for you to support your child's learning at home. This is an optional resource for you to support. Pupils can bring in any items of work to share with their teacher or class.

	Colebourne Primary School	Homework	Year 5	Finish date:	Friday 24 th October
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Middle East	
 Home to the Cradle of Civilization, the Middle East has seen many of the world's oldest cultures and civilizations. This history started from the earliest human settlements, continuing through several major pre- and post-Islamic Empires through to the nation-states of the Middle East today.	
Theme Activities 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. Watching the stars – Could you try and do some stargazing one evening? How were the stars used during Ancient Islamic times? Map work – Research how far the Ancient Islamic empire stretched. Highlight on a map. Islamic Art – Create your own piece of Islamic art – inspired by geometric patterns. Food Glorious Food – Plan a special meal with your family and take a photo of some of the dishes you have prepared. Architecture – Design a building inspired by Islamic architecture. Think about the design of doorways and windows. Other great websites for general learning are on the school website – e.g. http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/ or Oak National Academy	Pupil Expert BECOME AN EXPERT IN A PARTICULAR AREA. Choose one of these areas to become an expert in or choose your own.   Y Years for more  Ancient Baghdad  Caliph You will be able to show your learning to the class in theme lessons. You can show your learning any way you would like. Some ideas could include: - Drawings or artwork - Models - Fact files - Quiz - Word search - Poem - Poster - Animation - Interviews - Maps 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.

Theme grids can be found on the school website via: **Students -> Year Group -> Home learning grids**

Reception Admissions for September 2026

Please share our reception 2026 meetings with anyone you know who have a child of the age for reception for September 2026.

Thank you.



COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2026

OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY

ONLINE MEETINGS

MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

We invite you to visit our friendly and nurturing school ahead of Reception admissions. Come and meet our dedicated staff, and see firsthand how we support every child to thrive and grow. We look forward to welcoming you!

For full details of times and how to book, please visit the admissions page on the school website by scanning the QR code or going to:

www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/



Colebourne Primary School
Stechford Road, Hodge Hill
TEL: 0121 675 8500
EMAIL: admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk



<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/>

Colebourne Spooky Week

A reminder that children can bring in their spooky crafts next week!



**COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPOOKY CRAFT EVENT
2025**

20TH – 24TH OCTOBER

WHAT TO DO

Make a spooky item to display as part of our spooky display on the pedestrian driveway.

Ideas include: carving a pumpkin; making a lantern; building a small ghost; designing a giant witch; constructing a hairy spider!
Let your imagination go wild!

There are lots of ideas online.
Bring your item to school and put it on the driveway anytime from the 20th October.
Remember to put your name on it!

The pedestrian driveway will be lit up on
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October
during parents' evening.

Any creations that you would like to keep must be taken after school on
Friday 24th October.

Pupil absence reporting

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

Please phone the school office number – 0121 675 8500 (The **online form** is **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 2 MENU

20/10/2025



YOUR MENU

Week ONE

Autumn
Term



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All day breakfast Fish Fingers Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Chicken Burger Mac and Cheese Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Lamb Shish Kebab Vegetable Samosa Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Margherita Pizza Build your own Wraps Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Breaded fish Cheese lattice Baked Potato with the daily topping 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 Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Cookies Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Mini Fruit Trifle / Special Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Ice Cream Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Mousse Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly

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ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

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

MADE FRESH



YOUR MENU

Week TWO

Autumn
Term



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers Vegetable Lasagne Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Hot dogs Mac and Cheese Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Cajun Spiced Chicken Vegetable Samosa Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Margherita Pizza Tuna Pasta Bake Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	Chicken Nuggets Hot Vegetarian Pastry Baked Potato with the daily topping A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes
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 Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Flapjack Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Chocolate Crispie Cake Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Ice Cream Tubs Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly	Shortbread and Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurts Jelly

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MADE FRESH

Annual Calendar for the 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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January						
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February						
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March						
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30	31					

April						
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May						
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June						
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29	30					

July						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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					
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

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

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 <u>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</u>
	<u>Times Tables Rockstars</u> Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills <u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</u>

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	



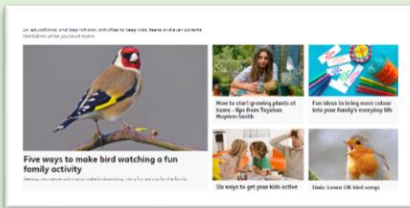
NHS Advice and guidance
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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 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>