



Parent update 13th December 2024



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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2024	
Monday 16th December, 2.15pm	Reception Christmas Songs and Craft Event <i>Reception children and parents</i>
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 <i>(including a FREE pizza picnic lunch for all children before they leave at 12.40pm)</i> Christmas Jumper / non-uniform day We will be collecting money for charity on this day. Money raised will be split between– Crisis - our Christmas Charity – who provide help and support to homeless people in the UK; and Islamic Relief – who support various projects around the world.
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 £6 per person</i> 

Christmas Week

As we head in to the last week of term, here is a summary of the arrangements and events for the last week.

Monday 16th December, 2.15pm	Reception Christmas Songs and Craft Event <i>Reception children and parents</i>	<i>Please walk via the car park entrance and come to the main hall</i>
Tuesday 17th December, 9.15am	Year 1 – 3 Christmas Songs to parents	<i>Please note – doors will close and we will start promptly at 9.15am Please walk via the car park entrance and queue on the path.</i>
Wednesday 18th December, 9.15am	Year 4 – 6 Christmas Songs to parents	<i>Please note – doors will close and we will start promptly at 9.15am Please walk via the car park entrance and queue on the path.</i>
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for children	<i>Children who usually have a school dinner will have a Christmas lunch Sandwich children who would like a Christmas lunch – please call the office by 9am on Monday (charges apply).</i>
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Morning	<i>All children will have a FREE pizza picnic lunch before they leave at 12.40pm <small>(children with specific dietary requirements will be catered for)</small></i>
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Jumper / non-uniform day	<i>Money donation for charity on this day. Money raised will be split between– Crisis and Islamic Relief.</i>
Thursday 19th December	Nursery Party Morning	<i>Afternoon children may attend the morning session on this day. Nursery finishes at 11.40am for all children on this day.</i>
Thursday 19th December	Last day of term Reception to Year 6 pupils finish at 12.40pm	<i>Please note there is no afternoon club or after school provision</i>

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair.

We hope you had fun.



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024



Christmas songs – parent arrangements

We hope you are able to join us next week.

Please note – we ask that parents walk around to the car park entrance and walk down the path. You will be able to queue on the path with the front at the small gate which separates the two car parks. Just before 9.15am we will open this gate and you will be able to come across to the hall.

Last Day arrangements

Please remember that school closes to children at 12.40pm (11.40am for Nursery) on Thursday 19th December. There is no afternoon provision or afterschool care.

Before the children come home ALL CHILDREN will be able to have a *FREE pizza picnic lunch before they leave at 12.40pm. Please note – if your child usually has paid dinners – you will NOT be charged for this.*

(Children with specific dietary requirements will be catered for)

Raffle Tickets

Today your child should have brought home a raffle ticket sheet. If you would like to buy any, please complete the sheet and return to school with the money. More sheets are available from the school office and from the driveway.

Ask your family and friends to buy some too!

Money from the raffle helps support and pay for the Christmas activities and gifts for the children so we thank you for your support.

We would also like to thank all the school friends and companies that have provided the prizes. The last time to buy tickets or return your tickets will be Wednesday 18th December, 9am.



Colebourne Primary School Grand Prize Draw

Prizes include:

- Smart Life Children's Tablet
- £55 InflataNation Voucher
- £20 Rock-Up Voucher
- £20 Hickory Smoke House voucher
- £10 WHSMITH vouchers x 3
- Two Colebourne Panto tickets
- Various Chocolate Boxes/Biscuits
- Various teddies, smelly kits, stationary, craft kits, books, wall décor, jewellery and gifts



Please write your details here and return with
£1 per ticket.

Draw will take place on Wednesday 18th December

Name:

Child's class:.....

or

Phone number contact:

Tragic Death of a pupil at a Birmingham school

As reported in the Birmingham Mail:

“A Birmingham school has been devastated by the sudden death of a six-year-old pupil. ... He was understood to have suffered a head injury in a fall. The full details were not known.”

