



# Parent update

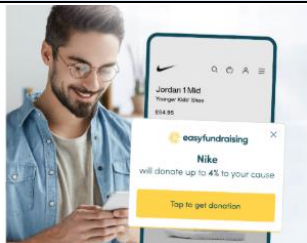
## 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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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>

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER 2025

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Reception visit to the Church</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, 15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 08:50</b>	<b>Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery Pyjama and movie</b> <i>Nursery children may come to school in their PJs</i>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery visitor from the Church</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>Santa visit to Nursery</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of Term</b> <b>All children finish 12.40pm* (No clubs)</b> <i>*Nursery finishes at usual times</i> <i>(Pizza Party for all children before dismissal)</i> <b>Plus: Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers</b>

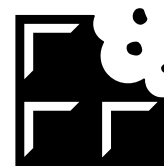
### JANUARY 2026

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of the 1<sup>st</sup> Half of Spring Term</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Colebourne 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day – see section in newsletter</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026)</b> 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> <i>See main newsletter for details of how to book</i>

## THANK YOU



A huge thank you for all the donations of teddies and chocolate. These will be used for the tombola and prizes for the Christmas Fair. A few parents and children said they have left their donations at home – no problem – please bring these in on Monday.



## Parent Elfs – Thank you.

A big shout out and thanks to this wonderful group of parents for helping Santa prepare for Christmas. We are super grateful.



## Christmas Fair –arrangements

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**After the end of day collection**, parents are asked to **leave the site** with their children and **walk down the vehicle entrance** where you will be able to **go straight onto the floodlit MUGA area** where all our stall holders will be based. From there you can come through into the main hall where you will find all the **games, food and drink, raffle, tombola's** and of course **Father Christmas in his Grotto!**

**Most games** are 20p a go or 3 for 50p so please bring small change as this will really help.

**Food on offer includes:** Cakes, cookies, drinks, samosa, chips and more

## Reception Bedtime Stories

Last week the Early years team organised a fabulous evening of bedtime stories, activities and hot chocolate. Thanks to all the staff, children and parents for getting involved.



## Year 1 Dinosaurs

Year 1 were so proud of their dinosaurs. They worked extremely hard in groups to produce these.



## Year 2 Victorian Day

Last week children in Year 2 were transported back to Victorian times and had lessons as if they were Victorian Children.



# VICTORIAN DAY





## Rags to Riches – clothes donations

Thank you to all those who donated clothes – these have been collected and have raised over £30 for school funds.

This is what happens to the clothes:

- Once we receive your bags, they are **sorted and stacked** for transport.
- Clothes are then shipped to **Ukraine and other European countries**, as well as to **communities in Africa and Pakistan**.
- There, they are **reused by families via local market traders**, giving people access to affordable clothing they might not otherwise have.
- Every donation helps both the **environment** and the **economy**, while also putting a smile on someone's face across the world.



## England Rocks – Times Tables Event

A couple of weeks ago children across the school took part in the England Rocks challenge on the Times Table Rock Stars platform.

-**Colebourne** came **93<sup>rd</sup>** out of **4115** primary schools nationally.

-We came **18<sup>th</sup>** out **461** primary schools in the West Midlands

-**Two Colebourne classes** ranked in the **top 100** out of 26,309 classes taking part nationally. They both also ranked in the **top 20 classes** in the **West Midlands** out of **2,955** classes taking part.

-**Two Colebourne** students were repeatedly in the **top 50 students nationally** over the three days (out of 350,000 students!).

-**Both students placed** in the final **top 30** of those taking part in the **West Midlands** out of **39,000 students** total.

