



Parent update

♥ 14th February 2025 ♥

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

At Colebourne, we work together to be...

	C ompassionate	<i>We care for and help ourselves and others. We accept people for who they are.</i>
	A mbitious	<i>We do the best we can and work hard to reach our goals.</i>
	R espectful	<i>We are polite and considerate to others. We respect differences and welcome everyone. We follow rules.</i>
	E ngaged	<i>We concentrate, and contribute to learning and school life.</i>

...because at Colebourne, we C.A.R.E.

DIARY DATES

Autumn 2 nd Half Term 2024	
17th -21st February	Half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school for Spring 2nd Half term
Tuesday 25 th February	NHS Height & Weight Checks taking place for Reception and Year 6
Thursday 27 th February, 9am	Reception Parents – Maths Workshop
Friday 28 th February	Ramadan begins tbc
Tuesday 4 th March	Green Lane Mosque - Ramadan assembly to pupils
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 14 th March, 9.30am	Nursery (Sept 2025)– prospective parents meeting for admissions for September 2025 – please book via the school website
Friday 11 th April	Last day of the half term

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those who came to parents evening this week; we hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work and chatting with the staff.

For those who are meeting with the SEND team – these meetings will take place during weeks 2 and 3 after half term. You will be sent details after half term of your meeting times.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Thursday 6th March. Children (and staff) can come to school dressed in pyjamas/comfy clothes/ book character.

All children will be given a **free book during the week** to take home with them, along with a £1 book token which can be spend in many retail and book stores. They will also be able to use their token at the book fair during the week – arrangements for this will be given out after half term.

Year 6 Trip to the Galleries of Justice

“We had a fantastic day today at the National Justice Museum. We took a step back in time and explored the fascinating history of crime and punishment through the ages.

Our live trial was a brilliant experience and you all did so well! Well done”





Ramadan Guidance

Ramadan Mubarak to our families as we approach this holy month. We recognise that this is a very special time for many of our families and we wish you well during this month, particularly to those who are fasting.

The Muslim Council of Great Britain states that fasting is for, “Healthy **adult** Muslims on reaching puberty”.



However, we do know that many of our older children wish to take part and practise some aspect of fasting during this month.

Children below Year 5 should not fast during school hours. A separate email has been sent for children in Year 5 and 6 with additional details which includes the link for parents to give permission for children to fast in school time should they wish to.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

We wish you and your family a peaceful Ramadan.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Since January 2024, **most community pharmacies** across Birmingham and Solihull **can provide advice and treatment**, if appropriate, for you or members of your family for seven common conditions.

This service is called Pharmacy First.

It's free*, confidential and may be much quicker than seeing your GP.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parents/carers

Re: Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England for children and adults

I am emailing to let you know about an NHS service which pharmacies across England are offering for children (as well as adults) called **Pharmacy First**.

What is Pharmacy First?

Community Pharmacists offer free and confidential advice for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, and eye infection. If appropriate, they can also provide treatment* without a prescription for seven common conditions:

- Urinary tract infection (women aged 16-64)
- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12+)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5+)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1-17)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1+)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1+)
- Shingles (adults aged 18+)

The pharmacy will send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate.

This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children get well and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better sooner if they are unwell.

Patients that are already exempt from prescription charges, such as children, will still be exempt from charges if treatment is provided for the listed conditions, otherwise usual [NHS prescription charge rules](#) apply.

For more information on how your pharmacist can help, visit [Think pharmacy first :: NHS Birmingham and Solihull](#) or watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQUI_ZOqFZg



Worried about your child's health? Think 'Pharmacy First'...



It's a free and confidential way to get qualified help

1 Infected insect bites
From age 1

2 Earache
Ages 1-17

3 Impetigo
From age 1

4 Sinusitis
From age 12

5 Sore throat
From age 5

Most community pharmacies across Birmingham and Solihull can provide advice and treatment for your child – for these common conditions – and it can be much quicker than seeing your GP!

Visit the [NHS Birmingham and Solihull website](#) to see what your local community pharmacy can offer.

*Patients already exempt from prescription charges, i.e. children, will still get their treatment for free, for the listed conditions. Otherwise usual prescription charges will apply.

Items from previous updates:

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>

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/>

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.

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

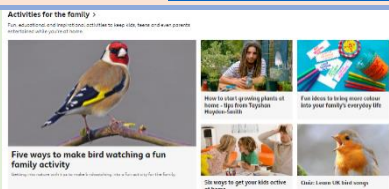
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



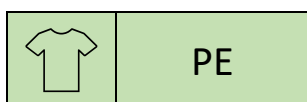
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

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

PE KIT Days

Spring 2nd 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					