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December

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's newsletter will be providing a few reminders for parents about the lovely Christmas activities taking place during the coming weeks!

Our **Christmas postal workers** have received their training this morning and will be starting the delivery of Christmas cards from tomorrow. Well done to all successful Y2 candidates, I am sure that you will be amazing in your new roles! Please ensure class names are written on the envelopes of any cards being posted as this will help our delivery people! Deadlines for **Christmas cards** and **Photograph orders** to school are **3rd December** and **2nd December** respectively.



Popolo Ceramica orders also need to be placed by **2nd December**, as the workshops are taking place on Thursday/Friday this week. We are really looking forward to welcoming this new venture to school and thank you to all parents who have already placed orders. There are some lovely present opportunities if you are struggling to think of last-minute gifts!

Christmas performances - tickets will be sent to parents tomorrow (please bring along on the day). Each child will receive two tickets only, due to fire regulations. Although there is no charge for the tickets, we welcome any donations! Any money received will support with the purchase of costumes and scenery, thank you in advance, for your generosity!

Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice will take place on **Friday 12th December** - sponsor forms will be sent home with children later this week. John and "Hetty" delivered an assembly yesterday and children are all very excited to be joining with Junior school for the Run!



Friday 12th December is also **Christmas Jumper Day** in exchange for items towards the **Christmas Fair**.

The Fair is also taking place after school from **3.30-5.30pm on 12th December**. Infant children are asked to bring chocolate for the Chocolate tombola, and gift boxes for the Deal/No deal stall. Further details are contained in the PTA newsletter. As always, please volunteer your time, even if just for an hour, to support the PTA in facilitating the Christmas event.

End of term reports will be sent home with children on **Friday 19th December**.

Asthma advice - following our previous communication last week, Mrs Kully Bhogal will be offering asthma advice for children and parents on **Wednesday 3rd December at 3.30pm** in the training room. Please note that school offer thanks to Mrs Bhogal for her professional support in this area, but we would encourage parents/carers to seek medical advice from their GP if they have concerns regarding their child's medical conditions.

Diary Dates

Monday 8th December - 9:30am (RI) Robins Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December - 9:30am (RM) Hedgehogs Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December - 9.30am (RW) Penguins Christmas Performance

Monday 8th December - 2pm (1L) Owls Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December - 2pm (1M) Meerkats Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December - 2pm (1S) Lions Christmas Performance

Thursday 11th December - Nursery Christmas Craft Day

Monday 15th December - 2pm (2U) Parrots Christmas Performance

Tuesday 16th December - 2pm (2G) Seals Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December - 2pm (2B) Bears Christmas Performance

Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas holidays.



Monday 5th January 2026 - INSET Day-school closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - School re-opens to all pupils



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Christingle Assemblies

We were thrilled to welcome Rev. Chris from Wylde Green United Reformed Church this morning to lead our assemblies.

For our Early Years children, he shared the story of the First Christmas so that our younger children understand why Christmas is such an important time of year for Christians.

For our Key Stage One children Rev. Chris was talking about advent including how we prepare for Christmas.

He also showed the children a Christingle, explaining what each part represents.

All the children enjoyed sharing some of our Christmas songs with Rev. Chris.

Over the festive period there are lots of family friendly activities taking place at the Church (on the corner of Highbridge Road and Britwell Road). Rev Chris was keen to shared that everyone is welcome:



Saturday 13th December - 5pm Carols & Fireworks.

There will be refreshments available to buy.

Friday 19th December - 6pm Home Alone film (with snacks) and meet Santa.

Saturday 20th December - 10am-11:30pm - Drop in and learn about Christmas traditions
Christmas Treasure Hunt, 2:30-4pm - Frozen Science Lab... winter themed science experiments - text Faye to book 07784912228

Monday 22nd December - 10:30am-12pm Make Christmas gifts @ Serenity Lounge - text Faye

Tuesday 23rd December - 1-3pm Drop in and make Christmas gifts, 4pm Christmas quiz for all ages (child friendly) and hot supper

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December 11am Dress the Crib Service.

This is a gentle, traditional service for younger children. 4pm Twelve Days of Christmas Disco Service. This is a livelier service for Christmas eve.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December 10am Fun Christmas day service based on a birthday party.



Junior Duke Award

Mrs Mason is excited to announce that the Junior Duke Award activity books have been delivered to school. They will be distributed and sent home this week to all of the children taking part along with some further guidance on how to complete.

Nursery Christmas Craft Day

The Nursery **Christmas Craft Day** is on **Thursday 11th Dec, 10-11am for AM** children and **2-3pm for PM** children. All full-time children's grown-ups can choose which session they wish to attend. We look forward to seeing you all!



Lunchtime Clubs

Spring term one lunchtime club letters were sent home with the children last week.

We still have spaces for the Year 1 rugby club and the Year 2 tennis club.

If your child would like to take part, payments need to be made via ParentPay and the completed reply slips returned to school by

9am Wednesday 3rd December

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Reminder!

Just a reminder, the following deadlines are this week:



Last day to order School Photos for delivery to school is

Tuesday 2nd December

Last day to order Christmas Cards/products from

MyArtProject is

Wednesday 3rd December

Last day to book onto Popolo Ceramico (Nursery & Reception only) is

Tuesday 2nd December.