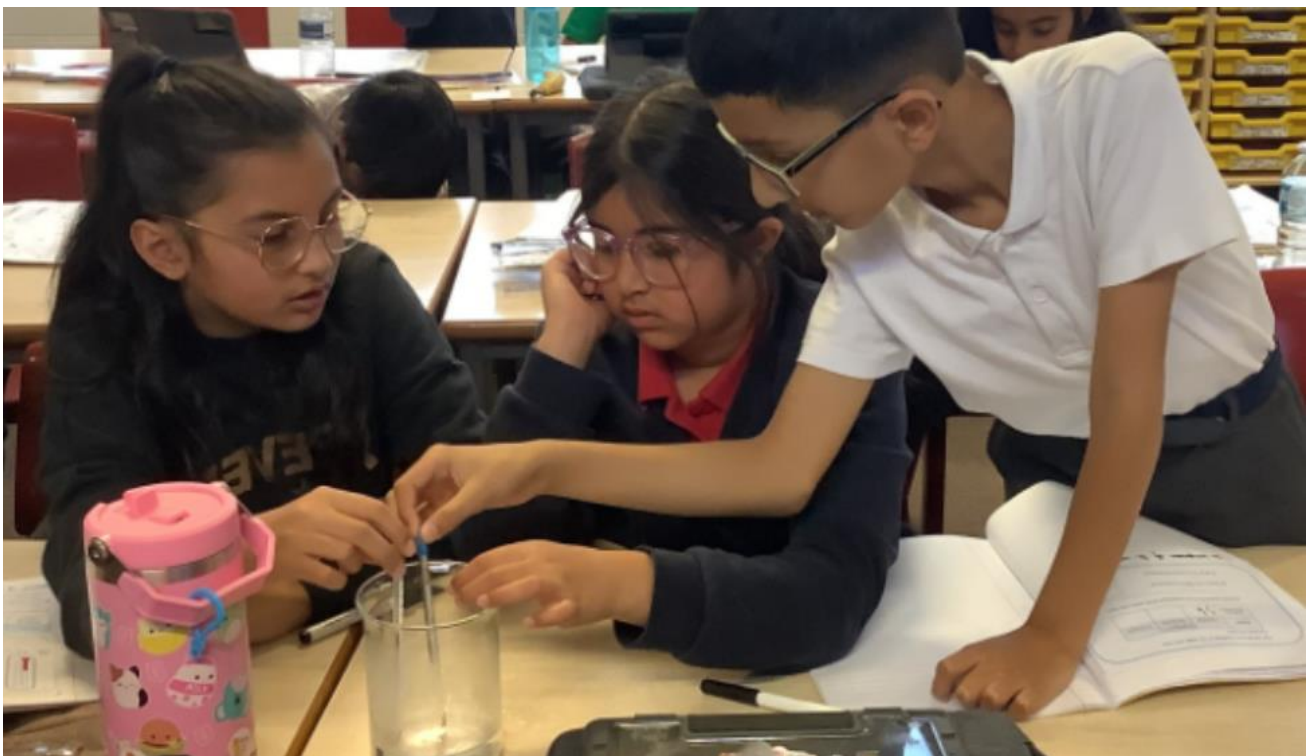
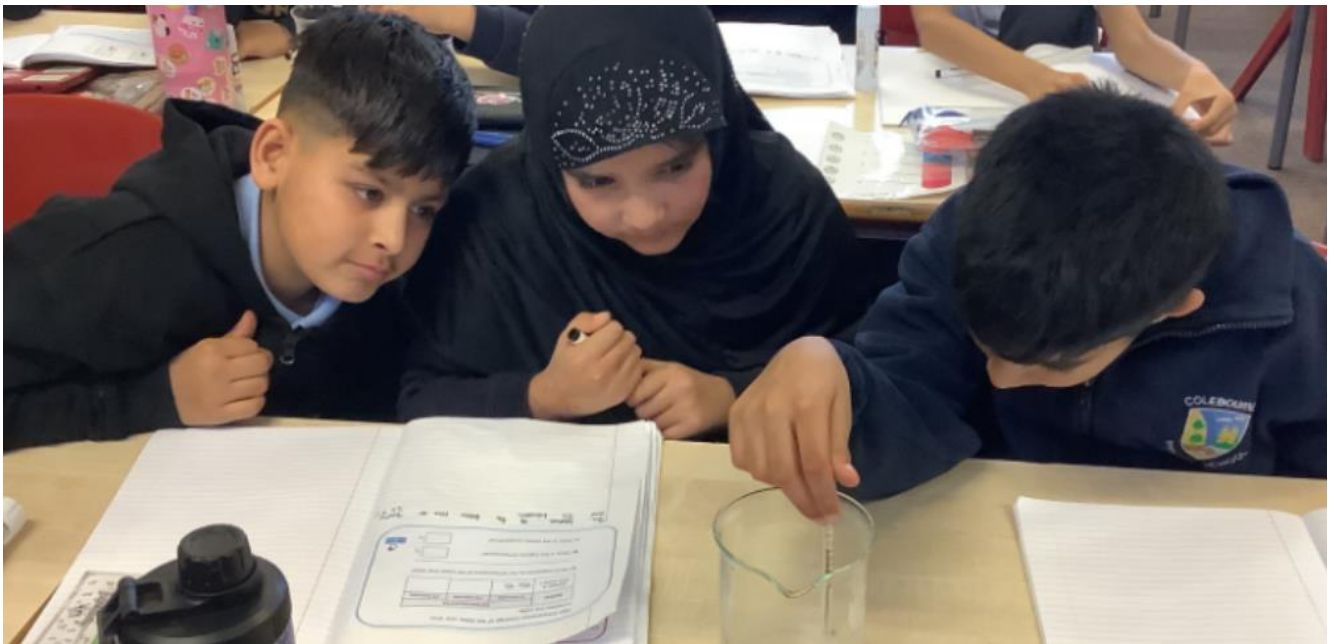
-Engagement on the app was up enormously that week and has remained more consistent and regular in the weeks since (both accessing from home and school)



