

Parent update 28th November 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop



Are you buying online? If so, please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. **Over 7,000 brands will donate to us**, including all the big names like Amazon, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. It's easy and completely FREE.

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

<u>Reminder – Friday – non-uniform day</u>

A reminder that Friday is a non-uniform day; children are asked to bring in chocolate and/or a teddy suitable for the Christmas Fair Raffle.

DIARY DATES

	DECEMBER 2025						
Friday 5 th December	Non-uniform day - Bring and Teddy or chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair-						
Monday 8 th December	Reception visit to the Church						
Tuesday 9 th December, 08:50	Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)						
Wednesday 10 th December, 15:30 – 17:00	Christmas Fair						
Thursday 11 th December <i>,</i> 08:50	Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)						
Tuesday 16 th December, 09:15	Christmas Songs to parents (Y1-3)						
Wednesday 17 th December, 09:15	Christmas Songs to parents (Y4-6)						
Wednesday 17 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch Day						
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of Term All children finish 12.40pm* (No clubs) *Nursery finishes at usual times (Pizza Party for all children before dismissal) Plus: Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers						
	JANUARY 2026						
Tuesday 6 th January	Start of the 1 st Half of Spring Term						
Tuesday 6 th January	Colebourne 90 th Anniversary Day – see section in newsletter						
Thursday 8 th January	Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026) School tours – book via the school website						
Thursday 22 nd January	M&M Productions - Evening panto - Sleeping Beauty						

Bring it on Brum! is back for Winter 2025!

Get ready for another fantastic year of Department for Education-funded holiday clubs! Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, your child can enjoy holiday clubs packed with fun, learning, and healthy meals – all at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they can join the Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs throughout the winter holidays (excluding half-terms). Full eligibility criteria can be found here: Eligibility Criteria.

What's in Store?

With a diverse range of activities like sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme based on its location and type – there's so much to explore!

Not Eligible?

No worries! Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

Winter Holiday Clubs

- Dates: Monday 22nd December 2025 Friday 2nd January 2026 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).
- Bookings Open: From Monday 1st December 2025 at www.bringitonbrum.co.uk
- If we have you on our system as being eligible, Your Bring it on Brum! (FSM) code will have been emailed out to you earlier today. If you have not received this email and you believe you are entitled to benefits related free school meals, please contact the school office.

Free School Meal eligibility

Children, aged 19 years and under, can get a free school meal if their parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (as long as household annual net earned income is no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from the 3 most recent assessments)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided the household is not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and has an annual gross income no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks of no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit

For more details visit: Free school meals | Birmingham City Council or call the school office.

FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C GE HILL WINTER CLUB COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



STECHFORD ROAD **HODGE HILL B34 6BJ**



MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

AND

MONDAY 29TH DECEMBER TUESDAY 30TH DECEMBER



FREE

9 AM TILL 1PM

£5.00 1PM TILL 3PM

CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND HAVE A HAF CODE

Multi-Sport

This winter club will provide life skills and help build confidence

Children will be able to access a nutritious balanced meal throughout the day as well as refreshments which will all be provided by Fit Kids Zone C.I.C.

All Welcome

If you don't receive free school meals, you are still welcome to attend our club with a small charge per day £15 day without food £20 per day with food 9am till 3pm

www.fitkidszone.co.uk/hodge-hill-hafs-summer-camp/

07985607421

Commonsense Media

Ratings and reviews parents trust













Movies

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Books

Guidance

Gaming

Social Media

Common Sense Media is an invaluable resource for families seeking guidance on film choices, offering detailed reviews and age-appropriate recommendations. It provides clear information on the content of films, helping parents and carers make informed decisions that align with their values and their children's maturity levels. By using Common Sense Media, families can ensure that their viewing experiences are both enjoyable and suitable for all members.

Visit: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

What's On



Colebourne 90th Celebrations

In January 2026 – we will start celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the school opening.

A range of activities are being planned from January 2026 – July 2026 including special lunches, learning about the decades, decades dress up day, learning 'school bangers' classic school songs from the decades, a reunion of ex-pupils and much more.

History of the school:

It was on 6th January 1936 when the first group of 27 children attended school on the site of which is now Colebourne Primary School. The school has gone through a number of name changes and lots of building changes over the years.

The school opened as Stechford Road Council School, in 1936 in temporary buildings with accommodation for just 96 juniors and infants. A permanent building was opened the following year with room for 288 children; the school was further extended in 1943. Between 1952 and 1988 the school was called Hodge Hill Junior and Infants. Since 1988 the school has been known as Colebourne Primary School. In April 2009 Beaufort Special School joined the school site.

