



Parent update

8th November 2024

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2024	
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day <i>Children who are part of a uniformed organisation (e.g. scouts, guides, air cadets) may come to school in their organisation uniform.</i>
Friday 15th November	Children in Need day <i>(Children can wear non-uniform / spots / yellow or bear ears)</i>
Tuesday 19th November	Children's Flu Vaccines
Thursday 21st November, 9.30am	Information Meeting for Reception prospective parents for September 2025 – online or in the school hall
Thursday 28th November, 9.00am- 10.30am	Communication and Autism Team Parent workshop in hall
Monday 2nd December	Reception Visit to Hodge Hill Church
Friday 6th December 9.00am- 10.00am	Parents coffee morning <i>(Focus on Maths + Compass presentation to parents)</i>
Tuesday 10th December, 8.50am	Celebration assembly 1-3 in the hall
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Fair <i>3.40pm – 5.15pm</i>
Thursday 12th December, 8.50am	Celebration assembly 4-6 in the hall
Tuesday 17th December, 9.15am	Year 1 – 3 Christmas Songs to parents
Wednesday 18th December, 9.15am	Year 4 – 6 Christmas Songs to parents
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for children <i>(Sandwich children can book a dinner nearer the time)</i>
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Morning Christmas Jumper / non-uniform day
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term All pupils finish at 12.40pm <i>(Please note there is no afternoon club or after school provision)</i>
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school for Spring 1st Half term
Thursday 23rd January	M&M Production Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime 6.30pm – Main School Hall <i>Tickets on Sale later this term</i>

PE Days for Autumn 2nd Half Term (Updated from wb 11/11/24)





Please see below an updated list for PE kits days.

There have been changes for Year 2 and Year 5.

Please remember PE kits are:

- **Plain Black jogging** trousers or black shorts
- **PE T-shirt** in **house colour** (*plain house colour or with school badge*)
- **Plain black** sweatshirts / hoodies may be worn in colder weather
- **Bare feet** for Dance and Gym
- **Trainers/pumps** for Games

For outdoor PE, a **Plain black** sweatshirts / hoodies may be worn in colder weather. Reminder: No jewellery may be worn during PE lessons.

	 PE	 Sports Coaching			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RN					
RT					
1G					
1H					
2F					
2M					
3B					
3C					
4K					
4M					
5G					
5P					
6A					
6T					

Remembrance Day – Monday 11th November

On Monday we will have a special morning assembly about remembrance day and also will be observing a minutes silence at 11am along with some readings and the playing of the last post.

If your child is part of a uniformed organisation such as beavers, cubs, scouts, cadets, brownies, guides etc, they are able to wear their organisation uniform on Monday if they would like to.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November

Children in Need is on Friday 15th November. Children may come to school in non-uniform, spotted attire, yellow or bear-like!

A collection bucket will be out on the driveway before and after school.



Year 5 – Design Technology – Mezze plates

In design and technology lessons, each class study three units across the year – Cook; Sew; Make.

All of these follow a design process with a product at the end.

Here you can see a few photos of the Year 5 outcomes of their Cook unit

where the children made Greek Mezze (pronounced "meh-zay") plates

Mezze, a style of dining in the Mediterranean and the Middle East and is meant to make up the entire meal. This style of eating features a combination of cold and hot foods, including vegetables, meat, dips, and breads.



Children learned different cutting techniques such as the claw and bridge, along with different cuts.

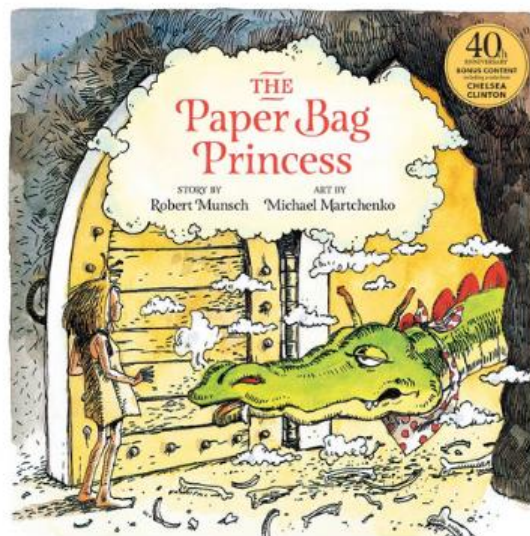
Reception – Poppy art

Reception have been creating poppies in different ways as part of preparing for Remembrance Day on Monday.



Year 2 – English work

In Year 2, the children have started a new model text 'The Paperbag Princess' which is a meeting tale. They had lots of fun using bin bags to make an outfit for a 'Bin Bag Prince or Princess.' The children focused on the settings within the story and create a settings toolkit to help them remember what a good setting description should include.



We look forward to seeing the children's writing.

Flu Vaccines

Forms for the nasal flu vaccine to be administered in school were sent home yesterday and today.

Please return these on Monday 11th November.

The Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust say:

This programme helps protect children against flu, which can be very unpleasant and lead to complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. The flu vaccine not only helps to prevent the transmission of flu to the wider community, including older family members and new-born babies who may have a weaker immune system, but research by Public Health England has shown that the flu vaccine programme has reduced the number of people visiting their GP or emergency departments with flu. Research has also showed that vaccinating school aged children reduces pupil and staff absences.

