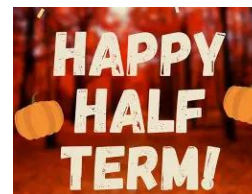




# Parent update 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025



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At Colebourne we **C.A.R.E**

## End of half term

Happy half term. There are lots of local activities taking place over half term – see later in this update for details.

Plus – as always in the October half term – it's time to try to '**CATCH A FALLING LEAF**' – See later for details.

We wish Mrs. Taylor all the best as she starts her maternity leave.

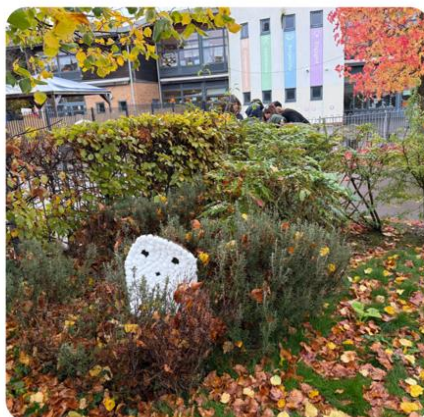
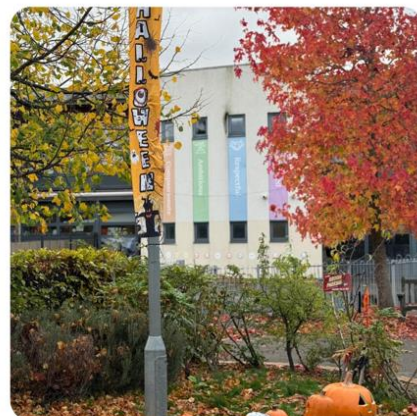
We welcome Mrs Jones as the new 1M teaching assistant and look forward to working with her.

## DIARY DATES

|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>                        | <b>Last Day of the Half Term</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>                        | <b>Start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>                       | <b>Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026)</b><br>Online Welcome Meeting, 4.30pm                                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>                     | <b>Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026)</b><br>School tours – book via the school website                                                                              |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November,<br/>09:00 – 09:45</b>   | <b>RN phonics workshop for parents in hall</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November,<br/>09:00 – 09:45</b>  | <b>RT phonics workshop for parents in hall</b>                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November,<br/>16:30 – 17:30</b>  | <b>Nursery and Reception Late night Story Time</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>                       | <b>Children in Need – details to follow</b>                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>                      | <b>Victorian themed lunch - Year 2</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 08:50</b>                | <b>Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December,<br/>15:30 – 17:00</b> | <b>Christmas Fair</b>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 09:15</b>               | <b>Christmas Songs to parents (Y1-3)</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 09:15</b>             | <b>Christmas Songs to parents (Y4-6)</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>                    | <b>Children's Christmas Lunch Day</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                     | <b>Last day of Term – all children finish 12.40pm</b> <i>(No clubs)</i><br><i>(Pizza Party for all children before dismissal)</i><br><i>Plus: Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers</i> |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>                        | <b>Start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Half of Spring Term</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>                        | <b>Colebourne 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day – details to follow</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>                       | <b>Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026)</b><br>School tours – book via the school website                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>                      | <b>M&amp;M Productions - evening panto - Sleeping Beauty</b>                                                                                                                    |

## Spooky Craft event

Massive thanks to all those who contributed to the Spooky Craft event. Our creativity was Spook-tastic!



Compass Parent Coffee morning – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 8:45 – 10:00

*Another great opportunity to hear from Compass – this time there is a focus on emotions and behaviour. It can be hard when a child is dysregulated, shouting or being 'rude', or if they present as being very quiet or subdued.*

*Come and explore this and more with the Compass team and hopefully take away some ideas and understanding about this area.*

*This is an in-person event and there will also be a option to join online via TEAMS – a link will be posted on class dojo the day before..*



## PARENTS COFFEE MORNING

DATE: WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

TIME: 8:45AM - 10AM



Online via teams and in-person.  
Refreshments will be available.

TOPIC: EMOTIONS AND  
BEHAVIOUR



# COLEBOURNE'S READING NEWSLETTER

SPOOKY  
EDITION



## Halloween Reads

### October 2025

Welcome to our first reading newsletter of the academic year 2025-2026. We are excited to share some great stories, recommendations, work and challenges with you this year!

