



Parent update 6th September 2024

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

DIARY DATES

Summer Term 2024	
Monday 9th September	Swimming sessions start (see Swimming section)
Monday 9th September, 11am	Year 6 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Monday 9th September, 2pm	Year 3 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Tuesday 10th September, 9am	Year 1 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Tuesday 10th September, 2pm	Year 4 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Wednesday 11th September, 9am	Year 2 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Wednesday 11th September, 2pm	Year 5 Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting (Online)
Tuesday 24th September, 9am – 10am	Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest
Friday 25th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 4th November	Staff Training Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 5th November	Children return to school for Autumn 2nd Half term
Tuesday 19th November	Children’s Flu Vaccines
FULL TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL TERM DATES SECTION – PLEASE AVOID BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME	



Welcome back

Welcome back to all our children and families. We have had a great start back and the children are settling in well to their new classes.

A big welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us.

We look forward to working together with everyone this year.

Year 5 and Year 6 Guitar opportunity

We have a great opportunity for any children in Years 5 and 6 to continue their guitar learning with a 30min per week small group guitar lesson with music services. These will take place on Mondays at lunchtime and are FULLY FUNDED so will be FREE OF CHARGE to parents.

If you would like your child to continue to learn the guitar – please email parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk with your child's name and class and mention 'GUITAR LESSON' in the email OR ring the office.



Please let us know by Wednesday 11th September so we can allocate places. We will confirm if your child has a place later that week.

After School Clubs

We are working hard to increase the range of after school clubs across the year. We aim to get more clubs but there are associated costs for these which we need to pass on to parents to ensure they are sustainable and can pay for staff and equipment costs.

No child should be disadvantaged due to cost, and we do have some subsidised and free places available for clubs, so please let us know if your child wants to attend but costs are prohibitive.

Clubs will start in Week 3 and the club information will go out early next week.

Blocking driveways

We have had multiple complaints from residents about parking across driveways. PLEASE park away from school and walk to drop-off or collect your children.

Meet the new teacher meetings

You are invited to join remotely to hear from your child's teacher about the year ahead. They will share key information about what the children will be learning and how you are able to support this learning. Please note – this is a **remote only meeting** and the teachers will add a link to Class DOJO.

Meetings should typically only last for 10-15 minutes

- Year 1 -Tuesday 10th September, 9am
- Year 2 – Wednesday 11th September, 9am
- Year 3 – Monday 9th September, 2pm
- Year 4 – Tuesday 10th September, 2pm
- Year 5 - Wednesday 11th September, 2pm
- Year 6 - Monday 9th September, 11am

Parent Update Meeting with Mr. Guest

Parents / Guardians are invited to come and have a drink and biscuit with Mr. Guest and SLT.

For new parents, these meetings take place at least every term and usually involve Mr. Guest (Head teacher) and other staff sharing information with you about school and seeking your views on a range of matters. It is very informal and friendly – so please come along if you can. It is a great way to meet other parents and get to know more about Colebourne.

The first meeting of the school year is on **Tuesday 24th September, 9am – 10am** in the main school hall. **You can come straight in after drop off from 8.30am and start having a drink and a natter before the meeting starts at 9am.**

New Friday packed lunches

Friday packed lunches are available free of charge for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those in Years 3-6 on benefits related free school meals.

Children in Years 3-6 not eligible for free school meals can still order a Friday packed lunch at £2.50 per week.

There are exciting new options, and you can choose what the children will have each week on the form. Dietary requirements will be catered for based on the allergy information we have for the children.

There will be a two-week rota of the following options for this term.

Week 1:

Choice of:

- Pizza (V)
- Tomato and Basil Pasta pot (Ve)
- Cheese and Pepper Roll (V)

Week 2:

Choice of:

- Shish Kebab wrap
- Tuna, egg-free mayo and sweetcorn Pasta pot
- Vegan Sausage Roll (Ve)

Plus each week

- Box of raisins
- Piece of fresh fruit
- Yoghurt

Please note – the bottles of water will no longer be sent home in the packed lunches; we will encourage children to fill their water bottles at school

Thanks to all those who signed up via the form; this is now closed but you can still sign up for Friday packed lunches by calling the office.

