



Parent update 14th March 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

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

Science Week

We have celebrated National Science week this week. Mrs Taylor launched this on Monday with a Science assembly; we explored the idea that certain liquids may affect your teeth. Each class now have an egg (submerged in a type of liquid). We will see what happens over the coming days (and maybe even weeks!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Eggshells are similar to tooth enamel. They share the same colouring, ranging from a light yellow to white. In addition, the eggshell protects the egg from breaking, just as tooth enamel protects the tooth from decaying.



Year 1 Church Visit

Year 1 were fabulous at their visit to the Church this week.

The children learnt all about Lent and the Easter story. Thank you to Rev Barratt and the team at the church.

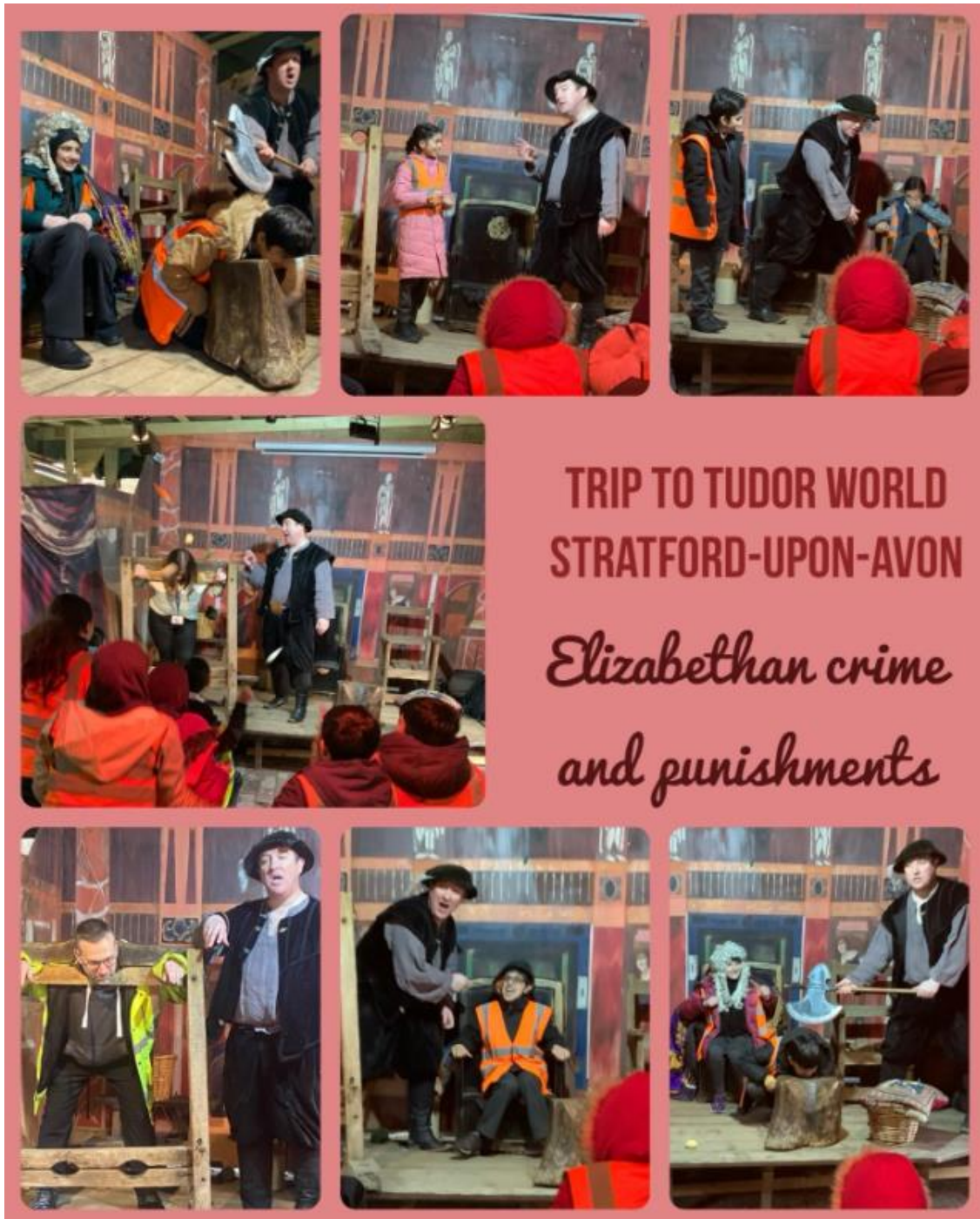


Year 5 Stratford Upon-Avon and Tudor World Visit

Year 5 had a fabulous trip this week to Stratford Upon-Avon.

They had a super morning of workshops at Tudor World, followed by an afternoon walking tour around Stratford – exploring the world of Shakespeare.