#### Boo!

##### Damien Barlow

Do you dare to pull the tab? Join the mischievous monsters this Halloween in Boo!

This innovative board book for toddlers is full of spooky surprises. Young children can pull the tab on every spread and watch different monsters magically transform.

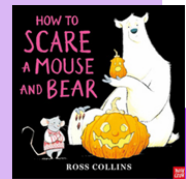
A great rhyming book for children aged 3+.



### How to Scare a Mouse and a Bear

#### Ross Collins

Reception have loved this series and I'm sure this will be no different!



It's Halloween - woo-hoo! - and Bear is determined to scare Mouse. Mouse, however, isn't fooled by Bear's clumsy attempts to dress up . . . Bear's ghostly wail is just plain silly and his werewolf smells of wet dog. But wait! Who's knocking at the door now? This mysterious monster might just scare them both!

### Dracula & Daughters

#### Emma Carroll

Packed full of atmosphere and Gothic detail, the first in a brand-new adventure series: when three cousins discover they're descendants of Dracula, they combine their powers to form the infamous vampire healing company, Dracula & Daughters!



## Got a recommendation?

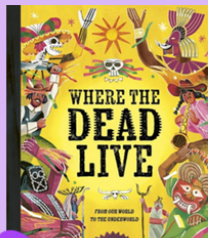
If you really enjoy a book this year and want it included in future newsletters, please let Miss Nelson know via class dojo!

## Non-fiction Recommendations

### Where the Dead Live Sam Fern and Romolo D'Hipolito

Welcome to life beyond! This is an illustrated guide to the most wondrous and downright spooky homes for those without heartbeats. Here we explore the mythological afterlives of ancient civilisations alongside spiritual celebration across the ages – all with a healthy splash of joie de vivre and not a drop of melancholy.

Delve into labyrinths of bone and stone, swim through sunken cemeteries, unearth the ancient sites of long-lost legends, and between your adventures, join in the heartfelt traditions of cultures around the world proudly reuniting the living and the lost.



### Bonus Recommendation



### My First Halloween Cook Book David Atherton

You might already know, Miss Nelson and Miss Connolly love to bake. Why not join them and get into the Halloween spirit with this inspiring and fun first cook book for little chefs? It is packed with autumnal bakes, tasty treats and frightfully good showstoppers. This imaginative collection celebrates the joy of cooking with family and friends at this special time of year.

## Our Local Libraries

- Glebe Farm Library
- Ward End Library
- Shard End Library
- Castle Vale Library
- Library of Birmingham

Find your local library here:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/14/libraries\\_in\\_birmingham](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/14/libraries_in_birmingham)

## Mobile library timetable

| Time               | Area            | Road                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 10:00am to 10:40am | Edgbaston       | George Dixon Road    |
| 11:00am to 12:15pm | Handsworth Wood | Beechglade           |
| 1:45pm to 2:15pm   | Moseley         | Forest Road          |
| 2:50pm to 3:20pm   | Hodge Hill      | Collingbourne Avenue |
| 3:25pm to 4:00pm   | Hodge Hill      | Reynoldstown Road    |

Mobile library is here on:

**Saturday 25th October**

**Saturday 22nd November**

**Saturday 20th December**

## Half Term Challenge – Catch a falling leaf

It's that time of the year again where we try one of our favourite 50 Things activities: **CATCH A FALLING LEAF.**

This sounds simple but it can 'leaf' you feeling frustrated.

Your challenge, should you wish to accept it, is to **get a video** of you **catching a falling leaf** and then send to Mr. Guest.



1. **Capture a video** of you *catching a falling leaf*
2. **Crop the video** to show just the part where you are *chasing and catching* the leaf (*a few seconds*)
3. **Email the video** to Mr. Guest: [s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk) –
  - please put the subject: *as catch a falling leaf*
  - please put your child's full name and class in the subject or the body of the email

**If we have enough videos, I will try to put them together in a short video to share with you after half term.**

Why not go on an autumn walk to a park and catch the leaf there?

