



NEWSLETTER - April 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it's a warm **welcome back** to everyone after our Easter break! We hope that you have all had a lovely time and are ready for the summer term!

Today's newsletter will be a brief one, with just a few messages to start the term. We would firstly, like to **welcome Miss Smyth** to our Boldmere team. Miss Smyth is teaching in Lion class for the remainder of the academic year, working alongside Mrs Norrie. Miss Smyth has already spent a number of days working with the children prior to Easter and they have settled well this week.

Our **lunchtime provision** with the new provider, "**Educaterers**" started yesterday. The food looked delicious and the children talked positively about the service, liking the way the bread was presented in little baskets! The highlight however, was the new water cooler for their drinks!! There was a continuous line of children re-filling their cups during the service -so much so that we are adding to the number of dispensers today! There is no doubt that children will be fully hydrated each day before afternoon lessons begin!

A reminder that all **Nursery places for September 2026** have been offered and we have now compiled a waiting list for places. Please contact the school office if you have a child who is eligible and you wish to be added to the list.

Reception places for September 2026 will be offered by Birmingham admissions this **Thursday, 16th April 2026**. Please contact admissions directly if you have not heard about your child's school place.



My final words this week are "**We need you!**"

This **Saturday 18th April** is our annual **Ground Force Day** event. School grounds will be open from **9.00-12.00pm** for a good old tidy and re-fresh. If you can help for an hour or two, **please let the office or myself know**. We already have a number of staff helping out but it would be lovely to see children and families joining us in looking after our school! Previous years have been hugely successful. We will be painting, gardening, washing and tidying the playgrounds, field and Nursery outdoor space. We do have limited resources however, so please bring along brooms, gardening tools and any other equipment that might be useful. Tea, squash and possibly the odd biscuit or two will be available for all helpers.

Please access school via the middle gates near the training room.

Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

Saturday 18th April - Ground Force Day

Monday 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Thursday 21st May - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 1st June - School re-opens to all pupils



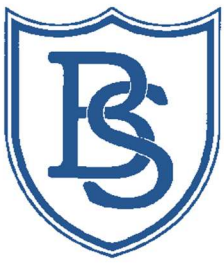
We would like to wish all our Sikh families a very Happy Vaisakhi. Vaisakhi is a very special festival for the Sikh community. It marks the harvest season as well as celebrating the birth of the Khalsa, a group of people who stand for kindness, bravery and helping others. The children have been busy learning about the festival and how it is celebrated as well colouring special Vaisakhi posters.

Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2025 need to be rechecked and signed for the **Summer Term**.

Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Thursday 30th April 2026 at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete.

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Year 2 Trip - Black Country Museum

Letters will be sent home tomorrow with details of the Year 2 trip to the **Black Country Museum**. Please could you complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school. Payment must also be made via ParentPay by **Tuesday 5th May 2026**.



Year 1 Trip - Dudley Zoo & Castle

Letters will be sent home tomorrow with details of the Year 1 trip to the **Dudley Zoo & Castle**. Please could you complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school. Payment must also be made via ParentPay by **Tuesday 5th May 2026**.



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School Catering

If you would like to contact Educaterers our new school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches, please contact them via team@educaterers.co.uk

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have to leave early due to a medical appointment, we do need to see some evidence in the school office.



We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers. Thank you.

Autism Acceptance Month

We are excited to let you know that on **Friday 17th April**, as part of **Autism Acceptance Week**, we are inviting all children to come to school wearing **bright and colourful clothes**.



In exchange, we are asking for a **£1 cash donation**, which will go directly towards purchasing resources to support our SEN children in school.

The day will begin with a **whole-school assembly on Autism Awareness**. Each class will then take part in a '**Colour Walk**' on the school playground. The children are welcome to bring along **ribbons, pom-poms or colourful scarves** to make the event even more fun and vibrant.

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to a wonderful, colourful day celebrating inclusion and raising awareness together!

