



# Parent update 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

At Colebourne, we work together to be...

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

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

## DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2025	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Church Visit
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 trip to Tudor World
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 10.15am	Nursery (Sept 2025)– prospective parents meeting for admissions for September 2025 – please book via the school website: <a href="https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions">https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/#nursery-information-and-admissions</a>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Virtual Assembly <i>Switched on travel Safety (Railway safety)</i>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Residential - Dodford
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am - 10am	Parent Coffee morning. FOCUS: COMPASS – Anxiety in children
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Residential - Dodford
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 9am – 10am	Year 6 Mother’s Day Activity <i>(One Mum/ Aunty/ Grandmother/other special lady per child welcome)</i>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School Closed to Pupils for Eid Al Fitr <i>(School open for childcare – see later for details)</i>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Non-uniform day / Eid Clothes / Eid Menu for Lunch
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 9am	Celebration Assembly – Year 1-3 All Parents Welcome
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April <i>After school</i>	Easter Egg Hunt <i>Details to follow</i>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 9am	Celebration Assembly – Year 4-6 All Parents Welcome
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of the term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term – all pupils return
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 9.00am-10.00am	Coffee morning with the Occupational Therapy Team <i>(suitable for parents with concerns about eating, sleeping, physical/sensory difficulties)</i>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Last day of the half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Start of the Summer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term – all pupils return
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 9.00am-10.00am	Communication and Autism Team (CAT) workshop for parents <i>Developing independence skills at home and at school</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Eid al-Adha
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the school year <i>(No Friday afternoon club)</i>

## Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all our children, staff, families and community who are observing this holy month.

On Tuesday we welcomed Semir from Green Lane Mosque. He spoke to the children about the importance of Ramadan to Muslims. It was a very informative assembly.



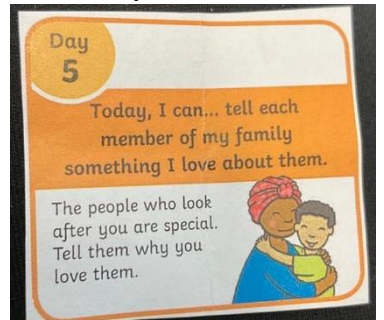
Semir also visited Nursery and spoke about Ramadan and some key parts of the month like iftaar, praying and Eid! Nursery have made a little Ramadan corner with photos, prayer mats, scarves and Ramadan arts and crafts that the children have been enjoying!

Thank you to the Semir and also to Mrs Ahmed for arranging our visitor.





Reception also learned about Ramadan. They talked about Ramadan and what this means for Muslims. They talked about how families prepare for Ramadan, how the adults and older siblings might be fasting and what the children could do instead. They tasted some sweet dates and coloured in some cards and decorations. Reception have enjoyed looking at their Ramadan calendar and sharing some acts of kindness.



## Pancake Day – Shrove Tuesday

Nursery and Reception had lots of fun learning about Shrove Tuesday and pancake day. They even had a go at tossing the pancakes.

At lunch, all dinner children across the school had pancakes as one of the pudding options too!





### World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day was celebrated at Colebourne on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children (and staff) came to school dressed in pyjamas/comfy clothes/ book characters. All children were given a **free book** to take home with them. Children also got to use their token at the book fair during the week.

A big thank you to Mrs Taylor for organising the event and to all the children and staff for getting stuck in! Big thanks to parents to for supporting this event with the costumes, PJs and attending the book fair!

Some classes also took part in the BBC live read along lesson.



BBC Live Read Along Lesson

On the day, Mrs Taylor set three challenges for each class to complete to win money to buy new books for their class!

### Challenges:

1. Recite a poem –£10
2. Complete a book review –£15
3. Take a creative photo of the class reading. - £25

WELL DONE TO ALL THE CLASSES FOR COMPLETING ALL 3 CHALLENGES

Mrs. Taylor delivered the news to each class and they now have £50 per class to buy some new class books. The children will decide on these together and these will be ordered in the next couple of weeks!