Our top local parks and walks are:

- Stechford Hall Park – Stechford Rd
- Cole Valley – back of the school access on far side of the Raven
- Hodge Hill Common
- Glebe Farm recreation ground - 116 Middle Leaford

You can see more about our 50 Things on the school website:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/50-things/>



Barnardo's are the lead for Hodge Hill and Yardley early help and organise or signpost families to a range of support and community events. There is lots going on locally and they have just released the families newsletter, which can be found here: [NEWSLETTER](#)

They also have a new social media FACEBOOK page [click here](#) – they post regular events and updates!

Upcoming events include:

**Free Housing awareness session** on Tues 4th Nov from 10 - 11.30am at Anthony Road Children's Centre - the event link is [here](#) and the poster later in this update.

**Free SEND session** on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10 - 11.30am at Gilbertstone Primary School - the event link is [here](#) and the poster later in this update.

We are also running a free Family Fun Day on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> at Oasis Blakenhale Community Hub from 10.30am - 2.30pm, flyer attached - **please share all of these events with your families!**



## Yardley Family Voices Family Fun Session

Come along to our **free Family Voices event** this half term, offering **sports, arts and crafts, play activities, specialist services** to support you and your family, and a chance to get some **freebies!**

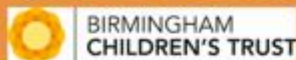


On **Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** from **10.30am – 2.30pm** at  
**Oasis Blakenhale Community Hub,**  
Garretts Green Lane, B33 OXD

This event is open to all parents and carers with children of any age, and we'd love to see you there to share activities for the whole family and get your opinion on local support services.

E: [abigail.hastings@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:abigail.hastings@barnardos.org.uk)  
T: 0121 289 4875

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PARTNERSHIP



# EARLY HELP SEND SUPPORT SESSION

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Nov from 10 - 11.30am

Scan the QR Code or check out Eventbrite to join!



**The Hub at Gilbertstone Primary School,  
Journeys End, 262 Clay Lane, B26 1EH**

Our SEND Support Sessions covers topics ranging from:

ASD assessment processes – What to Expect

SEND - how to navigate

Sensory Processing

What is DLA? How can I use it?

Typical behaviours

EHCP's – What do they mean and how they can help?

What support is local and available to families?

Questions & answers with Early Help

This is an in-person session, delivered by the Barnardo's Early Help Team and is aimed at families in the East of Birmingham - we'd love to see you there!

Please note, there is no creche available and this will not be ideal for children to attend.

T: 0121 289 4875

E: yardleyhodgehilleh@barnardos.org.uk



## All Things Housing Advice Session

**Tues 4 Nov 10 - 11.30am**

**Anthony Road Children's Centre,  
80 Anthony Road, Alum Rock, B8 3AA**



Join Early Help to learn more about your current housing situation. We can offer:

- Better understanding of Birmingham City Council accommodation allocations process
- Myth busting
- Are you overcrowded?
- Question and answer session and much more!

**Scan the QR Code to book!**

This is an in-person session, and is aimed at families in the East of Birmingham - we'd love to see you there!

Please note, there is no creche available and this will not be suitable for children to attend.

*\*this service does not include form filling or support with applying for properties*



**E: [yardleyhodgehilleh@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:yardleyhodgehilleh@barnardos.org.uk)**

**T: 0121 289 4875**

## Early Help – Family Hubs information



### Your local family hubs are:

**Hodge Hill:**  
Dyson Gardens Children's  
Centre  
Highfield Road, B8 3QF  
0121 752 1950

**Yardley:**  
Fox Hollies Children's  
Centre,  
Fox Hollies Rd, B27 7QA  
Phone: 0121 702 2700

The **Birmingham Family Hub App** offers a variety of advice around all things families. From Under 5s to Puberty, it is a one-stop space to get learn more about how your children will develop. It also has some adult advice, including information on mental wellbeing and more.



The **Easy Peasy App** offers tips, tricks, and techniques provided by a community of parents and professionals, such as different ways to play and interact with your little ones with materials you'd already have at home.



The **Before 5 App** offers you a variety of activities, all made to support your Under 5s development. The activities are about enriching your child's life with materials you already have. It also shows places near you to take your child for Under 5 Activities.



The **Baby Buddy App** is all about helping you to record your babies development through pregnancy and the first year of life. Get recommendations for new activities as they hit new milestones, and use it as a journal to keep all of your babies information in one place.



