

Parent update 7th November 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

Children in Need

Children in Need is on **Friday 14th November**. Children may come to school in non-uniform or spotted attire! A collection bucket will be out on the driveway before and after school.



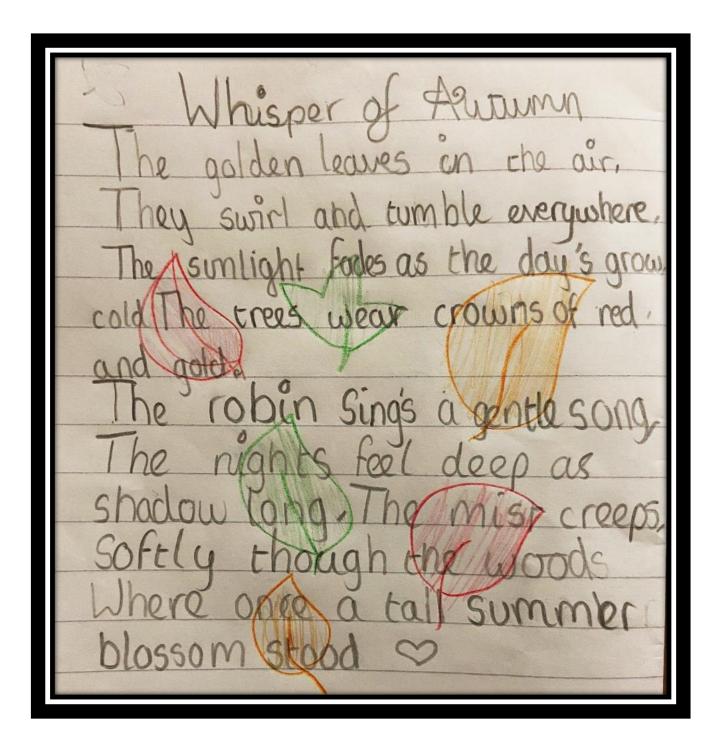
You can also order a 'Children in Need Cupcake' for your child for this day. The cost is £1 and can be ordered via the Arbor app for each of your children who you want to have one. These will be delivered to your child at snack time on Friday 14th November with all profits going to Children in Need. Please order these by *9am on Wednesday 12th November*. Please note: If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements we will provide a suitable alternative for them. Children in Need is on Friday 14th November. Children may come to school in non-uniform or spotted attire! A collection bucket will be out on the driveway before and after school.

DIARY DATES

Monday 10 th November	Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026) Online Welcome Meeting, 4.30pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Children who are part of a uniformed organisation (e.g. scouts, guides, air cadets) may come to school in their organisation uniform.
Thursday 13 th November	Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026) School tours – book via the school website
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – see later
Tuesday 18 th November, 09:00 – 09:45	RN phonics workshop for parents in hall
Thursday 20 th November, 09:00 – 09:45	RT phonics workshop for parents in hall
Thursday 20 th November, 16:30 – 17:30	Nursery and Reception Late night Story Time
Tuesday 25 th November	Victorian themed lunch - Year 2
Thursday 27 th November	Children's Flu Vaccines
Friday 5 th December	Non-uniform day - Bring and Teddy or chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair-
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, 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) (Pizza Party for all children before dismissal) Plus: Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 6 th January	Start of the 1 st Half of Spring Term
Tuesday 6 th January	Colebourne 90 th Anniversary Day – details to follow
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

Autumn Poem

Well done to Maira in Year 5 who brought in a great Autumn Poem she had written outside of school



Christmas Fair



STALL BOOKING LINK: Christmas Fair Stall Holder BOOKING FORM



50 Things Challenge – Catch a falling leaf – register for a certificate

If you child has caught a falling leaf – please complete this short form so that I can issue them with a certificate.

Children have until Monday 17th November, 9am to catch a leaf and submit the form.



If you managed to get the catch on video, please send that moment to s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk with the subject: **Leaf**, as we may create a short compilation video.

Catch a Falling Leaf Certificate Form

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/

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:

Please note:

- 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.

<u>Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop</u>
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/colebourneprimary

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like 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. If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and

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/

Operation SNAP – West Midlands Police

https://www.westmidlands.police.uk/police-forces/west-midlands-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/

At Colebourne, a small minority of parents commit driving offences in and around the school grounds, including parking on verges, on corners of roads and on the crossing.

If you take a photo or video, this can now be sent directly to the police via Operation Snap

Please see information from West Midlands Police about Operation Snap



We want to make sure our roads are as safe as possible for all users. That's why we have Operation Snap (Op Snap) - and we need your help.

If you see anyone committing driving offences on our roads and it's captured on your dashcam, CCTV or a mobile phone by a passenger, we want you to send it in to us.

Offences might include:

- dangerous driving
- using a mobile phone while driving
- not wearing a seatbelt
- failing to stop at a red traffic light
- using a trailer in lane three of a motorway
- crossing solid white lines
- other offences where a driver is clearly not in proper control of a vehicle

Every piece of footage sent to Op Snap is reviewed by specially-trained staff.

If an offence is identified, the driver can be prosecuted or told to take a driver improvement course.

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.

DadPad®



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.

<u>Supporting Parents through the early years – FREE 8 week</u> programme





Pregnancy to Three Parenting Programme



Supporting parents through the early years!

Join our 8-week programme supporting parents from pregnancy to early years. Learn practical skills, gain confidence, and connect with other parents in a supportive space.

In this programme, you will:

- Learn ways to build a strong bond with your baby
- Understand your child's early development
- Gain confidence in your parenting skills
- Share experiences with other parents

Date: Monday 24th November

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Location: Ward End Well-being Centre,

110 Sladefield Road,

B8 2SX

Duration: 8-week programme

Register Now

To register, speak to the manager at Ward End Wellbeing Centre or call 0121 327 9166.

For more info:

0121 773 8643

info@approachableparenting.org.uk

Items from previous updates:

Pupil absence reporting

A reminder of how to report a pupil absence.

Please phone the school office number – 0121 675 8500 (The online form 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 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
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For any allergen/dietary requirements please speak to the Catering Supervisor



YOUR **MENU** Week Two

Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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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
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Mashed Potato Garlic bread	French Fries	White or Brown rice	Garlic Bread	Diced potato Sweetcorn
Garden Peas	Carrot Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Mixed Veg	Chunky Chips Spaghetti hoops	Garden Peas
Baked Beans	Baked Beans	Kachumber salad	Broccoli	Baked Beans
Seasonal Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad Bar
Chocolate Hedgehog	Flapjack	Chocolate Crispie Cake	Ice Cream Tubs	Shortbread and Custard
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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! -





When: Every Saturday from Noon (& possibly 1pm)
Location: Knowle FC, Hampton Rd, Knowle. B93 ONX
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



Catch a falling leaf challenge

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 the 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. <u>Crop the video</u> 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 -
 - please put the subject: as catch a falling leaf
 - please put your childs 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.

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

Out 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/

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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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

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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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.

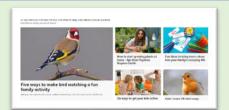
https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/



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