## Year 4 are Scientists

Year 4 had a fantastic time carrying out a scientific experiment recently. The children measured the temperature of cold and hot water over the course of 15 minutes, carefully recording their observations. After collecting their data, they discussed the results and explored what the changes in temperature showed them.

The children also enjoyed practicing with different scientific equipment, building their confidence and skills in preparation for more experiments to come. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and teamwork in action!



## Nursery Admissions for September 2026

Applications are now open for Nursery for September 2026 intake.  
If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they are eligible for admission for September 2026.

You can find more information about our Nursery and the link to the online application form on the admissions page on the school website:

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

There will also be information meetings in January 2026 - details to follow.



**COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NURSERY**  
**ADMISSIONS**  
**2026**

Applications are now being taken for  
**Nursery Admissions for September 2026**

For details please visit our **admissions page** where you will find information about our Nursery.  
There is also the link to the **online application form**.

[www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/](https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/)



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TEL: 0121 675 8500  
EMAIL: [admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk)



## Reminder of last day arrangements

The last day of term is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Reception – Year 6 all finish at 12:40pm (Nursery – usual times)



**ALL children in Reception to Year 6 will have a Pizza party** before they leave. Nursery children will have their own arrangements so please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for this information.

If you don't want your child having any food in school – please let us know.

Please note – children with dietary requirements will be catered for. As always – please ensure that school is kept updated with this information.

## Christmas Song Performances



You are warmly welcomed to attend our Christmas Song Concerts.

The children have been working hard on their songs and are looking forward to sharing these with you.

<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>

If you are attending, we ask that you ensure **you have arrived by the published start time. Performances will start at this time and you may be refused entry if you are late.**

We have limited space in the hall so if you have pushchairs, we would prefer if these can be left in the car/ at home if possible. We also ask, if you have a small child you may prefer to sit at the side in case you need to step out.

## Governing Body Vacancies

We have several **Co-opted vacancies** on our school governing board.

One of these **co-opted** vacancies can be a **parent** of the school. This is different from a parent governor as they are typically elected by the parents. The Co-opted governors on the other hand are elected by the board of governors.

