



# Parent update

## 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

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

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 5pm	Bushcraft Residential - Virtual meeting for parents
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Colebourne Spooky Craft Event – see later for details
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Parents' Evening (15:25 – 16:45)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Parents' Evening (15:25 – 16:45)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nursery to Year 6 Parent's evening (15:25 – 17:55)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Nursery to Year 5 Parent's evening (15:25 – 17:55)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 8.50am	Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of the Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Start of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> January	M&M Productions - evening panto - Sleeping Beauty

## Severn Trent Assemblies and workshops

Did you know Severn Trent did an assembly this week? Did your child say anything about what they could do at home to help?

The children learned about how water is cleaned once it goes down the sink and toilet and also how fresh water is collected and treated before going to our taps!







**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/](https://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/>**



## Reception Learning

It has been a very busy week in reception.

In Theme the children went for an Autumn walk to look for signs of the season changing. They were excited to find red, yellow, orange and purple leaves, berries and even mushrooms out on the field. They collected some leaves to bring back to the classroom and had lots of crafty fun with them.





A special visitor came to visit them this week too. Her name was Grace and she is a paramedic. She brought along some things to show the children including a heart rate monitor, stethoscope and her helmet. She told them about her job and Reception asked some interesting questions.



**Paramedic  
Grace**





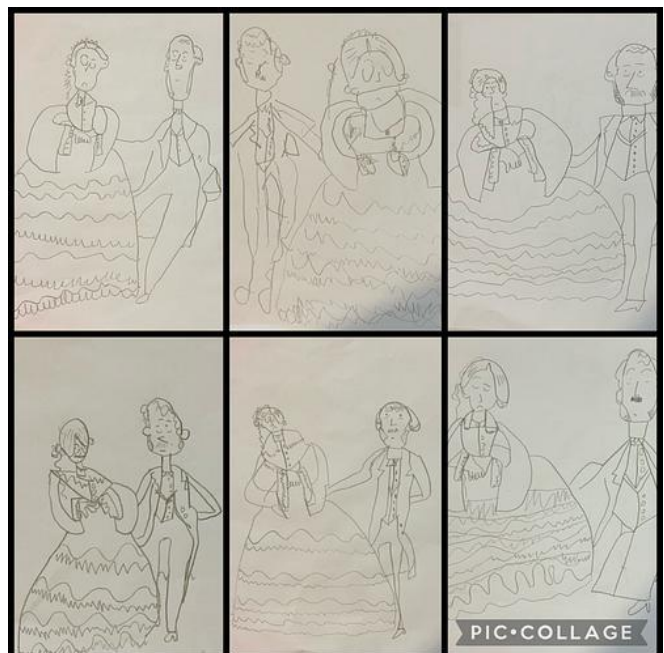
## Year 1 Theme – making fossils

Year 1 theme - Our journey into the past - has continued and children have learned more about the amazing fossil hunter, Mary Anning. The children had a wonderfully messy, but very fun, lesson creating their very own fossils out of salt dough!



## Year 2 Maths and History

Year 2 have looked at using clues to find ways to estimate on a number line. They also did a draw along of Victoria and Albert – aren't they're brill!



## Year 5 Science

Science was a real highlight this week. The children became scientists, designing parachutes to test air resistance. We timed each fall, compared results and discussed why the bigger parachutes floated down more slowly. Lots of excitement, brilliant teamwork and great scientific thinking







# Colebourne KS2 Crochet Club

**Restarting from  
Thursdays from 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**12.30pm - 1pm**

**Pastoral Room (Studio)**

Learn to crochet or bring your own crochet projects.

This is a drop in club. There is no charge for the club but children need to bring their own crochet equipment.





We have previously shared with parents, online webinars from Occupational Therapy. These show how you can support your child's emotional regulation by creating sensory circuits at home.

They are now offering to come into school to do a face to face session if we have enough parental interest.

If you are interested in attending a workshop in school or would like more information- please let me know.

Thank you

Mrs Smart

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# COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPOOKY CRAFT EVENT 2025

20<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October.  
Remember to put your name on it!

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

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



## 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/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.

**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**

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**Read the guidance below before submitting your online application.**

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

## 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** 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

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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.

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





# YOUR MENU

Week ONE

Autumn  
Term



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

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ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

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

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# YOUR MENU

Week TWO

Autumn  
Term



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

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## Annual Calendar for next school year

To help parents with arrangements, here is an overview of the main school dates for next school year.

Please remember we are unable to authorise holidays in term time; please book any of these in the school holidays.



# Annual Calendar 2025- 2026

September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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
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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
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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
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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
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29	30					
































July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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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)						



## PE KIT AND SWIMMING DAYS

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

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

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

## 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

	<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 ....

	<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>

<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>	
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<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>	





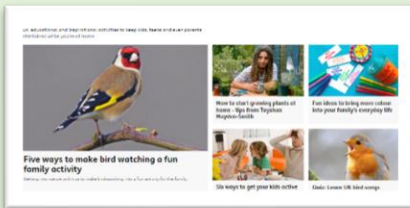
NHS Advice and guidance  
**The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.**

<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>