



NEWSLETTER - FEB 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are participating in **Children's Mental Health Week- Express Yourself, Know Yourself**

It was lots of fun yesterday seeing children and staff express themselves in such different ways and it offered opportunities for children to share their passions! For the rest of the week we have teamed up with the Junior School Mental Health Champions who are kindly delivering an assembly tomorrow for Year 1 and Year 2 to explain ways the children can keep mentally healthy. The Champions will also be joining the children during lunch time play on Wednesday and Thursday to deliver some fun activities on the playground.

For further support on children's mental health and wellbeing please follow link below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

On the subject of good mental health, Year 2 attended a special **singing showcase** at Junior school yesterday! What a feel-good event this was! Well done to Year 3, thank you for putting a smile on our face and helping us to release those happy endorphins!

Yesterday, Mrs Mason collated all of the returned reply slips for our new **Junior Duke Award**. We are amazed and very pleased to see that over 200 children have signed up!

Thank you for all of the interest shown in the Junior Duke Award, we are super excited to get started now. We will be placing the order for the workbooks (which contain the challenges) this week and will distribute them to you as soon as they are received, hopefully before half term. Further information will be sent home alongside the workbooks.

A reminder that our **Online Parents' evening** for Infant school is next **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February**.

The appointment booking system (via Schoolcloud) opens at **4.00pm today**. Instructions for booking the appointments were sent last week, but please speak to your child's teacher if you have difficulties with the online system.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd - 7th February - Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th February - Parents Evening
Wednesday 12th February - Parents Rep Meeting
Friday 14th February - Break up for half term holidays
Monday 24th February - School re-opens to all pupils
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Thursday 6th March - Nursery 2025 Open Day
Thursday 13th March - PTA Ifthar
Wednesday 2nd April - Parents Rep Meeting
Friday 11th April - Break for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April - School re-opens to all pupils
Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils
Monday 19th May - Reception trip to Ash End Farm
Friday 23rd May - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils
Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term holidays
Monday 2nd June - School re-opens to all pupils

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

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

Completed application forms must be received by **Monday 17th March 2025**.



Newsletter:

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

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



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Safer Internet Day 2025

On **Tuesday 11th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2025. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. This year the campaign is called 'Too good to be true' focusing on protecting yourself and others from scams online. For the age of our children, this would include the adverts and 'pop ups' they might see when using the internet at home.

We will be having class discussions at fruit time, and sharing an age appropriate story with the children. We will also be making awareness posters, with one poster from each class being displayed on our Computing display board. The UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers, which are available at <https://saferinternetday.org.uk/>.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Kenny, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Reception Trip to Ash End Farm

The letters for the Reception trip to Ash End Farm on **Monday 19th May** will be sent home with the children tomorrow.

Please can all parents/carers complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school please.

Payment must also be made **via ParentPay**.

If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled.

Lunchtime Club Letters for Spring 2nd Half Term 2025

There are still some places available for the Year 1 Girls AVFC Football Lunchtime Club.

If your child is interested please contact the office.



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** 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.



Twitter/X

Just a short note to advise that as a school, we will soon cease to use 'X' to communicate school updates, celebrations and general messages. This is something that we have been migrating towards for a while and we will no longer use the platform at all following the February half-term break.

Alternatives are currently being considered and we will update you with further information in subsequent weeks.

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/>



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**Communication and Autism****Access to Education**
Communication and Autism Team (CAT)
SPRING 2025 - Parent carer Advice Sessions online

We would like to invite you to a one-to-one advice session alongside a CAT, to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

The sessions will take place online via Microsoft TEAM's and will last for 25 minutes.	Sessions are available on the following dates between 9am – 12pm 10 th February 2025 11 th February 2025 12 th February 2025
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Due to limited places, the sessions will be offered to the first families to contact us.

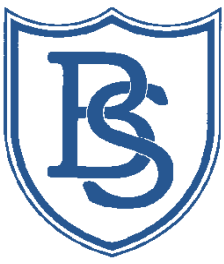
To reserve a place please email: wendy.p.bantock@birmingham.gov.uk or joanne.clifford@birmingham.gov.uk

You will receive an email response to confirm your booking including the date and time of your session or to tell you that the sessions are full for this term. (We will be delivering more sessions online next term for parent carers.)

Please include in your email / booking that it is for the:

SPRING 2025 – CAT Parent carer Advice Sessions online

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's school
- Please include in your preferred email contact for the TEAM's invite to be sent to
- And a brief description of the things you would like to talk about in the session, so that the CAT can prepare and make sure the advice is relevant to your child.



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning February 3rd 2025

Celebrations

Ava in **Giraffe** class for following the toilet routine.

Thierry in **ED** for his amazing hard work.

Habiba in **LK** for her amazing handwriting.



Dates for the Diary

BIB Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday March 5th**. Letters will be sent out soon.

The BIB children will be taking part in **World Book Day Thursday March 6th**.

We will be reading books with colour as the focus. So as in previous years, if they feel comfortable to, the children can come to school that day in a colour of their choice.

You may have read about the **Junior Duke Award** in the Infant Newsletter. This will be an opportunity for the BIB children. More information to follow about how we will be involved.

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

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.

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

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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 separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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Head of School
04/02/2025

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