Take a look at some of the photos from the day

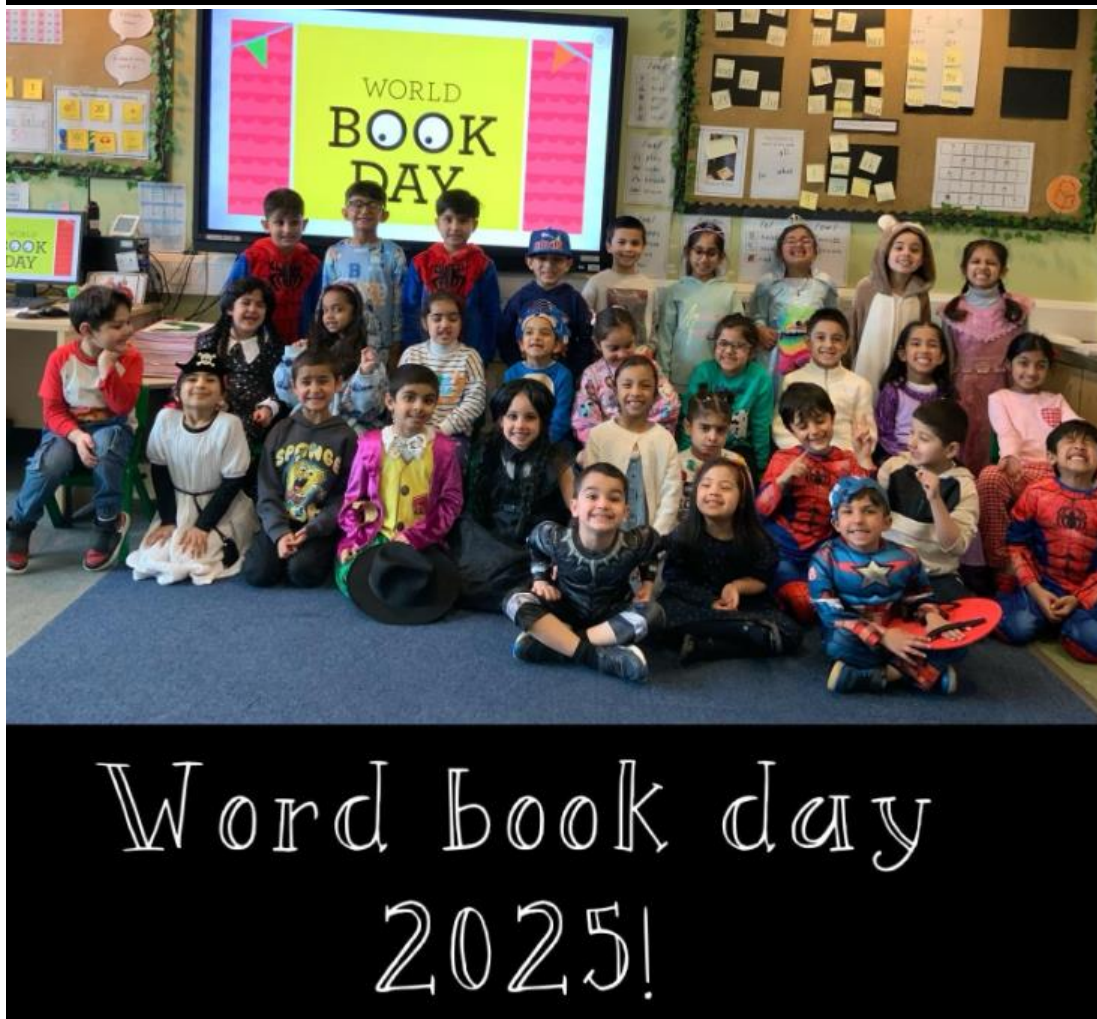
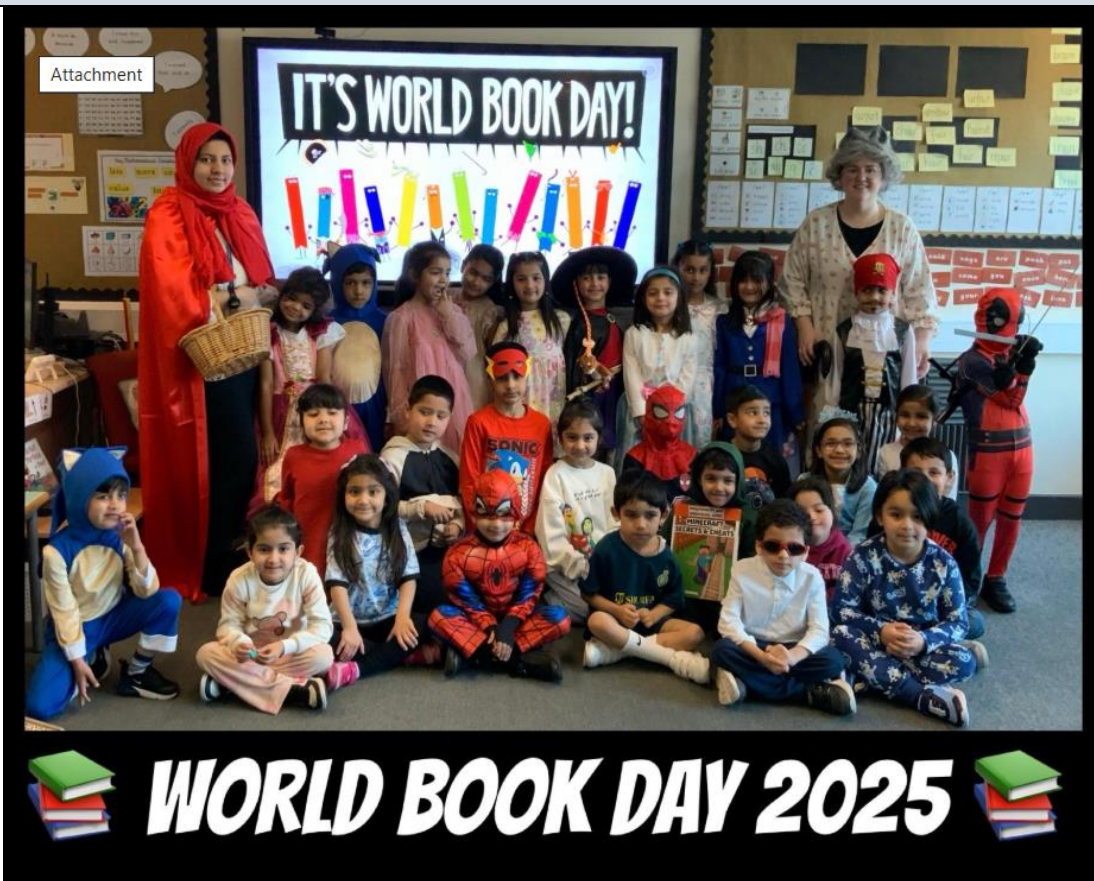
### Nursery