Key policy reminders

Earrings

Please ensure these are not worn on PE days or swimming days. If they are, children must be able to remove them themselves.

Birthday class treats

Please remember that we do not allow sweets or gifts to be given out in school for birthdays / special occasions.

Labelling clothes

We already have lost property. **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE write the child's name** on items of clothing – especially **jumpers, coats, lunch boxes/bags and water bottles.**

Water Bottle

Children should have a water bottle with them every day. Staying hydrated is extremely important for health and for concentration in school.

Healthy Snacks

If children are bringing a snack from home, please ensure this is a 'healthy snack.'

Children must not bring in crisps or chocolate items for breaktime. Please watch out for hidden sugars in certain cereal bars.

Top snacks ideas include: Fruits; Vegetable sticks; Dried Fruit

Current Year 6 children (Year 7 Admissions - September 2025)

Online admissions opened on 1 September 2024 for Year 7 applications.

All children in Year 6 requiring a place at secondary school must make an application.

Parent/carers resident in Birmingham should apply through the Birmingham City Council website <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> up until the deadline of 31 October 2024. Further information as well as the admission arrangements to support parents with making their preferences can be found on our website.

We would encourage all parents to read the section on making a realistic application:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/2

If you require any help in this process, please contact us for support.

Items from previous updates:

School times

A reminder that the school times for Reception to Year 6 from September are:

DROP OFF

Monday to Friday

- 8.30am
Playground gates open 8.30am – 8.40am
(Children need to be in their classrooms by 8.40am)

PICK UP

Monday to Thursday

- 3.15pm for Reception
- 3.20pm for Years 1-6

Friday

- 12.35pm for Reception
- 12.40pm for Years 1-6

School Term Dates - 2024 to 2025

Please note the following dates are the full year dates. Please see the staff training days listed; School is closed to all children on these dates.

Autumn Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 2 September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

STAFF TRAINING DAY 1: Monday 2nd September

STAFF TRAINING DAY 2: Monday 4th November

Spring Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY 3: Monday 6th January

STAFF TRAINING DAY 4: Monday 24 February

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July

Please avoid booking holidays during term time. Holidays in term time are can no longer be authorised following new Department for Education guidance.

Please look at the school holiday dates and book any holidays during these periods. Any leave of absence request should be done in advance.

September drop off and pick up details

Please see below the drop off and pick up locations for September for each class. Staff will be available to help.

Please remember that the drop off time is now 8.30am – 8.40am for all children.

Children should be in class for 8.40am, so if children are in the juniors, they should be arriving before 8.40am to ensure they can get to class on time.

Pick up time for Reception is 3.15pm; Years 1-6 is 3.20pm.

New Class	Teachers	Drop off point	Pick up point
Nursery*	Mrs. Iqbal Miss Brookes	AM / 30hrs: 8.30am-8.40am: Nursery playground via pedestrian entrance. PM: 12.20pm: Side gate – via car park (NO CARS ON SITE PLEASE)	AM 11.20-11.30am: Side gate – via car park (NO CARS ON SITE PLEASE) PM / 30hrs: 3.10pm – 3.20pm: Nursery playground via pedestrian entrance.
Reception	Miss Nelson Mrs Tuffey	Reception gate	Reception playground
1H	Miss Harriott	Main playground gate	Yellow Gates (Wait on KS1 Playground)
1G	Mrs. Grocott	Main playground gate	Orange Gates (Wait away from gate)
2M	Miss Martin	Main playground gate	Green Gates (Wait away from gate)
2F	Mr. Michael	Main playground gate	Red Gates (Wait away from gate)
3C	Miss Connolly	Main playground gate	Outside Year 3C classroom on KS2 playground (Wait away from door)
3B	Mrs. Brookes	Main playground gate	Outside Year 3B classroom on KS2 playground (Wait away from door)
4M	Mr. McKinney	Main playground gate	KS2 playground (Wait in the middle of the playground)
4K	Mrs. Keeley	Main playground gate	
5G	Miss Gandy	Main playground gate	
5P	Miss Perry	Main playground gate	
6A	Mrs. Ahmed	Main playground gate	North exit door - between KS1 and KS2 playgrounds/by the tree (Wait away from door)
6H	Mrs. Hallahan	Main playground gate	

