



Parent update 10th January 2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR



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

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2024		
Monday 13 th January	School Photographer in for individual and sibling photos (All children will have an individual photo) Sibling groups – by booking only)	
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 1 Trip – Tamworth Castle	
Thursday 16 th January, 9.30am	Nursery – September 2025 Meeting for prospective parents Please book to attend here (in person or virtual): https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions	
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 2 Trip to Selly Manor	
Wednesday 22 nd January 9.30am (Virtual Meeting)	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (virtual) The meeting link will be shared via class dojo nearer the time.	
Thursday 23 rd 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 23 rd January	M&M Production Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime 6.30pm – Main School Hall (Doors open from 6pm) Tickets on Sale £6 per person	
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese New Year meal	
Tuesday 4 th February	4M Trip to Buddhist Centre	
Wednesday 5 th February	4K Trip to Buddhist Centre	
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 6 Trip to the Galleries of Justice	
Tuesday 12 th February and Wednesday 13 th February	Parents' Evening	
Friday 14 th February	Last day of the half term.	
17th -21st February	Half term	
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school for Spring 2nd Half term	
Friday 11 th April	Last day of the half term	

Happy New Year

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the break.

The children have started their new units of work, so please have a chat with them about what they have been learning.

Lots of new dates have been added to the diary sheet, so please please take a look at these.

We look forward to a successful term, and hopefully a little warmer too!

School Photos

The school photographer is on

Monday 13th January.

Individual photos:

All children will automatically have an individual photo taken.

Sibling Photos:

Sibling photos will only be taken ONLY if booked

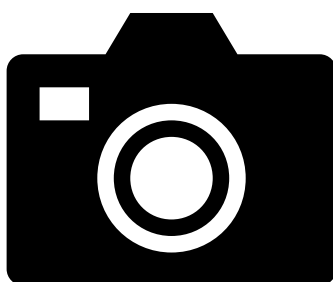
→ [Sibling Booking Link](#) ←

(Sibling bookings must be made by 11am on Monday 13th January)

Family Photos:

Family photos (adults and children and / or wider family) are also available.

Please come via the pedestrian entrance between 8am and 8.25am if you would like a family group photo taken. No booking necessary but you may have to wait in turn.



Reception penguin drawings

Reception have started their new theme – ‘Winter Wonderland’.

Some of the children have drawn some amazing penguins. WOW!



Chinese New Year Meal

On Wednesday 29th January, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in school. Children who are school dinners will have a special Chinese New Year menu. If your child usually has a packed lunch and they would like to have a school dinner for Chinese new year, please contact the office by the end of the week before.





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>

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>

Items from previous updates:

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 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/>

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/>

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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



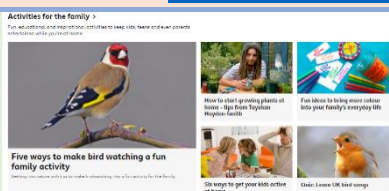
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



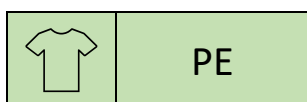
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

[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					