



# NEWSLETTER - DEC 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely it was to see so many faces at our **Christmas Fayre** last Friday! Thank you to all of you who attended, offered their services for the evening, and helped to raise funds for the PTA. We enjoyed seeing Santa in his grotto and hearing all about Christmas wishes of your children - I hope Parents and Carers have read all of the Christmas lists thoroughly!

This week has seen the start of our **Christmas Nativity** performances at school and the Hall has become a twinkling Bethlehem! We have Reception performing "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel" and Year 1 performing "Prickly Hay". Next week Year 2 will be treating us to "The Big-Little Nativity". We look forward to welcoming you all to the events - each child has been provided with 2 tickets for their class performance.

Wednesday is the **children's Christmas lunch** and orders must be made online via Dolce.

Our annual **Jolly Jumper and Reindeer Run** takes place this Friday so children may wear their Jolly Jumper to school. Reindeer antlers will be distributed on the day and we are looking forward to joining with Junior school for the event! Sponsor forms were sent out last week and all donations must be made via the **Just Giving** page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-1732182153195?newPage=true>



We are already at £80 so well done everyone!

Friday also sees the PTA **Elfridges shop** at school. Payments must be made online and children will collect their presents during the morning.

Our Christmas activities end next **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** with a **Party Day** where children may wear party clothes to school. Each child will bring home a paper bag to decorate and we request that parents provide a few items to eat for the party. Please note that the food provided in your child's bag will be for your child only.

Suggestions might include some fruit/a piece of cake /sausage roll etc. We shall also be having a video call with Father Christmas during the morning where we will no doubt be re-assuring him that everyone is on his list!

Thank you to our **Year 2 Postal workers** who had their training and began their job this week - what excellent role models you are. A reminder from the team however to please write all class names on the envelopes!

BIB children will be participating in their afternoon Christmas crafts today and we hope that parents are looking forward to getting creative with glitter and icing sugar!

They will also be performing their own **Nativity** after the craft session for LK parents, as well as repeating the performance on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December for ED and Giraffe parents.

They will have their **Party/Christmas** celebration day on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** as the rest of school.

## Christmas Performance Dates

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am (RM) Hedgehogs

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am (RI) Robins

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm Meerkats' (1M)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2B) Bears

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2P) Frogs

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2S) Lions'



## Diary Dates

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - PTA Elfridges

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.





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## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Elsie, William & Samuel

**Year 2:** Jay, Anrola & Emmy



## Illness in School

Unfortunately it is that time of year where there are many different illnesses circulating. Please follow the link below to NHS guidance which can support you in making a decision if your child is well enough for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email [enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before **9am** in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) or if they are going to be late for any reason. If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children. Thank you.

## 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.



## Christmas Assemblies

Last Tuesday Rev. Chris from Wylde Green United Reform Church came to join us in school to lead our assemblies.

For our Early Years classes, the focus of the assembly was why Christians celebrate Christmas. This included an interactive version of the First Christmas Story with the children adding the sound effects.

For our Key Stage One children, the focus was learning about Christingles and what each part of the Christingle symbolises.



Over the coming weeks W.G.U.R.C, which is on the corner of Highbridge Road and Britwell Road has some events which are aimed towards families which everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 5pm** - Carols and fireworks on the field behind the church (access through the church car park)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 2pm** - Children's film 'The star' with guest appearance from F.C.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11am** - Crib Service for younger children and **4pm** - Children's 80's Sing-a-long Nativity.

## Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025 and Reception Admissions September 2025

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2025 are both live and can be found by visiting:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for both applications is **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

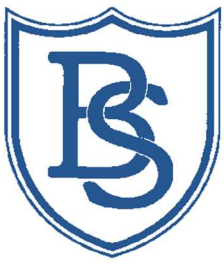
## Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception **2025**. Please visit the website at:

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## Football in the Community

We are delighted to share with you all our upcoming Football in the Community Events.

### LIMITED SPACES

- Festive Soccer School (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024) to pre book please visit the link [Buy Tickets: Aston Villa Ticketing](#)
- New Year Soccer School (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025) to pre book please visit the link [Buy Tickets: Aston Villa Ticketing](#)



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## FESTIVE & NEW YEAR SOCCER SCHOOLS (OUTFIELD & GOALKEEPER)



Aston Villa Inner City Academy, B6 7DT

FESTIVE SOCCER SCHOOL	NEW YEAR SOCCER SCHOOL
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec '24	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan '25
9:30 - 15:30	9:30 - 15:30
Ages 5 - 12	Ages 5 - 12



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## Ordering Lunches-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.

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

## 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

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

- [bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)
- [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)
- [yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



## 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)

## Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for **September 2025** are available from the Infant school office.



## Music Lessons

Please be advised that there will be no Cello lessons next week. However Violin lessons will continue until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



**Newsletter:** The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

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