# Reception







Year 2











Year 5









Year 6



# World Book Challenge 2025



Reading in the Science cupboard

PIC•COLLAGE



**Thank you  
to everyone  
for getting  
involved.**

## Eid ul-Fitr Guidance

As you will know, Eid ul-Fitr tends to vary depending on lunar observations in the country you are in, as many nations, such as Morocco and Saudi Arabia, will either confirm Sunday, March 30th or Monday, March 31st as the date of Eid celebrations.

To enable parents and school to plan and as we typically only have a couple of children in school on Eid days, this year school will be **closed to all children Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. However, we can offer childcare arrangements free of charge during school hours (8.30am – 3.20pm) on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Any children attending on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March will be grouped together and will be looked after and given opportunities for some activities together.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – ALL CHILDREN should be in school.**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** will also be a non-uniform / Eid clothes day and children who have school dinners will have a special Eid menu

*“Children taking part in religious observances are authorised to have **1 day off** to celebrate on the day (Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March) that this takes place.*

*“We understand that some religious event dates such as Eid are dependent on other factors such as the sighting of the moon and these dates may differ due to how the different places of worship decide on this. In these circumstances, some families may have different days when they are celebrating. If this is the case, we ask that families discuss this ahead of time and make decisions about which day they will be celebrating. We would suggest that celebrations beyond the 1 authorised day take place at another appropriate time, e.g. the next weekend.”*

If anything changes in terms of dates for Eid, we will update our guidance.

### **Reporting pupil absence for Eid:**

As school will be closed to pupils on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, there is no need to report your child's absence for this day.



**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** we are holding our **Comic Relief Morning**; children will be taking part in some cross-curricular fun challenges and there will be a special assembly that the children will not want to miss!!!!

