



Parent update

21st March 2025

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At Colebourne we C.A.R.E

At Colebourne, we work together to be...

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|  | 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 | |
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| Wednesday 26th March <i>8:45am - 10am</i> | Parent Coffee morning. FOCUS: COMPASS – Anxiety in children |
| Thursday 27th March – Friday 28th March | Year 2 Residential - Dodford |
| Friday 28th March <i>9am – 10am</i> | Year 6 Mother’s Day Activity <i>(One Mum/ Aunty/ Grandmother/other special lady per child welcome)</i> |
| Monday 31st March | School Closed to Pupils for Eid Al Fitr <i>(School open for childcare – see later for details)</i> |
| Tuesday 1st April | Non-uniform day / Eid Clothes / Eid Menu for Lunch |
| Monday 7th April 9am | Celebration Assembly – Year 1-3 All Parents Welcome |
| Tuesday 8th April <i>After school</i> | Easter Egg Hunt <i>Details to follow</i> |
| Thursday 10th April 9am | Celebration Assembly – Year 4-6 All Parents Welcome |
| Friday 11th April | Last day of the term |
| Sunday 27th April | Nursery Applications for September 2025 Last day for first round applications Visit: https://www.colebourne.bham.sch.uk/admissions/ for full details |
| Monday 28th April | Start of the Summer Term – all pupils return |
| Thursday 1st 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 5th May | May Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Monday 12th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Friday 23rd May | Last day of the half term |
| Monday 2nd June | Start of the Summer 2nd Half Term – all pupils return |
| Thursday 5th 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 7th June | Eid al-Adha |
| Friday 18th July | Last day of the school year <i>(No Friday afternoon club)</i> |

Staffing news

On Friday 28th April we say goodbye to Mrs. Naughton. Mrs. Naughton has been a valued member of the Colebourne Team for over 10 years. We wish her all the very best as she moves to a different field after being a teaching assistant here at Colebourne. Thanks for all your hard work and contribution to the school.

Year 1 Residential

Some of our Year 1 children have had a wonderful couple of days on their residential. They stayed overnight at a farm and helped feed and groom the animals. They also got lots of time to play!!!

Thanks to everyone involved in planning for these experiences



Eid and Easter Menus

These are for those children who usually have a school dinner.

If any sandwich children would like a dinner on any of these days, please contact the main school office by end of the week before.

A festive poster for an Eid Celebration Lunch. The background is dark purple with golden lanterns and stars hanging from the top. In the center, a crescent moon is above the word "Eid" in a large, bold, golden font. Below "Eid" is the title "Celebration Lunch" in a slightly smaller, bold, golden font. Underneath the title is a yellow rectangular box containing the date "TUESDAY 1st APRIL" in black capital letters. The menu is divided into four sections: "Mains" and "Sides" are in the middle, and "Other Options" and "Desserts" are at the bottom. The bottom of the poster features stylized illustrations of mosque domes and minarets in shades of purple, orange, and red. A small school crest is visible in the bottom right corner.

Eid
Celebration Lunch
TUESDAY 1st APRIL

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| Mains | Sides |
| Vegetable Samosa | Brown Vegetable Rice |
| Shish Kebab | White Rice |
| Chicken Curry | Chapati / Naan |
| Other Options | Desserts |
| Baguette | Jelly |
| Jacket Potato | Ice Cream |
| Salad Bar | Cupcake |

The menu is framed by a decorative border of colorful Easter eggs, flowers, and greenery. The eggs feature various patterns like zig-zags, polka dots, and stripes. The flowers are in shades of pink, yellow, and blue. The text is centered and reads:

Easter Menu

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL

MAINS

Roast Chicken
Quorn Roast
Sausages

SIDES

Roast Potatoes / Mashed
Potatoes
Carrots/ sweetcorn/peas
Yorkshire Pudding
gravy

DESSERT

Chocolate Chip Cookies
Jelly and Ice Cream



FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Children (and staff) had a lot of fun while raising money for Comic Relief

Thank you to all those who were able to donate.

Team Guest beat Team Wren by 3-2 this year.









Message from Birmingham City council to parents of children with Special Education Needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

We're working hard to establish a reliable baseline to assess the performance of our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). To help with this, a survey has been created – one for parent carers and another for young people with additional needs who either have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or receive SEND support.

The surveys will close on Monday, 31 March 2025 and can be found at the following links:

- [SEND & AP Parent Carer Survey 2025](#)
- [SEND & AP Young People Survey 2025](#)

By participating in these surveys, parent carers and young people will provide valuable insights that will help us track progress, drive improvements, and ensure accountability within SEND services.

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?

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

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:

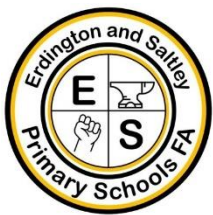
As school will be closed to pupils on Monday 31st March, there is no need to report your child's absence for this day.

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

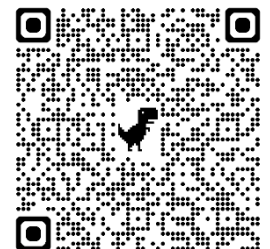
www.espsfa.com

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!



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

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.

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|  | <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

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|  | <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



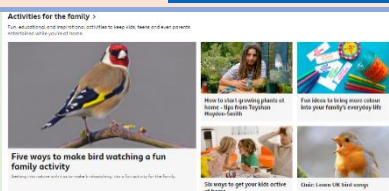
The place for trusted NHS advice and guidance to help you have a healthy and happy baby during pregnancy, birth and parenthood.

<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>



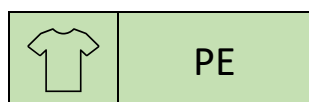
Birmingham School Health Support Service
Lots of health related links and support for children and families including the school nurse
Community paediatric and child development centres
Forward thinking Birmingham
And much more

[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 |
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| RN | | | | | |
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| 2F | | | | | |
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| 3B | | | | | |
| 3C | | | | | |
| 4K | | | | | |
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| 5G | | | | | |
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| 6A | | | | | |
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