90th Celebrations Launch Day

On Tuesday 6th January 2026 (exactly 90 years since the school first opened) we will be having a celebration day at Colebourne.

Each year group will be exploring different decades and learning about key historical people, events and music.

Children will also be able to dress up in any clothes style (1930's to present day); this is completely optional.







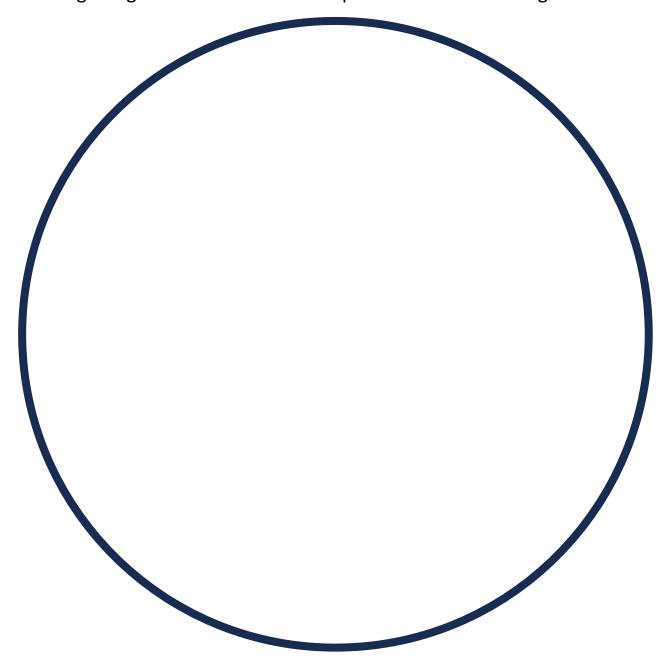


90th Anniversary Logo Competition

As part of our celebrations, we would also like a 90th Anniversary Celebration Logo. This will be used to add to our wesbite, letter headed paper and also for merchandise such as mugs and badges.

If your child would like to submit a design they should do so by **Monday 8th December, 9am**. They can do this by bringing in their design and handing to their class teacher.

The design should be a circle. A template is below if this helps — otherwise children can draw around a mug or glass on a plain piece of paper. The winning design will be used as the inspiration for the final logo. Good luck.



Christmas Fair



STALL BOOKING LINK: Christmas Fair Stall Holder BOOKING FORM



Items from previous updates:

Parent Help Needed – Friday 5th December

We are kindly asking for some parent helpers on Friday 5th December (8:50 – 10:30 approx.)to help us with wrapping presents for the children and to help with some Christmas Fair preparations. Please give the office a call or email parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk if you can make it!

Flu vaccines

Why children are offered the flu vaccine

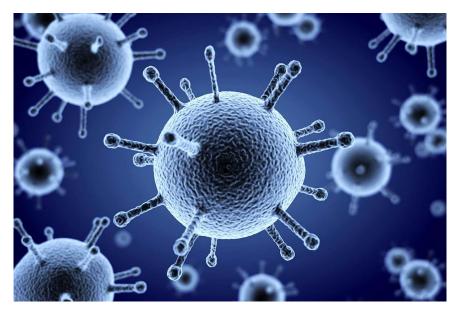
<u>Flu</u> can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as <u>pneumonia</u>.

Each winter in the UK, thousands of children who do not have a health condition need hospital care because of flu.

Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

Please remember –your child can get vaccinated at either:

- a community clinic
- their GP surgery or a pharmacy that offers flu vaccination



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/

This policy outlines our procedures and actions in response to extreme weather conditions, particularly when yellow and red warnings are issued by the relevant authorities. Please note the following information regarding how we communicate any changes with parents:

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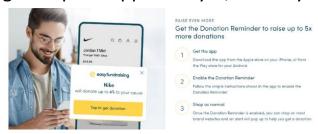
- School is open unless a message is sent to say otherwise.
- We will always announce any unexpected school closure via Class Dojo
 AND direct in-app message via Arbor. If there is no message there is
 no closure.
- Parents should not need to call the office or message staff to ask if we are open or closed – they should check messages first.
- We DO NOT typically message parents to say school is open, UNLESS there is significant snow and we wish to be clear regarding school being open.

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop

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completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started! You can find our easyfundraising page



here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary/

Reception Admissions for September 2026

Applications are now open for Reception class entry for September 2025. The closing date is 15th January 2025.

If you would like your child to get a place in our reception, you need to make an application directly to the local authority where you live – for most people this will be Birmingham.