We send our thoughts and prayers to the family and those at the school.

Colebourne Head Injury Policy and Procedures

We have been asked what our procedures are in relation to head injuries so I thought I would outline this here:

General information:

- We currently have **24 first aid trained staff** (*first aid / paediatric first aid staff/ first aid at work*). This includes senior leaders, admin, teachers, teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors.
- There is always a **first aider** in school and on trips and events.
- We have **small first aid kits** for each classroom and for lunchtime staff.
- Full **advanced first aid kits** are available in key locations around school.
- We have an school **difibrulator** located in the hall corridor.

Head injury specific:

- Our policy is to:
 - deal with any first aid needed for the head injury
 - contact parents as soon as possible for any head injury.
 - parents are able to collect their child, or staff will ensure close monitoring of the child if they remain in school.
 - Emergency services are called for any serious concerns

We would encourage all Parents to learn about head injuries and the aftercare needed.

You can find out more about head injuries from the NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-injury-and-concussion/>

Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams




At Colebourne, we work in partnership with Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams. Here is some information about them



Mental health support for children, young people, and their families



*up to 25 years old for care leavers with special education needs or disability

 @CompassBMHST  @CompassBMHST  @CompassBirminghamMHST

Items from previous updates:

Preparing for Christmas with Autism

The Christmas period can be a very exciting but often stressful time of the year for many autistic people. It can be a time with lots of change, social interaction and expectations.

The National Autistic Society have put together a brief list of resources that may prove helpful in making this festive period as special and stress free as possible for autistic people.



<https://autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/christmas-resources>



**A Community
Guide to a Happy
Neurodivergent
Christmas**



**DITCH THE EXPECTATIONS
AND MEET YOUR NEEDS**




@JadeFarringtonLaunceston
COUNSELLING AND THERAPY
ONLINE AND IN LAUNCESTON

Another very useful document is: A community guide to a Happy Neurodivergent Christmas.

You can download a copy here:
<https://laurahellfeld.co.uk/a-community-guide-to-a-happy-neurodivergent-christmas/>



Jack and the Beanstalk

Thursday 23rd January 2025

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

£6 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.

Community information – Rock-Up – rock climbing courses

We are please to share information with you about a rock climbing course that is happening at Rock Up in Birmingham – See flyer below for details.

We also thank Rock Up for their donation of a £20 voucher for the Christmas Fair Raffle.



ROCKSTARS
NICAS
COURSES

AGES
6+

NICAS ACADEMY

Achieve a Nationally Accredited Rock Climbing Qualification with Rockstars NICAS Academy

Over 12 weeks our Rockstars will grow in self-confidence, team spirit, & overall well-being. They'll take part in the **NICAS Foundation & NICAS Advanced** programmes.



WWW.ROCK-UP.CO.UK/ROCKSTARS
SIGN UP WHILE SPACES LAST!

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>



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.

Winter Holiday Clubs

If your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals, you should have received an Email this week with the HAF code for your child.

If you have not received this email and you are eligible for benefits related free school meals, please contact the office so we can check we have the correct email details for you on our system.

Parent's of children who are not-eligible for benefits related free school meals can also book onto some of the clubs for a charge. This includes the one taking place at Colebourne – see flyer on the next page for details.

Activity Packs

There are two types of activity packs available, one for primary-aged children and another for secondary-aged children. Each activity pack contains fun arts and crafts projects, games and activities that can be completed throughout the holidays.

Families can apply for a maximum of **one activity pack per eligible child**. You will need to enter the details for each eligible child to request activity packs. There are two types of activity packs available depending on your child's age, secondary or primary.

Food Boxes

Through a partnership with Morrison's you can receive a box of cupboard essentials and fresh produce. The contents of the box will include all the ingredients needed to make 4 meals for a family of 4. All boxes are vegetarian.