**These are the times following settling in times – please see email correspondence for when your child should attend for the first week.*

Swimming Timetable

Here is the swimming timetable for the Autumn 1st half Term.

Please note swimming starts week beginning 9th September (apart from Year 2 who start the week after)



	Year	Every week from
Mondays	Year 3 (both classes)	Monday 9 th September
Tuesdays	Year 4 (both classes)	Tuesday 10 th September
Wednesdays	Year 5 (both classes)	Wednesday 11 th September
Thursdays	Year 6 (both classes)	Thursday 12 th September
Fridays	Year 2 (Alternate weeks)	2F (13 th Sept; 27 th Sept; 11 th Oct) 2M (20 th Sept, 4 th Oct, 18 th Oct)

Swimming Equipment and jewellery

All children in year 2-6 will need a swimming costume and towel ready for September. **PLEASE NOTE: Earrings are not permitted in the pool and children should not wear these on Swimming or PE days.**

Children should come to school in school uniform on swimming days

PE Days

Each week children will have three PE Sessions – two of which will require them to come to school in their PE kits.

PE session 1 – curriculum PE (dance, gymnastic, games etc)/ Swimming

PE session 2 – Sports coaching (various sports and small sided games)

PE session 3 – Wellbeing/ Yoga / Healthy lifestyle (No PE Kit needed)

- **Swimming starts from week beginning 9th September**

On Swimming Days children should be in school uniform

Year 5 can be in PE kit on swimming day as they also have a coaching session on that day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1G	PE KIT		PE KIT		
1H	PE KIT	PE KIT			
2F		PE KIT		PE KIT	Swimming*
2M	PE KIT	PE KIT			Swimming*
3B	Swimming	PE KIT			
3C	Swimming	PE KIT			
4K		Swimming		PE KIT	
4M		Swimming		PE KIT	
5G			Swimming plus PE KIT		
5P			Swimming plus PE KIT		
6A	PE KIT			Swimming	
6T	PE KIT			Swimming	

**Please see specific dates for Year 2 swimming.*

Reception will start their PE days on Fridays but not for the first few weeks. Reception staff will let you know when they need to start coming in their PE kits.

New entrance and access arrangements

Over the summer, building works have started on an update to the visitor entrance (from the car park side). This is not due for completion until nearer the end of September.

If you are coming via the vehicle entrance to drop off or collect your children at any point during the building works, please press the **door bell by the hall doors** and a member of the administration team will come out to you.



If your child is late – please ensure you **walk them to the studio doors** and pass them over to a **Colebourne member of staff** (blue lanyards). If a **Colebourne member of staff is not there** – please ring the bell and wait.

Children should not be coming through the car park on their own – they must come with an adult





Home Learning Links

Here are our core links for any home learning you would like to do.

	<p><u>Home learning grids</u></p> <p>These are for each half term for each year group and enable additional learning around the work the children do in class:</p> <p><u>Home learning grids</u></p>
	<p><u>BBC Bitesize</u></p> <p><u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</u></p>
	<p><u>Oak National Academy</u></p> <p><u>Oak National Academy</u></p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

	<p><u>Doodle</u></p> <p>A great platform to learn and practise key skills for maths and English</p> <p><u>https://www.doodlemaths.com/</u></p>
	<p><u>Times Tables Rockstars</u></p> <p>Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p><u>https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</u></p>

Core useful links for parents

Year group expectation sheets:

[Key expectation sheets](#)

Email address for parents:

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

Term Dates:

[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>



Better Health Start for Life

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>