



# NEWSLETTER - April 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April** - The sun shone, snacks were all consumed and we had an amazing band of volunteers who attended our **Ground Force Day event!** Thanks to all the teachers, Governors and families who came along, rolled up their sleeves and helped with cleaning, cutting and planting, digging and tidying the areas around school. We did a fantastic job and although it seemed that the children often left their grown ups to do the hard work, everyone's efforts were appreciated!! Thank you also goes to the donations of paint received from **RM Martin in Wolverhampton**. Our fence painting has begun, although may take a little longer than anticipated!! We are still looking for a donation of bamboo style fencing to "hide" the unsightly bin area between the two school, so if anyone could help with this request, we would be very grateful.

**Autism acceptance month** was celebrated during our first week back last week. Mrs Jones led an Autism awareness assembly on Thursday, and children looked fabulous wearing their brightly coloured clothes on Friday. They had a great time participating in an obstacle course activity during Friday morning and we would like to thank Mr Watts for organising the sessions with Junior school. We raised **£175.56** from the day which will be used to support us providing additional SEN resources to support our Autism awareness in school.



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April was **Reception 2026 offer day** and we are pleased to report that 90 places have been offered to local families for September. Further information regarding induction meetings will be sent in due course but we look forward to welcoming a full cohort into Boldmere in September.

Junior school have sent correspondence in their newsletter around **Smart Phone Free Childhood**. This parent-led grassroots movement brings together families who are thinking about delaying giving smartphones to their children. We are sharing the link to a short parent survey to gauge attitudes and thoughts around smartphones. Although this may not directly affect many of our young children, we would value your contributions. The survey is anonymous. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/rGBpCbXsSWUTEeU>

A final word this week is a reminder that our **Sports Day afternoon** is planned for **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 1.30-3.00pm**.

All parents, carers and families are invited. The event will take place on the school field and we look forward to seeing you all there.

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

## Diary Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - School re-opens to all pupils

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you.

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Zachary, Jacob & Axel

**Year 2:** Taite, Jakh & Summaya



## Inset Days

Inset days for 2026-27 are as follows:

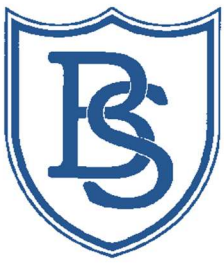
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**



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## Boldmere Infants Mini Market

Our School Council are organising a 'Mini Market' which will be held during school time (a grown-up free shopping experience!!!) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

We are looking for children to donate a toy and book so we can have toy and book stalls. If children could send these into school over the next couple of weeks so that School Council can begin arranging, we would really appreciate it.

Other stalls include friendship bracelets/ bands, bookmarks and cakes prepared during enrichment afternoons. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May children will need a bag for life with their name on and £2.50. The £2.50 will give each child 5 tokens so they may choose an item from each stall. The cake stall will cater for allergies.

All money will then be used to update the outdoor equipment for children to play with at lunchtime.

## Friendship Bracelets

A huge thank you to everyone who have made bracelets at home and donated for the mini market. We are grateful for any more!



## Junior Duke

Yet again it has been lovely to look through all of the challenges children have completed for their Junior Duke awards.



Children have been so busy that I may need a few days to get through them all!

Please don't worry if the booklets don't come home with the children before Friday- I'm keeping them safe.

Thank you Mrs Mason

## educaterers®

### 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 [contactus@educaterers.co.uk](mailto:contactus@educaterers.co.uk)

Just a reminder that allergy information **does not** transfer between accounts, so parents must re-add this information immediately.

## Year 2 Trip - Black Country Museum

Letters will be sent home last week 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 last week 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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## 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.

## 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.



# INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SPORT FESTIVAL



**Saturday 30 May 2026**  
10 am to 1 pm



**Alexander Stadium, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 2LR**

Young people aged 5-25 and families from local communities are invited to join us at this iconic venue for a **fun, inclusive and accessible celebration of athletics**, ahead of the European Athletics Championships 2026.



**SIGN UP!**

[Click here to reserve your FREE place!](#)



[www.StreetGames.org](http://www.StreetGames.org)

[www.AccessSport.org.uk](http://www.AccessSport.org.uk)



## School Uniform and Children's PE kits

Please can all parents ensure that all clothing (uniform and PE kit) is labelled with the child's name.

PE kits should also be in school every day.

Thank you.

## FREE TICKETS!!!!

We have some free tickets for the Sutton United Football Club v Heather St John's semi-final on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 3pm** at Coleshill Road Stadium. If you are interested, please call into the Infant Office to collect your complimentary tickets.

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.





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## Busy Bodies News

### Busy Bodies families,

Over the past few weeks, the children have been engaging in various activities around the club, please see attached some photos. They are also enjoying having the fish tank with the tadpoles. The tadpoles have gotten much bigger since the half term holiday and are thriving, we look forward to seeing them grown into tiny frogs.



### April/ May bookings

Kindly ensure that your sessions for the remainder of April are booked on time, please note that there is an 8-hour cut off for those who are booking ad hoc sessions.

May fees and bookings are due in by next **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**.

### Toy appeal

Firstly, can we start by saying a really huge THANK YOU to all the amazing families that have recently donated some lovely toys to our club. This has benefitted the children immensely and the toys are now given another opportunity to be loved and played with by other children.

### Lego

We are currently hoping to top up the Lego we have at our club and ask that should you be having a clear out and have any Lego with suitable pieces for children aged 4-11 years, kindly donate this to our team.

We would avoid any small pieces as we have children of different abilities and ages accessing the toys.

### School Emails

The two separate email addresses  
For Infants/Juniors are:

[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



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

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)  
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Headteacher  
21/04/2026



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