The **DadPad app** is the essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS. The DadPad can help by giving you the knowledge and practical skills that you need. The resource will support you and your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life.



**FREE Parenting Groups and Courses** are happening across Birmingham! Find out more about what is happening in your local area by scanning this code:



Please note: This is not a referral form, it is only to share the details of the courses. Do not send any responses as it will not count as a referral. The details on how to refer to the courses will be under each section.

## Financial Support – DWP – Drop in sessions



**Financial Support DWP Drop-In**

with Helen Williams  
Family Community Work Coach

Got financial or employment questions?  
Want free advice about your benefits or any other queries?  
Come along to our DWP Advice Surgery!

We'd love to see you there to help with any employment, training, benefits or financial queries - just come along to the Yardley Family Hub!

These free appointments will be 20 minutes long and will be bookable at the Fox Hollies reception, in-person or by calling 0121 702 2700. This support is available to local families with children aged 0 – 19, and families of children with SEND up to age 25.

Every Tuesday from 1pm - 4pm, at Fox Hollies Family Hub, 419 Fox Hollies Road, B27 7QA

**our values**  
We care We deliver We adapt We work together We value everybody

## Better Housing information

### Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service



### HOME ENERGY ADVICE

If you're worried about paying your energy bills, want to know how to make your home warmer or need advice on accessing financial support, Better Housing Better Health are here to help. We're a charity working locally to improve residents' domestic warmth and wellbeing and improve the energy efficiency of your property.

#### BETTER HOUSING BETTER HEALTH CAN HELP WITH:

ENERGY BILL  
SUPPORT

HOME  
ENERGY  
VISITS



FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE

PRIORITY  
SERVICES  
REGISTER



**GET IN TOUCH**

**0800 107 0044**

[www.bhbh.org.uk](http://www.bhbh.org.uk)

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## Half Term Activities

A colorful poster for October Half Term activities. The background is orange with stylized autumn trees in shades of brown, orange, and yellow. Four Polaroid-style photos are arranged in the upper half: a 'KIDS SPOOKY DISCO' poster for October 31st, a 'A kid-sized falconry experience' poster for Sunday 2nd Nov, a photo of a child in a witch hat, and a photo of a child with a wand. The main title 'October Half Term' is in large, bold, dark brown letters. Below it, a white banner says 'OPEN EVERYDAY OCT 25TH - NOV 2ND'. To the left is a cartoon ghost icon. To the right is a brown banner that says 'NORMAL ENTRY FEES APPLY'. Below the ghost is a green banner with yellow text: 'SELF-GUIDED WITCH TRAIL EVERY DAY (£4) HALLOWEEN CRAFTS, BROOMSTICK RACES, SPOOKY MAZE'. Underneath is a section for 'BOOKABLE WORKSHOPS' with a list of activities and dates. A QR code is in the bottom right corner, next to a green button that says 'Unplug & Play' with a hand icon.

**October Half Term**

**OPEN EVERYDAY OCT 25TH - NOV 2ND**

 **DROP-IN ACTIVITIES!**  
as well as prebookable sessions

**NORMAL ENTRY FEES APPLY**

**SELF-GUIDED WITCH TRAIL EVERY DAY (£4)**  
**HALLOWEEN CRAFTS, BROOMSTICK RACES, SPOOKY MAZE**

**BOOKABLE WORKSHOPS**

- Spooky Disco: 31st Oct
- Woodland Wizards: 1st & 2nd Nov
- Potions Class: 29<sup>th</sup> Oct & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Kids Falconry: 2nd Nov

 **Unplug & Play**



Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

You are invited to

**GLEBE FARM COMMUNITY HUB**

# **SPOOKY SLIME**

**Monday October 27th**

**10:30am - 11:30am**

**1:30pm - 2:30pm**

Get ready for gooey, ghostly fun with our Spooky Slime!

Stretch it, squish it, and watch it ooze like a creepy creature from the shadows.

**£2 Per child**

Please call: 0121 785 2218 to book your space

Glebe Farm Community Hub, Glebe Farm Road, B33 9NA

# Halloween Party

29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

11AM - 2PM

Get ready for an afternoon full of fright and fun!

Join us for spooky tunes, creepy costumes, refreshments and lots of fun!