One food box is available for each eligible household (NOT one per child). Eligible households must have at least one child or young person eligible for benefits-related free school meals living there.

To find out more information or to book a club go to
www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

To book activity packs and food boxes – click here:
<https://bringitonbrums.coordinate.cloud/>

FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C

HODGE HILL WINTER CAMP



**TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY
TILL
FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY**



**FREE 9 AM TILL 1PM
CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE
BENEFIT RELATED FREE
SCHOOL MEALS AND HAVE
A HAF CODE**



FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Colebourne Primary School
Stechford Road
Hodge Hill
B34 6BJ

MULTI-SPORTS

**THIS WINTER CAMP 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**

£10 per day without food £13 per day with food

9am till 3pm

[Www.Fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs](http://www.Fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs)

07985607421

Punctuality

A reminder that the school gates close at 8.40am. This includes the top gate.

8.40am is the start time of lessons and all children should be in class at this time.

After this time parents should walk the children via the vehicle entrance. All children must be supervised using this entrance.

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

Easy fundraising: Raise money for Colebourne while you shop:

<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/>

Compass – Parent/Carer online drop-in sessions

Compass is leading the way in supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children, young people, and families in selected educational settings across Birmingham.

Birmingham Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) offers free, and confidential support to Children, Young People and Families with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs.

Whether it is feeling sad, scared, worried, or experiencing challenges like anger or frustration, Compass is here to connect you with the right help.

Compass Birmingham MHST works across selected schools in the North and East of Birmingham, working directly with primary and secondary schools to ensure every child and young person has access to the support they need.

How Can We Help You

The Compass team of compassionate and friendly Practitioners, are here to support you in building coping skills and strategies for a range of issues, including:

- Low mood and motivation
- Anxiety and irrational fears
- Challenging behaviours like angry outbursts or frustration
- Difficulties in family and peer relationships
- Adjusting to change and transitions.

Compass currently work at Colebourne supporting some of our pupils. They also offer a drop-in service for parents to ask about services or to seek support for their children.

Every Tuesday 11-12:30pm (until 17th December), our Families Practitioner holds an informal online parent/carers drop-in. This is a space for families to find out more about Compass, have any questions answered or have signposting support.

The flyer contains a QR code that parents can scan at the time of the session or they can follow the link here:

<https://bit.ly/484SR9g>

Parent & Carer Drop-In Sessions



A safe confidential space for Parents/Carers to gain support & guidance from Compass Birmingham.



The drop-in will give you an opportunity to find out more about the support we can offer and have your questions answered.



When?

Every Tuesday 11-12:30pm
(8th October- 17th December 2024)

Where?

Sessions will be online and you can access it by scanning the QR code.




Please note: Time will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. You will be asked to wait but please know that the practitioner will be aware and will let you in as soon as its your turn.





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-  0121 227 8254
-  www.compass-uk.org
-  Instagram: @compassbmhst
-  Facebook: @compassbirminghamMHST

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>

School information for parents:

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

School policies:

[School policies](#)

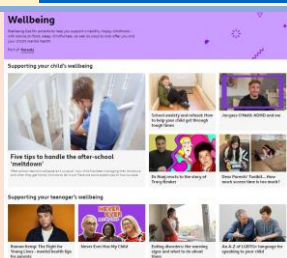
Useful Links for Parents



Better Health
Start for Life

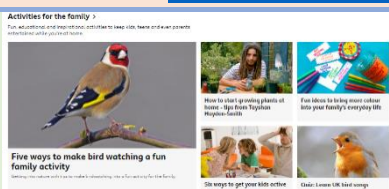
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



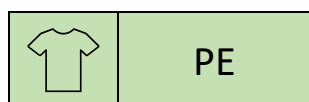
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

[Birmingham School Health Support Service](#) | [Home education](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

PE KIT Days

Autumn 2nd Half Term (Updated 11/11/24)

**Children should come to school in PE kits
on these days**



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