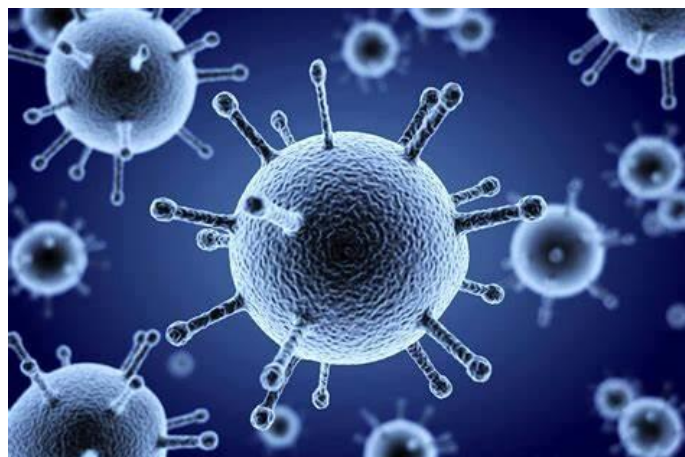
More information can be seen here:

<https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/immunisation-services/>

The service can offer the option of the **non-porcine injection vaccination** for those families who decline the nasal flu vaccination due to the porcine gelatine contents.

This non porcine gelatine vaccination is available at community clinics which will be running throughout the flu season.

Families can book a clinic appointment or speak to a member of the team by calling 0121 466 3410 or by email at bchnt.birminghamimms@nhs.net



COLEBOURNE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Thank you to all those who took part in the scarecrow festival. We were very impressed! All scarecrows received certificates.



Half Term Challenge – Catch a falling leaf

We hope you enjoyed the challenge.

Special mentions to:

Manahil – Y2; Abrar – Y2; Umar – Y3
who all managed to get their catches on video!

There are still leaves on trees so why not get out at the weekend and get a leaf!!



Some children in Year 1 had a try too!

You can still send in the videos by emailing Mr. Guest:

s.guest@colebourne.bham.sch.uk –

- please put the subject: *as catch a falling leaf*
- please put your child's 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 later in the term

You can see more about our 50 Things on the school website:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/50-things/>

COLEBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, GAMES,
DELICIOUS TREATS AND SANTA
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

3.40 PM - 5.15 PM

ENTER VIA THE VEHICLE ENTRANCE

- NO CARS ON SITE PLEASE -

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENT
SO WRAP UP WARM



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

Stall holder bookings – click here: [→ BOOK A STALL ←](#)

Items from previous updates:

Autumn 2nd Half Term Dates and Christmas Activities

We have now published the dates for the second half of the Autumn term – please see the diary dates at the start of this newsletter.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of these events.

Please note that the Autumn Term for children finishes on

Thursday 19th December at 12.40pm

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/>

Remaining Staff Training Days:

- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 2: Monday 4th November 2024*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 3: Friday 20th December 2024*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 4: Monday 6th January 2025*
- *STAFF TRAINING DAY 5: Monday 21st July 2025*

Scooters and Bikes

The use of scooters and bikes to get to school is encouraged and it is great to see children using this to get to and from school.

Just a quick reminder please:

- Children should dismount from bikes and scooters while on the school premises
- Electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds (*see information below*)

Reception admissions for Sept 2025

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.





Colebourne Primary School

Stechford Road – Hodge Hill

0121 675 8500 option 1

www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk

"Working together to achieve success for all"

Reception Admissions for September 2025

Parent information meetings

(in person or via Teams)

Thursday 21st November 2024, 9.30am

Thursday 9th January 2025, 9.30am



Scan here for more information and to book on to one of the meetings.

Our School Aim

Providing children with a secure, happy and stimulating environment, inspiring them to become confident, life-long learners, and responsible members of society.

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:

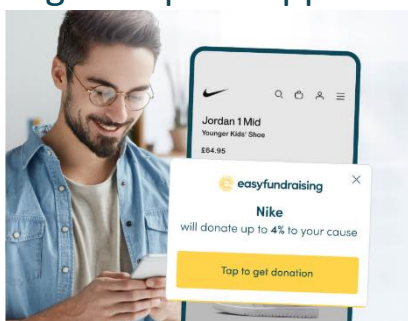
- *School is **open** unless a message is sent to say otherwise.*
- *We will always announce any unexpected school closure via Class Dojo AND direct in-app message via Arbor. **If there is no message – there is no closure.***
- *Parents should not need to call the office or message staff to ask if we 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.*

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






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/>

Home Learning Links

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

	<p>Home learning grids</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>Home learning grids</p>
	<p>BBC Bitesize</p> <p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</p>
	<p>Oak National Academy</p> <p>Oak National Academy</p>

We also have some of our subscription services such as

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

Core useful links for parents

Year group expectation sheets:

[Key expectation sheets](#)

Email address for parents:

parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk

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>

	<p>The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.</p>
<p>https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/early-learning-development/</p>	
	<p>BBC Wellbeing site – video and help for parents own mental health and that of their children</p>
<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/cw9v6l8d0q6t</p>	
	<p>BBC bitesize parents Tips, advice and activity ideas for being a parent</p>
<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents</p>	