There'll be tricks, treats, and plenty of eerie surprises if you dare to join! 🎃

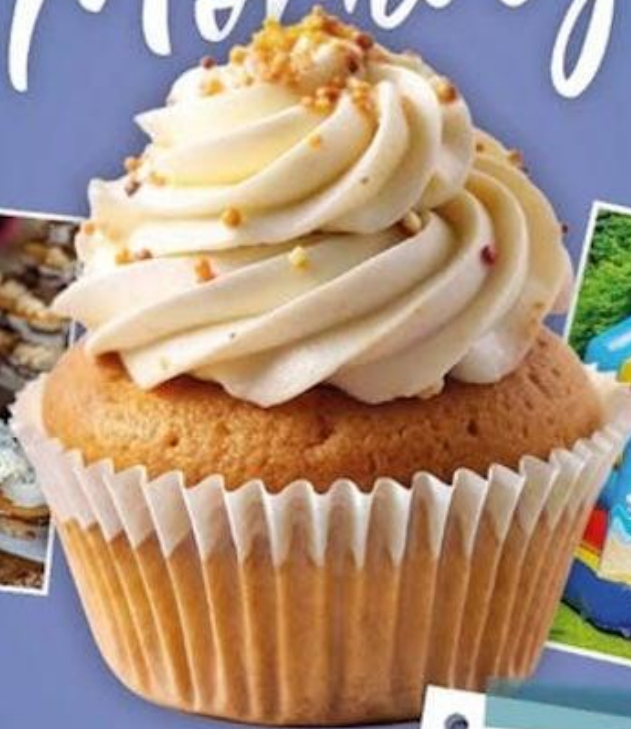
£2.50 Per child

Please call: 0121 785 2218 to book your space

Glebe Farm Community Hub, Glebe Farm Road, B33 9NA



# Macmillan Coffee Morning



- **Wed 29th Oct**
- **10:30am-12:30pm**
- 20 Green Lane, B9 5DB
- Entry Via Door F
- Women & Children only  
(Boys under 10)

- Cakes for sale
- Mehndi
- Bouncy castle
- Face painting
- And More!

On **Weds 29 October** from **10.30am – 12.30pm**

**At Green Lane Masjid**, 20 Green Lane, B9 5DB

Women & children only (boys 10 and under)



# Nature Play!



Time: 1:00-3:00

Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Meet at: Ward End Park, Ward End Park  
Road, Birmingham, B8 2XA.

**FREE OF CHARGE**

Come and join us for outdoor crafts  
& storytelling in your local park

Please come  
dressed for all  
weather as we will  
be outside  
whatever the  
weather!



Birmingham Community  
Healthcare Charity



**Spurgeons**

## Cineworld - £2 half term films

### £2 Cineworld Tickets

Looking for the perfect October half term activity for the whole family?

Treat your kids and yourself to a fun-filled day out at Cineworld with The Bad Guys 2 for just £2 per ticket!

And because no cinema trip is complete without snacks, you can also get our Munchbox for just £4 with your ticket. Enjoy a fantastic family day out at Cineworld!



 cineworld



Birmingham - NEC

Change

Enjoy The Bad Guys 2 for just £2 throughout October half term.

Looking for the perfect October half term activity for the whole family? Treat your kids (and yourself!) to a fun-filled day out at Cineworld with The Bad Guys 2 for just £2 per ticket!

Whether it's your first time watching The Bad Guys 2 or you're ready for another screening, this fun-filled animated adventure is the ideal way to Be More Childish and create lasting family memories this October half term.

And because no cinema trip is complete without snacks, you can also get our Munchbox for just £4 with your ticket. Enjoy a fantastic family day out at Cineworld!

*October half term dates vary regionally. Please check your local cinemas listings before booking.*

## Kids eat Free (or£1)



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



#### **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

#### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

#### **ASK ITALIAN**

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

#### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

#### **BILLS**

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

#### **BREWDOG**

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct  
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

#### **BURGER KING**

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

#### **CHIQUITO**

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

#### **COCONUT TREE**

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

#### **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

#### **FARMHOUSE INNS**

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct  
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

#### **FLAMING GRILL**

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &  
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

#### **HARVESTER**

Kids eat for £1 until October 31st 2025 via App

#### **HUNGRY HORSE**

2 Kids eat for £1 From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct  
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

#### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

#### **MARCO PIERRE WHITE**

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

#### **MARSTON PUBS**

kids eat for £1 during the october half term

#### **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

#### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

#### **PREMIER INN**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

#### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

#### **PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

#### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

#### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

#### **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

#### **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

#### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

#### **TRAVELODGE**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

#### **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

#### **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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## Neurodiverse & Non-Visible Disability Football Sessions



How about...

