



NEWSLETTER - Dec 2

December

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are keeping the newsletter short and sweet this week.....

Reception and Year 1 children have put on great **Christmas performances** this week! Lines have been learnt, songs and dances rehearsed, scenery painted and costumes all sewn! Thank you to our wonderful audiences who have shown their appreciation at the end of each performance- from the rapturous applause and cheers, to the monetary donations for costumes. Thank you for your generosity, the children have certainly enjoyed the experience and have loved performing for their grown-ups. A polite reminder that although the performances are allowed to be filmed, we ask that they are not shared on social media sites.



On **Thursday 11th December**, Nursery are holding their Christmas craft sessions at 10.00am /2.00pm. We look forward to seeing Parent/Carers joining us for some glittery fun!

Friday is our annual **Rudolph Run** in aid of Birmingham Hospice. Children have all received their sponsor forms and we are looking forward to completing the run with Junior school during Friday morning.



Sponsor money can be paid via ParentPay or cash may be sent into school.

Deadline for payments is **Wednesday 17th December**.

Children may wear their **own clothes/Christmas Jumper** on Friday



12th December, in exchange for **Christmas Fair** items of **chocolate** (for the tombola) and **bags/boxes** containing treats up to the value of £1.00 (for the lucky bag/deal or No deal). The **Christmas Fair** will be taking place at

Infant School between 3.30-5.30pm on Friday 12th December.

The PTA Elfridge store makes a return to school on **Monday 15th December.**



Christmas Party Day is **Thursday 18th December**, when children may come to school wearing their party clothes. Please ensure that suitable footwear is worn on the day as children will continue to access the playground for playtimes.

New Oscott Village Visit

A reminder that Year Two will be walking to New Oscott Residential Village tomorrow morning. Please ensure that children are in appropriate clothing and suitable footwear.

As it stands the weather forecast is looking hopeful but please take the weather in the morning into consideration.

Children may wear a suitable Christmas hat/Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform for the occasion!



Diary Dates

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

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

Thursday 11th December - Nursery Christmas Craft Day
Friday 12th December - The Christmas Fair.

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

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

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

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December - Church Service & 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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BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 8th December 2025

Before we share the learning and activities the children have been completing, there is some staffing news we would like to share with you all. We would like to take a moment to recognise **Mrs Isher**, who will be leaving us at the end of the term. Over her time with us, she has supported our children with warmth, professionalism, and genuine care. Her contribution has been deeply valued, and she will be greatly missed.

Thank you, Mrs Isher, for everything. We wish you happiness and success in your next steps.



Giraffe Class

This week, Giraffe Class enjoyed reading their new book Dear Santa. The children loved exploring the different presents Santa unwraps and predicting what might be hidden inside each parcel!

We also focused on developing fine motor skills, with a range of festive activities in the tuff tray. The children practised threading, tweezing, scooping, and sorting using sparkly Christmas items — great for building hand strength and coordination.

To add to the excitement, the class has been busy completing their Christmas crafts. From cutting and gluing to decorating with sequins and glitter, everyone has been working hard to create beautiful festive pieces to take home.

Puffin Class

This week, Puffin Class has been getting into the festive spirit! The children have been busy completing their Christmas crafts, using lots of creativity and care to make special decorations and artwork to take home.

We have also been enjoying a variety of Christmas stories, exploring different characters whilst building our listening and comprehension skills. The children loved joining in with repeated phrases and talking about their favourite parts.

In PE, Puffins took part in simple team games, practising turn-taking, working together, and cheering on their friends. It was wonderful to see such great teamwork and enthusiasm!

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 by 9am on the day of absence 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
Thank you.



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In January **Grow Family Services** have a brilliant opportunity for parents to engage in a free eight-week wellbeing course, focusing on the parent/carer. Please see the flyer below.

Parents can book a space through our website <https://www.growfamilyservices.org/>

WELLBEING

Tuesdays
8 weeks from
13th January 2026

7pm - 9pm

Four Oaks Methodist
Church, Sutton
Coldfield

This well-being course will be run by Evolving Families and focuses on the parent/carer rather than the young person.

- Week 1 - Introductions
- Week 2 - Understanding SEND and parenting experience
- Week 3 - Understanding emotions
- Week 4 - Building tolerance and boundaries
- Week 5 - Identity beyond parenting
- Week 6 - Communication and advocacy
- Week 7 - Building networks and strengths
- Week 8 - Consolidate and plan for the future

to book please use the Microsoft form link below
you must be available for all 8 weeks

Grow
Family Services

Celebrate
Jesus at the Centre

Sunday 14th December

Family Service at 10:00 am
Everyone welcome

Nativity



Come dressed up or borrow our costumes when you arrive, if you would like to.

Refreshments after the Service

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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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/school_admissions 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.

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.

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.

Thank you.

Newsletter:

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

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

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.

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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Busy Bodies News

Key work meetings

Today at Busy Bodies we shall be having our second key work meeting of this academic year. The Infant school children will engage in festive fun activities tailored to their age groups. Tomorrow, the Junior school children will have their own key work meetings. Keep an eye out for any keep sakes.

Arbor

As mentioned last week, we ask that parents kindly ensure that they are booking in their children's sessions via Arbor as it has been noted that several children are regularly being booked in manually by our staff members following non collection from school.

January to July fees- Arbor

Today, the new fees will be updated on Arbor for parents to make bookings for January onwards. Please use the Arbor club options: **Busy Bodies Breakfast Club Jan-Jul 2026**- for booking morning sessions and select **Busy Bodies After School Club Jan-Jul 2026**-for booking after school sessions.

Spring term registration fees

We will also be uploading the Spring term registration fee payment option for all new students looking to register with our club as of January 2026.

A polite reminder

May we take this opportunity to remind parents not to open the gate for anyone else when collecting from Busy Bodies. This prevents unauthorised access to those that should not be on our school site.

Please note that it is not always possible to see parents/ guardians on the intercom, so we must encourage those collecting children from our club to come to the Busy Bodies door and ring the bell on the left-hand side of the door.

ParentPay

A reminder that we no longer encourage parents to pay for their Busy Bodies fees via ParentPay, this must now be done via Arbor. We will transfer any fees that have been recently paid into ParentPay into your child's Arbor account, but it is parents responsibility going forward to ensure that they use the correct method of payment.

Tax-Free Childcare scheme

A reminder that when making payments for Busy Bodies fees, kindly select **Boldmere Junior School** as the childcare provider.

Recently, we have had a few payments into the Infant school account, if this relates to you kindly remove the Infant school to ensure future payments go to the correct account.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above matters, and for your continued support.

Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

09/12/2025

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