**If you are interested in serving on the board of governors as a co-opted governor or would just like some more information – please contact Mr. Guest.**

**We also have a vacancy for a non-parent coopted governor. If you know anyone who may be interested in – please ask them to get in touch.**

We ideally need **skills** including: **human resources; legal; finance; and general business.** We are also keen to have representations on our board from **community** or **charity organisations** who can contribute to the wider ethos of the school.

Please see below an information poster about the governing body – please pass this on to any contacts you feel may have the skills and be able to contribute to the school governing body.



**Colebourne Primary School**  
Stechford Road, Hodge Hill, B34 6BJ

**SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY**

SCAN ME

Are you interested in supporting the strategic direction of a local primary school?  
Do you have skills or experience in human resources, business, legal or other relevant field?

**CONTACT STUART GUEST (HEADTEACHER) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE.**

0121 675 8500 opt 1  
s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk  
www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk

**“Working together to achieve success for all”**

Colebourne Primary School is a successful and oversubscribed school, serving the children and local community with high quality staff, supportive parents and committed governors. We pride ourselves on our caring approach, high expectations and a continual drive to raise standards and improve life chances. Please visit the school website for more information about the school.



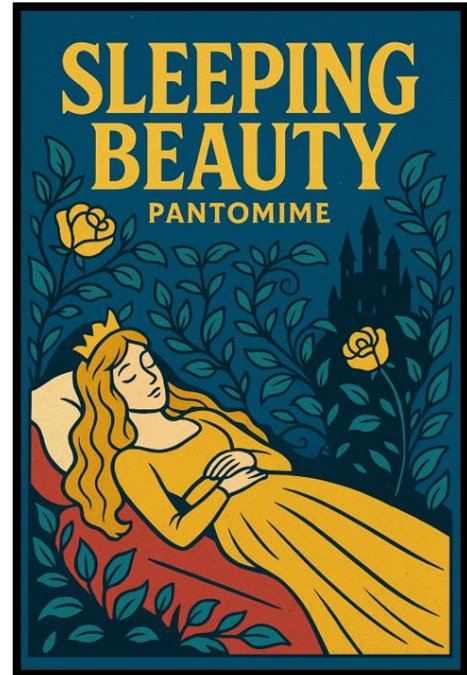
# Sleeping Beauty

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
2026**

**6pm – 8pm**

*(show starts at 6.30pm)*

**Main school hall**



**This magical 70-minute performance will  
thrill, enchant and excite children and  
adults of all ages.**

**Show starts at 6.30pm in the school hall  
(doors open from 6.00pm)**

**There will be an interval where drinks and  
snacks will be on sale. Flashing toys will  
also be on sale before the show and  
during the interval.**

**Tickets are limited and are available on  
a first come first serve basis.**

**Children must be accompanied by a  
responsible adult.**

**Tickets  
Only  
£7 each**

**(children under 3 free)**

**Tickets on sale now!  
Pay via the Arbor Shop**

Please note—The school will take no responsibility for children at this event. Payments are non-refundable.

## Beezee Families in Birmingham – Healthy Lifestyle Programme

Beezee Families Birmingham is a FREE healthy lifestyle programme designed for the whole family – available in-person or online.

- Your family gets a dedicated nutritionist
- Fun weekly sessions with games and activities
- Learn easy, nutritious meals and snacks to cook together
- Connect with other families and get expert support from coaches and nutritionists

This programme is perfect for families with children aged 5-12 years who are above their ideal weight (based on the NHS BMI centile chart). Checking is quick – use the [NHS BMI calculator](#) or let the Beezee team help you.

Don't miss out – sign up today and start your family's journey to healthier living!