The children were fabulous and the staff at Tudor World were incredibly impressed with our children's engagements, knowledge and great questions.



The walking tour took us around key parts of Stratford and we learned all about William Shakespeare, his life, family and of course his plays.

DID YOU KNOW?

William Shakespeare plays are typically divided into three main categories:

- **Tragedies** (e.g., *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear*)
- **Comedies** (e.g., *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night*, *As You Like It*)
- **Histories** (e.g., *Henry V*, *Richard III*, *Henry IV Part 1 & 2*)



Walking tour of Shakespeare's Stratford



Boys Football Team – 1st Win!

The boys' football team celebrated their first victory of the season with great enthusiasm. The match was intense, with both teams displaying strong skills and determination. Our team managed to secure a win with a final score of 2-1. The players showcased excellent teamwork, strategic play, and resilience throughout the game. The victory boosted their confidence and set a positive tone for the rest of the season. Mr. Michael was thrilled with the team's performance!



Comic Relief



On Friday 21st 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.

Ramadan Streets- night markets



There is a fantastic event taking place in Birmingham called the Ramadan Streets- night markets. It is open to all and would be a fantastic opportunity for young people and their families and friends to visit.

Here is the link below that tells you more about the Ramadan markets:

<https://www.soulcityarts.com/>

More information:

Ramadan Streets is a five-day cultural event and night market that welcomes people of all backgrounds to come together and experience the community-spirit of Ramadan. Taking place during March 12-16th, from dusk until midnight, we're taking over a car park on Coventry Road, Birmingham, and providing an opportunity for the community to break their fast together in a unique and vibrant setting.

Thoughtfully designed to foster comfort and inclusivity, and working in close collaboration with Birmingham City Council, Ramadan Streets offers an opportunity for those of all backgrounds to experience street-food favourites, from smash burgers to corn-dogs. Visitors can expect a souk experience with vendors selling everything from street food to artisan goods, featuring well established vendors as well as local businesses.

The event is led by the creative team at Soul City Arts and supported by The Halal Food Festival.

Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Be Empowered Workshops

The community languages workshop of this academic year

Thursday's 10am – 2pm (for 6 weekly sessions)

Running Thurs 3rd April, Thurs 10th April, Thurs 1st May, Thurs 8th, Thurs 15th, and Thurs 22nd May 2025.

At Evolve Centre Building, 99 Glover Street, Birmingham, B9 4EN.

Are you a parent of a child with special or additional needs?

Do you want to meet with other parents and learn more about local and national services and what they can offer?

Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?

We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves. These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves

TO BOOK

Please email: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk

This workshop is going to be conducted in a number of community languages.

For more information contact: Gulshan Hussain on 07827 082752 or Christine Legore 07770 762056

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING BOOKINGS IS THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025!

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 31st March**. However, we can offer childcare arrangements free of charge during school hours (8.30am – 3.20pm) on Monday 31st March. Any children attending on Monday 31st March will be grouped together and will be looked after and given opportunities for some activities together.

Tuesday 1st April – ALL CHILDREN should be in school.

Tuesday 1st 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 31st 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:

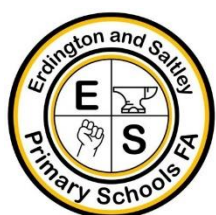
As school will be closed to pupils on Monday 31st March, there is no need to report your child's absence for this day.

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

District Football Nominations 2025/26

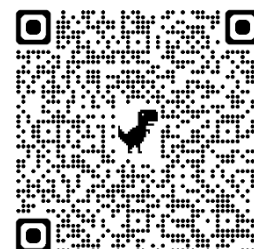
Dear Parent / Guardian,

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 have 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.

Where can I learn more about district football?

www.espsfa.com

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

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



**BOYS
AND
GIRLS**

DISTRICT FOOTBALL

TRIALS

2025/26 SEASON



REGISTER NOW!



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APRIL AND MAY 2025

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

HIGHEST STANDARD OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

REGISTER NOW: 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>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:

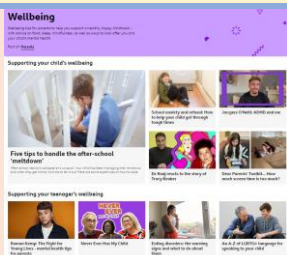
[School policies](#)

Useful Links for Parents

**Better Health
Start
for Life**

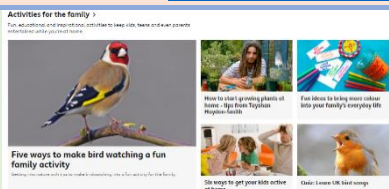
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



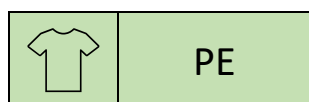
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

[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					