

Parent update 18th December 2025



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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

Happy Holidays

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holidays. For those celebrating over the break – a very Happy Christmas.

It has been a long term but one full of fun and learning.

We look forward to a fabulous Spring Term 2026 – which all begins on Tuesday 6th January which marks the 90th anniversary of the school.

DIARY DATES

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
Wednesday 7 th January	Some class may be closed due to Strike Action – please see Class Dojo for details
Thursday 8 th January	Prospective Parents for Reception (Sept 2026) School tours – book via the school website
Monday 12 th January	Choir go to Young Voices 2026
Tuesday 13 th January	Some class may be closed due to Strike Action – please see Class Dojo for details
Wednesday 14 th January	Some class may be closed due to Strike Action – please see Class Dojo for details
Wednesday 21 st January	Year 2 Trip to Selly Manor
Wednesday 21 st January 08:45-10:00	COMPASS Coffee Morning (Anxiety)
Thursday 22 nd January	M&M Productions - Evening panto - Sleeping Beauty See main newsletter for details of how to book
Monday 9 th February 08:50	Celebration Assembly (Years 4 – 6)
Tuesday 10 th February	Year 6 Trip to National Courts of Justice
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 th February 08:50	Celebration Assembly (Years 1 – 3)
Thursday 12 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 13 th February	Last day of the first half of Spring term
Monday 23 rd February	Start of the second half of Spring Term

90th Celebrations Launch Day

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.

On Tuesday 6th January 2026 we will be having a celebration day at Colebourne to make the 90th anniversary of the school.

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 Badge Challenge

Thank you for all the entries for the design a 90th logo - it was super difficult to select just one. Below you can see the chosen badge which was inspired from the design by Ahsan in 5G. Well done Ahsan



Christmas Fair and Raffle

A massive thanks to all those involved in the Christmas Fair – it was a lot of fun!

All money raised goes directly back into providing wider opportunities for the children and for buying gift items and experiences. Here a few photos from the event.

The raffle was live streamed into some classes yesterday and all the children have had their prizes. A big thanks to all the suppliers for their donations.





Thanks to everyone involved!

Teddy Bear

Here is the winner of the Name the Teddy. The Teddies name was TOMMY!



Christmas Songs

A huge well done to the children for their lovely Christmas Songs Performances.

Years 1-3 celebrated classic Christmas songs while Year 4-6 gave us a journey through the decades.

Thank you to all the parents for their support.





Singers

This week some of our children have visited Heartland Hospital to sing to visitors and patients. They also used this to opportunity to raise money for the hospital.

We have a lovely email from the hospital Fundraising Manager:

"I am writing to extend our sincere thanks to you and your choir for taking the time to come and perform at Heartlands Hospital. Your visit was truly appreciated by everyone who attended.

The performance was enjoyed by all — patients, families, and staff alike — and it brought a great sense of joy and positivity to the hospital. We are also incredibly grateful for your support in helping to raise funds for our Children's Star Appeal."





Some other children also visited a local care home and sang for the residents.

Thank to Mrs. Smart for leading the children in song!



Reception Visit to the Church

Last week Reception had our visit to the church. They created some Angel and star decorations and acted out the story of the first Christmas. Some children even got to wear the dress up clothes! They were extremely respectful and made us very proud!



A big thank you to Rev Barratt and his team.

School Dinner Menus (Spring Term)

Here are the dinner menus for the Spring Term. Please note that occasionally menu items do change where we have supplier issues.





Sleeping Beauty

Thursday 22nd 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 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.

New local Mental Health Support - Alum Rock







Need someone to talk to?
Struggling to cope with feelings?
We're here for you.

Pause can help anyone under 25 with a Birmingham GP. We listen and help you find solutions – no referrals or long waits.

You choose when and how to use our service:

 Drop-in face to face support is available, check our webpage for dates & venues. (Booked face to face sessions are available in certain circumstances.)



 Request a phone or video call back, using the website or by calling the registration line.



Our Service Operates:

- · Monday to Saturday
- We are closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.

To find out more and register for support, visit: https://forwardthinkingbirmingham.nhs.uk/pause or call our Registration Line 0207 841 4470 (please note local call charges do apply).





Items from previous updates:

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.



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/



Colebourne Primary School Stechford Road, Hodge Hill TEL: 0121 675 8500

EMAIL: admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk



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.



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.

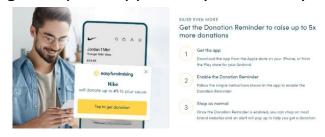
Visit: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop

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/

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.

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.



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/



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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.

Year 3-6 residential – additional places available

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.

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

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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/

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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.

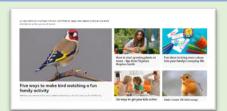
https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/



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



PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER





GET IN TOUCH 0800 107 0044

www.bhbh.org.uk

Local Help and Support Information







HELP FOR ALL FAMILIES



IN BIRMINGHAM

HODGE HILL and YARDLEY

We're excited to share with you that Yardley and Hodge Hill Early Help with Barnardo's have a NEW Facebook page, and we'd love to see you there!

For updates on local services, events, groups and resources, like and follow our page: Barnardo's Early Help - Yardley and Hodge Hill





Our new page will help us support our local families more efficiently and effectively, and we can't wait to see you there.

Click the link or scan the QR code to visit our page.

YardleyHodgeHillEH@barnardos.org.uk or 0121 289 4875



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 baby buddy 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

WARD END WALK & RIDE

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE STEP AT A TIME

Come and be part of something positive in your local area!

Join us every Sunday at Ward End Park (Washwood

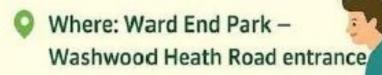
Heath Road) for a relaxed walk or cycle – a great

way to boost your wellbeing while connecting



Why join?

- · Stay active and improve fitness at your own pace
- Reduce stress and lift your mood
- Meet new people and make friends
- · Strengthen community bonds
- Enjoy nature and fresh air in a safe friendly space
- A family-friendly activity for all ages and abilities



When: Every Sunday, 6.30 PM

Walk or Cycle – the choice is yours!

Open to everyone – come alone, with friends. or bring the whole family.



Support for parents and carers with children ages 2-19

Solihull Approach - Understanding Your Child

DATES: THURSDAYS 10:00AM - 12:00PM 15/1/26 - 26/3/26

VENUE: FOX HOLLIES FAMILY HUB, B27 7QA

- Build and maintain communication and connection with your child through the good times and challenging times
- Understand more about your child's brain development and what they are experiencing
- Get support from other parents and carers experiencing similar situations



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP









This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions





NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free <u>online</u> 6 week courses for parents and carers Each session is 90 minutes

January 2026 courses

Wednesday mornings 10 - II.30 am starting Wednesday 7th January Register HERE or use QR code



Thursday evenings 7-8.30 pm starting Thursday 8th January Register_HERE_or use QR code



Registration closes at 5 pm on Friday January 2nd

If you miss the deadline, email us at contactus@brewseducation.org and you can join the next one starting in March