Find out more and register

here: <https://bhx.maximusuk.co.uk/beezeefamilies/>



## 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?**

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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?**

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

### **Winter Holiday Clubs**

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- Dates: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).
- Bookings Open: From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://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**

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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 HODGE HILL WINTER CLUB**

**COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**STECHFORD ROAD  
HODGE HILL  
B34 6BJ**



**MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER**

**AND**

**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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/](http://www.fitkidszone.co.uk/hodge-hill-hafs-summer-camp/)**

**07985607421**



## Colebourne 90<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Launch Day**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

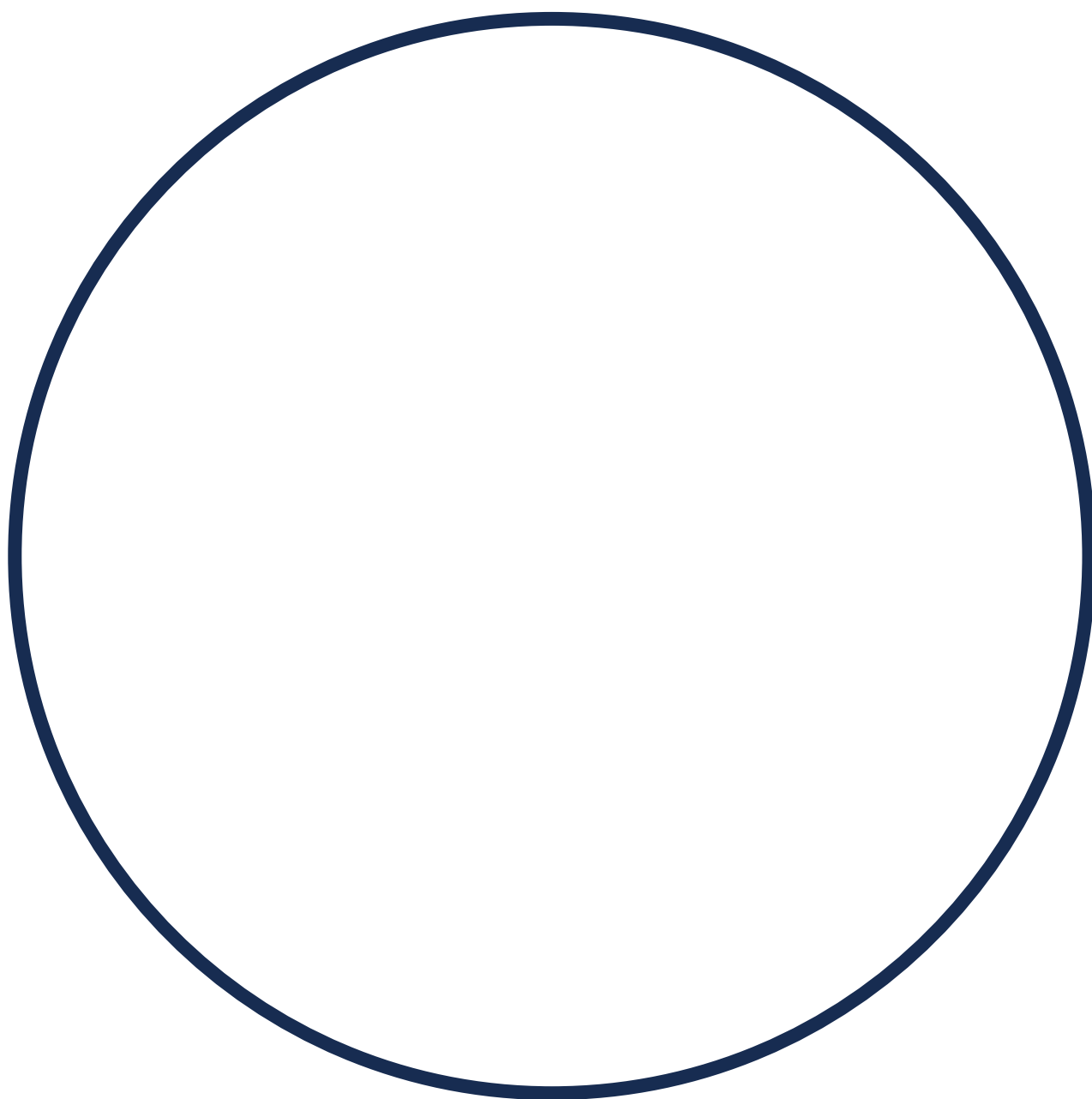


## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Competition

As part of our celebrations, we would also like a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Logo. This will be used to add to our website, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.





**COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, GAMES,  
DELICIOUS TREATS AND SANTA

**WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**3.30 PM - 5.00 PM**

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ENTER VIA THE VEHICLE ENTRANCE

- NO CARS ON SITE PLEASE -

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INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENT

SO WRAP UP WARM



STALL HOLDER BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN -  
PLEASE RING 0121 675 8500 OPT. 1  
FOR DETAILS OR SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REQUEST A STALL

STALL BOOKING LINK: [Christmas Fair Stall Holder BOOKING FORM](#)

## Commonsense Media

### Ratings and reviews parents trust



Movies



TV



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.common sense media.org/>

## What's On

**STARCITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2025!**  
A magical Christmas experience for the whole family

**FREE SANTA VISITS & FAMILY PHOTOS**  
StarCity is committed to ensuring that no child misses out on a special moment with Santa this Christmas.

Join us **every weekend from 6th December up to Christmas Eve, 1:30pm - 6:30pm**, for a **FREE visit with Santa** and a **FREE family photo** to capture the magic of the season!

**FESTIVE ILLUMINATIONS**  
Wander through our sparkling Christmas lights and create wonderful festive memories with family and friends.

**FREE FESTIVE CRAFTS + GRINCH APPEARANCE**  
From **20th to 23rd December**, enjoy our **FREE festive craft sessions**, perfect for all ages!

Plus... keep an eye out for a mischievous surprise – a **special appearance from the Grinch** between **1:30pm - 6:30pm!**

PLEASE SEE [WWW.STARCITYCENTRE.CO.UK/EVENTS](http://WWW.STARCITYCENTRE.CO.UK/EVENTS) FOR APPEARANCE DATE AND TIMES

## 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/>

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.*

## Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop

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<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



RAISE EVEN MORE  
Get the Donation Reminder to raise up to 5x more donations

- 1 Get the app  
Download the app from the Apple store on your iPhone, or from the Play store for your Android.
- 2 Enable the Donation Reminder  
Follow the simple instructions shown in the app to enable the Donation Reminder.
- 3 Shop as normal  
Once the Donation Reminder is enabled, you can shop on most brand websites and an alert will pop up to help you get a donation.

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

## Reception Admissions for September 2026

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Applications are now open for Reception class entry for September 2025.  
**The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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/)**



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

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 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

v.01/09/25

ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

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

MADE FRESH



# YOUR MENU

Week TWO

Autumn  
Term



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Fingers	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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ADDITIONAL MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE DAILY

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

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## **Year 3-6 residential – additional places available**

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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**

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**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, [Brum's Christmas Reindeer Trail](#).

After its popularity last year, the trail returns and once again helps raise money and awareness for [Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity](#).

Families and other visitors to Birmingham can [follow Brum's Christmas Reindeer Trail](#), created with art trail experts [Wild In Art](#), 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

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						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January						
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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						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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March						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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April						
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May						
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June						
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July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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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

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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



### **Home learning grids**

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:**

[Key expectation sheets](#)

**Email address for parents:**

[parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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**



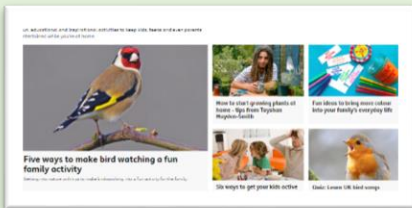
NHS Advice and guidance  
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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



## Financial Support DWP Drop-In

with Helen Williams  
Family Community Work Coach



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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



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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.

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SUPPORT**



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ENERGY  
VISITS**



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ASSISTANCE**

**PRIORITY  
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