Children may like to begin thinking of their very best joke as classes will be voting for their best class joke.

Children may wear non-uniform or red on Friday too!

We are not selling any merchandise but there will be donation buckets on the driveway at the start and end of school.

## District Football Trials

This information is relevant to...

- Boys currently in Years 3, 4 and 5
- Girls currently in Years 4 and 5

...who either plays for a team outside of school or is a talented footballer.



# Erdington and Saltley

Primary Schools FA

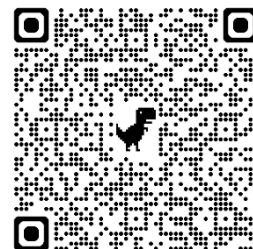
[www.espsfa.com](http://www.espsfa.com)

District Football Nominations 2025/26

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/daughter has been identified by their school as a talented footballer and nominated for the 2025/26 Erdington and Saltley district football trials. This letter contains key information about district football.

Scan here to learn more about district football's partnership with Aston Villa:



### **What is district football?**

District football is the highest level of youth football for primary aged pupils outside of academy football. As a city, Birmingham has over 300 primary schools. These schools are divided into seven geographical districts, with each district having its own representative football team.

### **What is Erdington and Saltley district?**

Erdington and Saltley has 49 primary schools across Erdington, Saltley, Nechells, Hodge Hill, Washwood Heath, Bromford and Shard End.

### **My child already plays for a football team. Is this a problem?**

No. District footballers also play for a second team - either a grassroots team or an academy team. Boys' district matches are played on Saturday mornings, while girls' games are played on Friday evenings. They do not clash with grassroots football.

### **My child plays for a professional academy. Is this a problem?**

No. Children who play for academy teams (e.g. Birmingham City, Walsall, Wolves) are allowed to play district football.

### **Why should my child play district football?**

*Best facilities in the city:* All district games are played from a central location - Aston Villa's training ground.

*High standard:* District football is the highest standard of youth football outside of academy football.

*Player Pathway:* District football offers players a direct route into an academy such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City or Wolves. Each year, many Erdington and Saltley players are signed by professional clubs. We currently have former players playing professionally for Manchester City, Manchester United, Leeds United, Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and others.

### **What do I need to do if I want my son / daughter to attend the trials?**

Register now at [www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials).

### **Where can I learn more about district football?**

[www.espsfa.com](http://www.espsfa.com)

[www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com](http://www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com)

Instagram: @esps.fa or @bhampsfa

Twitter: @espsfa or @bpsfa

Scan here to register for district football trials:



## **Register for district football trials now:**

[www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials)

## **Trials will take place throughout April and May 2025 – REGISTER NOW!**



**BOYS  
AND  
GIRLS**

# **DISTRICT FOOTBALL**

# **TRIALS**

## **2025/26 SEASON**



**REGISTER NOW!**



**OFFICIAL PARTNER**

## **APRIL AND MAY 2025**

**HUGE HONOUR WORLD CLASS FACILITIES  
ACADEMY FOOTBALL PATHWAY**

**HIGHEST STANDARD OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL**

**REGISTER NOW: [WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS)**

## 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/>





## 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><a href="#">Home learning grids</a></p>
	<p>BBC Bitesize</p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary/</a></p>
	<p>Oak National Academy</p> <p><a href="#">Oak National Academy</a></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><a href="https://www.doodlemaths.com/">https://www.doodlemaths.com/</a></p>
	<p>Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Practice your times tables and quick maths recall skills</p> <p><a href="https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student">https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student</a></p>

## Core useful links for parents

### **Year group expectation sheets:**

[Key expectation sheets](#)

### **Email address for parents:**

[parents@colebourne.bham.sch.uk](mailto: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**

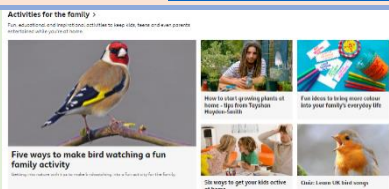
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



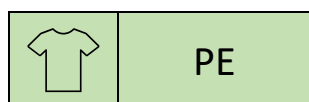
Birmingham School Health Support Service  
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse  
Community paediatric and child development centres  
Forward thinking Birmingham  
And much more

[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					