



Parent update 19th December 2024 MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR



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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2nd Half Term 2024

Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school for Spring 1st Half term
Thursday 9th January 9.30am	Information Meeting for Reception prospective parents for September 2025 – online or in the school hall
Monday 13th January	School Photographer in for individual and sibling photos
Tuesday 21st January	Year 2 Trip to Selly Manor
Thursday 23rd January, 9am	Parent update meeting with Mr. Guest and SLT – all parents welcome. <i>Come for a coffee and chat and hear all about what is happening at Colebourne. Lots of opportunities for questions and feedback.</i>
Thursday 23rd January	<p>M&M Production Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime 6.30pm – Main School Hall Tickets on Sale £6 per person</p> 
Tuesday 4th February	4M Trip to Buddhist Centre
Wednesday 5th February	4K Trip to Buddhist Centre
Tuesday 12th February	Year 6 Trip to the Galleries of Justice
Friday 14th February	Last day of the half term.
17th -21st February	Half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school for Spring 2nd Half term
Friday 11th April	Last day of the half term

What a great term!

We have had a super successful term at Colebourne. The children have worked incredible hard and have produced some great work.

Thank you to all the staff, who work tirelessly to ensure the children get a great education and school life.

Thanks also to all the parents and families who offer so much support and engagements with school – it really makes a difference.

Happy Holiday

What a wonderful Christmas week we have had!

I have to say, the children have been an absolute delight this week. It has been a joy to be around them and we have had lots of fun together.



Christmas Assemblies: A huge well done and thank you to all those involved in the two Christmas Songs performances; Y1-3 delighted us with a advent countdown of songs and Y4 -6 sang their way through a range of Christmas Film songs along with poems and readings.

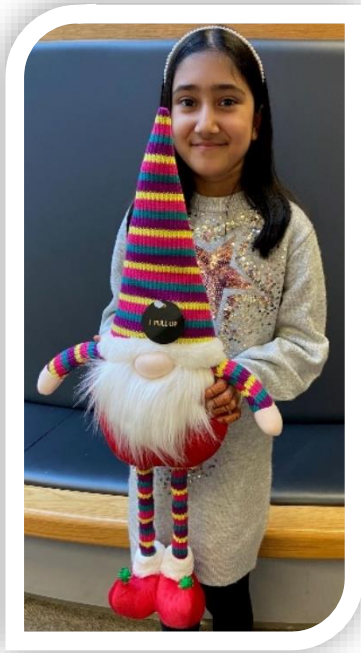
A big thank you to Mrs. Keeley who organised the performances.



Raffle: Well done to all our raffle winners, who have all had their prizes; the money raised by this helps to support the Christmas activities and gifts that we purchase for the children.

A huge thank you to those who supplied prizes for the raffle including:

- Smile Supply Agency
- Zest Supply Agency
- Prospero Supply Agency
- Nandos
- InflataNation
- Rock-up climbing centre and more



Gonk Winner – Congratulation to our

GONK winner:--→

The name of the Gonk was.....RUBEN

Big thanks to Matalan (Stechford)

for donating the GONK!



Pizza Party: The children have loved their Pizza Party today!



Snack order for Spring 1st Half Term

If you would like a school snack for your child, please ensure you have paid for this by Sunday 5th January 2025.

If you have not paid by this time, no snack will be provided by school and children should therefore bring one in from home.

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime – Book now – limited tickets



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.

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.

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN NURSERY

YOU MUST STILL APPLY

YOU DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY

GET A PLACE IN COLEBOURNE

RECEPTION

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

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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.***

Nursery applications are now open for September 2025

Applications for **Nursery for September 2025** are now open for children born between: **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.**

Applications are NOT a first come first served; any applications received by the deadline for applications will be considered using the published admissions criteria.

Visit the school admissions webpage for more details and to book onto an information meeting:

<https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions>



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Nursery

September 2025

Applications now open

Visit the Admissions page on the school website for details, to complete an online application form and for details of visits.



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www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk
EMAIL: admissions@colebourne.bham.sch.uk
Head Teacher: Mr. Stuart Guest

SCAN FOR THE NURSERY ADMISSIONS PAGE



15hr and 30hr places available

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/>

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

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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

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.






**Compass
Birmingham**
Mental Health Support Teams



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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

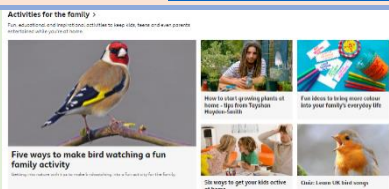
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



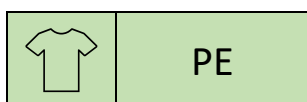
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

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

PE KIT Days

Spring 1st Half Term

**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					