Apply via the local authority website

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the closing date will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places which usually take place in mid April

- attendance at a nursery class does not give a child automatic priority for a place – you MUST still apply via the Local Authority
- do not wait until your child is 5 years old, or your preferred school may already be full

You can list up to 3 preferred schools when you apply.

Visit http://birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions for more details.

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/

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

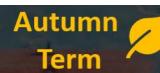
Please see the next page for the dinner menus for this term. Please note that occasionally menu items do change where we have supplier issues.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All day breakfast	Chicken Burger	Lamb Shish Keb <mark>ab</mark>	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
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YOUR **MENU** Week Two



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers	Hot dogs	Cajun Spiced Ch <mark>icken</mark>	Margherita Pizza	Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Lasagne	Mac and Cheese	Vegetable Samosa	Tuna Pasta Bake	Hot Vegetarian Pastry
Baked Potato with the daily topping				
A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes	A selection of freshly made sandwiches and baguettes
Mashed Potato	French Fries	White or Brown rice	Garlic Bread	Diced potato
Garlic bread Garden Peas	Carrot Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Mixed Veg	Chunky Chips Spaghetti hoops	Sweetcorn Garden Peas
Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Kachumber salad	Broccoli	Baked Beans
Seasonal Salad Bar				
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For any allergen/dietary requirements please speak to the Catering Supervisor

MADE FRESH

We have had a few enquiries from parents (and children) about the residential trip.

We have been able to secure a few more places so if you think your child may like to attend please get in touch the office as soon as possible to enquire if a place is available or for more information.

Brum's Christmas Reindeer Trail returns to Birmingham for 2025

Birmingham's lovable reindeer sculptures are back in the city centre for Christmas 2025 – and four have a whole new look.

Rudolph, Dasher,
Dancer, Prancer, Vixen,
Comet, Cupid, Donner
and Blitzen were
revealed across
Birmingham city centre
today(Friday, November



14) for Central BID Birmingham's new festive attraction, <u>Brum's Christmas</u> Reindeer Trail.

After its popularity last year, the trail returns and once again helps raise money and awareness for <u>Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity</u>.

Families and other visitors to Birmingham can <u>follow Brum's Christmas</u> <u>Reindeer Trail</u>, created with art trail experts <u>Wild In Art</u>, until Tuesday January 6.

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

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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

The updated term dates and the staff training days are on the school website: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/

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School Policy Reminders

Label clothing and equipment

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

Start times and pick up times

Start times:

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

The top gates are closed promptly at 8.40am.

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

Pick up times:

3.20pm (Monday to Thursday)

12.40 (Friday)

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

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

Nuts:

Children should not bring any items containing nuts into school.

Water Bottles:

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

Healthy snack:

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

Birthday Treats:

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

Jewellery:

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

School uniform and PE Kit:

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

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

Useful Links for Parents







Additional learning opportunities each half term
Home learning grids

BBC Bitesize

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



Oak National Academy

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

We also have some of our subscription services such as



Doodle

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

https://www.doodlemaths.com/



Times Tables Rockstars

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

Year group expectation sheets:

Email address for parents:

Key expectation sheets

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

School information for parents:

https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/parents/

Term Dates:

https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/diary-and-term-dates/

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

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

Free school meals checker:

https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/oefe/birmingham/provider

School policies: School policies

PARENTING AND HEALTH SUPPORT



NHS Advice and guidance

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

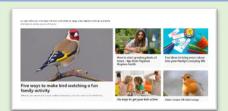
https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/



BBC Wellbeing site

 video and help for parents own mental health and that of their children

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t



BBC bitesize parents

Tips, advice and activity ideas for being a parent

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents



Birmingham School Health Support Service

Lots of health related links and support for children and families including: the school nurse; Community paediatric and child development centres; Forward thinking

Birmingham...And much more

Birmingham School Health Support Service

FINANCIAL SUPPORT





Water Bill Support

The Big Difference Scheme can offer a reduction of water bills to any Severn Trent customer with a household income below £23,492.

Households with child dependants may be eligible for an additional income allowance more than this amount.

https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it/help-with-paying-your-bill/big-difference-scheme/





Broadband - Social tariffs

Most broadband providers have **social tariffs** broadband is an option for people in lower-income households. If you're receiving Universal Credit, Pension Credit or certain other government benefits, you could be eligible.

https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/low-income-families
https://www.bt.com/broadband/home-essentials

Financial Support – DWP – Drop in sessions







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









GET IN TOUCH 0800 107 0044

www.bhbh.org.uk