Football sessions, all about fun?

No pressure or trials, just lots of football?

Joining a group of players already enjoying  
football, where the only rule is,

**“Just Be You!”**

Then join a session at Knowle Football Club,  
we would love you to be part of our team!

*—Take a picture and give it to whoever looks after you! —*



Parents  
& Carers



**When:** Every Saturday from Noon (& possibly 1pm)

**Location:** Knowle FC, Hampton Rd, Knowle. B93 0NX

**All coaches certified and DBS checked. £6 a session.**

*Sessions have run through the summer. We are ready to grow the sessions for 5-18 year olds who can enjoy football without the pressure or expectations of a 'team'.*

**For any questions, or simply to book ...**

**stuart@lanyon.co.uk / 07968 874455 www.knowlefc.co.uk**



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

### **DEADLINE IS 31<sup>st</sup> 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/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_place](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_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](#)**

## 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 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

### **ONLINE MEETINGS**

**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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/](http://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/)



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



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

## **Pupil absence reporting**

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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**

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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**

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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.



# 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<br>with the daily topping                                                    | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                     | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                                          | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                             | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                           |
| A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                                   | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                    | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                                         | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                            | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                          |
| Potato Waffles<br>Garden Peas<br>Fresh Carrot Batons<br>Baked Beans<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | French fries<br>Broccoli<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked Beans<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | White or Brown rice<br>minted yoghurt dip<br>Mixed veg<br>Kachumber salad<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | Potato Wedges<br>Spaghetti hoops<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked Beans<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | Diced potato<br>Fresh Carrot Batons<br>Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>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<br>with the daily topping                                            | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                   | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                                   | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                            | Baked Potato<br>with the daily topping                                        |
| A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                           | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                  | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                                  | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                           | A selection of freshly made<br>sandwiches and baguettes                       |
| Mashed Potato<br>Garlic bread<br>Garden Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | French Fries<br>Carrot<br>Sweetcorn<br>Baked Beans<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | White or Brown rice<br>Garden Peas<br>Mixed Veg<br>Kachumber salad<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | Garlic Bread<br>Chunky Chips<br>Spaghetti hoops<br>Broccoli<br>Seasonal Salad Bar | Diced potato<br>Sweetcorn<br>Garden Peas<br>Baked Beans<br>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 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  |
| 1         | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8         | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15        | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22        | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29        | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

| October |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M       | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|         |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6       | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13      | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20      | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27      | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |

| November |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|          |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  |
| 3        | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 10       | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17       | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24       | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

| December |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
| 1        | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8        | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15       | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22       | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29       | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| January |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M       | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|         |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5       | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12      | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19      | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26      | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

| February |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M        | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|          |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2        | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |    |

| March |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M     | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|       |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| 2     | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9     | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16    | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23    | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30    | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |

| April |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M     | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|       |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6     | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13    | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20    | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27    | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |

| May |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M   | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|     |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
| 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

| June |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M    | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
| 1    | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 8    | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15   | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22   | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29   | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |

| July |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M    | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | S  |
|      |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6    | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13   | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 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)           |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Term dates and staff training days for the year

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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:

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary>

## Extreme Weather Response

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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

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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

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### 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.

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**Nuts:**

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Children should not bring any items containing nuts into school.

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**Water Bottles:**

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

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**Healthy snack:**

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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.

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**Birthday Treats:**

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

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**Jewellery:**

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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.

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**School uniform and PE Kit:**

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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

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

We also have some of our subscription services such as ....

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

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



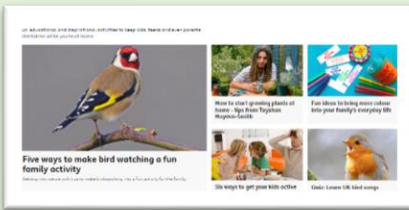
NHS Advice and guidance  
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>