Dog Poo

We've noticed an increasing amount of dog waste around our local area, which can be unpleasant and unhygienic for everyone, especially children.

Please can we remind all dog owners to clean up after their pets and dispose of waste responsibly.

Additionally, before coming into school, please check your child's shoes to ensure they are clean and free from any dog mess. This helps keep our classrooms safe and hygienic for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our community clean!



SEND Coffee Afternoon - Meet the Services

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Services' SEND Coffee Afternoon last Tuesday.

We hope that this gave parents the opportunity to meet some of the outside agencies that we work with and ask any questions. If you attended, we would really appreciate your feedback by completing the attached form.

You may also complete this form if you would like to suggest some topics for our future SEND events.

<https://forms.office.com/e/aVaGqGphz5>



Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office.

Dolce manages our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal. Thank you.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has 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



Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches, please contact them via

customercare@dolce.co.uk

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BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 24th November 2025

Giraffes

The Giraffes have been busy exploring 2D shapes and using positional language such as under, next to, and in front of during their activities.

Across the BIB, children have now moved into new phonics groups based on their stage of development. They are adjusting well to working with different staff members and are showing great confidence and effort.

In life skills, the children enjoyed practising buttering toast, developing their independence and fine-motor skills.

Puffins

Puffin Class have had a wonderful week of learning and creativity. The children have been exploring light boxes, investigating colours, shadows, and patterns with great curiosity.

We have also been busy preparing props for our Christmas production, and the children are enjoying getting involved in the festive fun.

In maths, the children have been working on place value, using practical resources to build their understanding of tens and ones.

OTHER SEASONAL DATES ...

Friday 12th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

Thursday 18th December - Christmas party

Friday 19th December - Church service



Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Matilda, Piper & Cole

Year 2: Oliver, Rayaana & Alexandra



Reception Admissions - September 2026

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2026. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is
Thursday 15th January 2026.

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2026

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is
Thursday 15th January 2026.

Parking

The safety of your children when using the roads and pavements around school are of paramount importance.

The BCC link for reporting illegally parked vehicles is below and I would urge all parents/carers who see traffic violations to report the incidents.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle





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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY 2025 FESTIVE SOCCER SCHOOLS



Date: 22nd & 23rd December
Time: 9:30 - 15:30
Location: Aston Villa Inner City Academy
Aston
B6 7DT
Age: 5 - 12



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FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY 2026 NEW YEAR SOCCER SCHOOL



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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.

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VACANCY

We are looking to recruit three lunchtime playleaders to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. Each post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm.

If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team please click on the link below to take you to our school website where all the information required is available.

<https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

We hope to have a successful response and feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you know may be interested.

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Busy Bodies News

As the Christmas season draws near, we are hoping to bring a festive feel to the staff and children over the remaining few weeks of term.

What to expect...

This week we start off with Christmas crafts and activities, and **next week** we will host our half termly key worker meetings with the children.

Key work meetings Infants on Tuesday 9th December, and Juniors on Wednesday 10th December. Children can expect crafts or activities varied at their age groups. Keep an eye out for any keep sakes.

Busy Bodies Christmas party Wednesday 16th December- all children will have the opportunity to engage in games and activities should they wish to- musical status, musical chairs and pass the parcel- all prepared by the Busy Bodies staff ahead of the day. Please note children can bring in their party clothes should they wish to get a shimmer on.

Arbor

May we take this opportunity to remind everyone to kindly book your December session via Arbor. Recently, we have had a few children not being booked in and are having to be brought down to Busy Bodies by their Teachers as they are not collected at the end of the school day.

Please note, we try our best to ensure the safety and well-being of all our children, some children can become upset if they are unsure of when they are being collected. To prevent unsettled little ones, we ask that parents/guardians kindly book their required sessions on time.

New charges

Over the next week we will be launching the new fees ready for January-July 2026 sessions.

Please ensure that January sessions are booked via the payment items-

Busy Bodies Breakfast club JAN-JUL 2026 or Busy Bodies after school club JAN-JUL 2026.

Finally, a safety reminder- when collecting from Busy Bodies if you notice the school gate is left unlock, please let a member of staff be aware and kindly shut the gates behind you when you exit. This helps to keep our children and staff safe within the setting. Thank you for your support.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

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



School Emails

The two new separate Email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

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





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Coffee Morning
FRIDAY'S
9.30am - 11.30am
Featherstone Children's Centre
Highcroft Road
B23 6AU
This is a supportive space for parents and carers of children with SEND to connect and chat.

 **Meet others who understand**
Share experiences
Find support

To book visit
www.growfamilyservices.org//coffeemornings



Coffee Morning
TUESDAY'S
9.30am - 11.30am
Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield
B72 1RN
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 **Sensory Circuits** Funded by  Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

Helping SEND children feel calm, focused, and ready to learn.

Join our session led by Laura Graham - Occupational Therapist to discover how simple sensory activities can help your child:

- Regulate emotions and energy levels
- Improve focus and attention
- Feel more settled at home or school

You'll learn how to use home sensory circuits - fun, practical, to support your child's needs.

Thursday
4th December
6.45pm - 9pm
Four Oaks Methodist Church,
155 Lichfield Road,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands
B74 2UU



To book a place please visit
www.growfamilyservices.org/sendtalks



Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

02/12/2025

Samantha Kenny