Absences

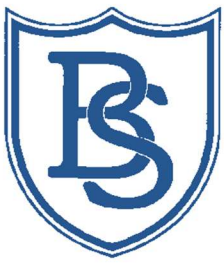
An important reminder about absence requests and penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

The Education Legal Intervention Team have notified school that they have now begun to issue penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences.

Please note that fines are issued to **BOTH PARENTS** and **BOTH PARENTS** must pay the penalties.

Failure to pay the penalty notice, will result in the matter proceeding to court and could potentially lead to a criminal record.

Leave of Absence forms are available from the school office.



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 13th April 2026

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term ahead. This half term, our overarching theme across the classes is *Animals*, which will inspire a range of engaging and creative learning experiences. We are also delighted to be introducing Forest School sessions into the curriculum, giving children the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow through outdoor experiences. In addition, we will be continuing to strengthen our speech and language support, further enriched by the skills and knowledge of Mrs Rai. This Friday we will be as a whole school Autism Acceptance Month. We are inviting the children to come into school wearing colourful clothes and take part in our colour walk. Again, this is not compulsory and is based on if our children would like to do this. School uniform is fine too. We look forward to a fantastic term of learning and fun together.

Giraffe Class

In Giraffe Class, we have been enjoying our new class book, *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. The children have shown great enthusiasm in exploring the story and talking about the different animals they encounter along the way. As part of our learning, we have been identifying the difference between illustrations and written text, helping the children understand how pictures and words work together to tell a story.

In Maths, we have been focusing on developing our understanding of cardinal numbers. The children have been practising counting objects carefully and recognising that the final number counted represents the total amount.

Puffin Class

In Puffins Class, we have been developing our understanding of beat in music, exploring how to keep a steady rhythm using instruments. The children have really enjoyed joining in and are growing in confidence as they listen and respond to sounds.

We have also begun reading our new class book, *Handa's Surprise*, which has sparked lots of excitement and discussion about the story and its setting. In Art, the children have been inspired by the animals in the story to create their own animal print patterns, experimenting with colours, shapes and repeating designs. We are so impressed with their creativity!

School Emails

The two separate email addresses
For Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



Email addresses for correspondence specific to your
child's class/year group.

nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are
on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Gabi, Freddie & Szymon

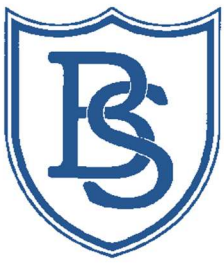
Year 2: Rosie, Rohan & Orlaith



IMPORTANT - New school catering providers

An email was sent out to all parents on
Thursday 26th March 2026 regarding the
change over to **Educaterers** and the impact of School Grid.
Just a reminder that allergy information **does not** transfer between
accounts, so parents must re-add this information immediately.
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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families,

A huge welcome back to everyone following the Easter half term break. During summer one, we have various activities set to keep the children busy and having a great time whilst at the club.



Snack menu update

We will have a two-week alteration of the menu- There will be replacements for any children with dietary requirements. Fruits and vegetables are available during snack time and a drink of water.

	Week one	Week two
Monday	Sandwiches	Bagels
Tuesday	Toasted muffins	Sandwiches
Wednesday	Sandwiches	Pizza Baguettes
Thursday	Crumpets	Sandwiches
Friday	Crackers and cake	Crackers and cake

If your child brings a lunchbox to Busy Bodies, kindly ensure that this is labelled and the containers are labelled too as we often put food into the refrigerator to help keep them fresh during the school day.

Polite reminders-

Kindly ensure that your requirements for April are booked on Arbor, please ensure that fees are paid and up to date.

A reminder that Friday 22nd May is a Professional Development Day, school will be closed to pupils.

Crafts and activities-

There will be a combination of staff own planned activities as well as children led activities including- Making of spring wreaths, watering can crafts, hot air balloon activities.

To celebrate Earth Day next **Wednesday 22nd April** the children will be engrossed in an activity where they will mould together degradable paper with wildflower seeds into an Earth shape (Seed bombs).



Newsletter: The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website: <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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14/04/2026

