



# NEWSLETTER - FEB 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

With **Parents' evenings** planned for next week, please ensure that you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher. Instructions for booking via SchoolCloud are attached to today's newsletter, just in case you missed it last week. Thank you to those who have already completed this. The booking system is open until **10.00am next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please speak to staff if you are having difficulties using the online system. Both evenings are online, with the exception of Bear class. Should there be any technical difficulties with internet connections, staff will telephone parents for the appointment so please keep your phones to hand.

**Staffing update** - we are pleased to welcome Mrs Rai to our Boldmere teaching team this week. Mrs Rai will be working in the Boldmere Inclusion Base with Mrs Gaunt and Mrs Williams in Puffin class.

We also have new lunchtime playleaders joining us this term. Welcome to Mrs Wilding, the first new member of the team, who started yesterday. A reminder that our **Parent Rep meeting** will be taking place next **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.10am**, so please speak to your class rep should you have any issues that you would like raising.

We are excited to inform parents/carers that we will be launching a **Facebook page** for Boldmere Infant and Nursery school and Boldmere Inclusion Base in the coming weeks. This journey into social media is an exciting new venture and we aim to share and promote all the fabulous things that we do at Boldmere, in addition to making links with other schools and local community events.

Prior to the launch of this venture, we are requesting that all parents review their permission agreement, completed at the time of admission into Boldmere.

All children will receive a paper copy of the permission form today and we request that parents return to school by **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Nursery Open Day for September 2026 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (9.30am & 1.30pm)** for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2026

**(date of birth 01.09.2022 to 31.08.2023).**

Nursery registration forms are available from the Infant school office or they can be downloaded from the school website  under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338. The closing date for completed applications is **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Reception height & weight programme

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening Online

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Reception Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Year 1 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery Open Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break for Easter holidays

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils

**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

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Isaac P, Maya & Roza

**Year 2:** Isacc A, Arthur & Isaac L





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## Height & Weight Measurement Programme

The registered school nurse will be in school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** to take the height and weight measurements of the Reception children as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme.

Details were emailed out.

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's height and weight to be measured, or your child has a medical condition that effects their height or weight, please email the school office on

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

by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026** so that your child can be added to an 'opt out' list.

## 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.

## Free Parent Workshops

Compass Mental Health are offering **FREE** online workshops to parents in February and March, see below.

- Online Safety: Helping families navigate digital risks to keep children safe online.  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 9.30-11.30**
- Emotional Regulation: Practical strategies for supporting children's emotional wellbeing.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026. 9.30-11.30**
- Managing Anxiety and Worries: Guidance on recognising and reducing anxiety in children and young people.  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 9.30-11.30**

These sessions are designed to provide practical tools and expert advice that parents can apply at home.

For more information on how to book, please look at the flyer added to the end of this week's newsletter.

## Safer Internet Day 2026

This will take place on the **10th of February 2026**, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices-Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.'

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

At the Infants, we will be focusing on the use of 'Voice Assistants' (Alexa!)

You can find the slides we will be sharing by following the link-

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/education-resources>.

And helpful tips for parents here -

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

## 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)



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## BIB Newsletter Week beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026

### Giraffes

Giraffe Class have continued to share and explore the story of The Three Little Pigs, enjoying retelling the story and talking about the different characters and materials. In maths, we have been exploring length, using associated vocabulary such as longer, shorter and taller through practical activities. We have also been developing our fine motor skills by making bird feeders, carefully using our fingers to thread onto a pipe cleaner.

### Puffins

Puffins Class have been continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of subtraction through practical activities. In phonics groups, the children have been developing their sentence writing, focusing on using sounds they know to form clear and meaningful sentences. We have also started our new maths topic on size, exploring and comparing objects using vocabulary such as big, small, bigger and smaller.

**Please ensure you have seen your class teacher to arrange a parents evening appointment.**

### Busy Bodies News

#### February bookings on Arbor

A polite reminder for the month of February to be booked on Arbor using the payment item:

**Busy Bodies breakfast Club/ Busy Bodies after school Club.**

We have had several children not booked in as this is a new month, this can be unsettling for our little ones. Please kindly ensure that bookings are done on time and at the end of each month.

Please be reminded of the 12-hour cut off for making bookings on a daily basis- we have considered lowering this to 8 hours cut off to suit parents/ guardians needing sessions at short notice.

Once the adjustment has been made, we will inform you.

#### Arbor account

All of our families should now be able to log into their Arbor account and see all their invoice, payments and credit note. This can be accessed by selecting payments from the menu section, and this will show all active payments, invoices, top ups and credit notes. This will also include the times that you have booked in for each session. Kindly check and pay for any outstanding balances to keep your account up to date.

Should you require any help or support, please email the Busies team at: [busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

### Boldmere Infants' Reading Crew!

A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be a part of our 'reading crew' You will receive an email at the end of the week with further details. If there are any other parents who are able to volunteer 1 or 2 hours a week to read with children, please email school on our enquiry email. Thank you!



### Pudding & Pie Lunchtime Club

Emails were sent yesterday regarding the Pudding and Pie lunchtime clubs which will be running on Mondays and Thursdays in Spring Term 2. Please book directly with Nikki Talbot on 07967004824.



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## ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**  
**AGES 5 TO 15**

MON 16 FEB - TUE 17 FEB

from 10 am to 4 pm

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Venue: **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



### 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.



### 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.

### 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. Thank you

### Newsletter:

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



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FOUNDATION

## FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY 2026



Skills and Coaching Centre Sessions (Ages 2-16)

Villa Tots (2-3yrs)

Skills Centres (4-7yrs)

Coaching Centres (8-16yrs)

Girls Coaching Centres (8-12yrs)

Goalkeeper Centre (6-16yrs)

3v3 Centre (7-12)

### Areas Covered:

- Aldridge (St Francis of Assisi College)
- Aston (Aston Villa Inner City Academy)
- Harborne (Lordswood Girls Academy)
- Solihull (St Peter's Catholic School)
- Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Coldfield Town FC)



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026 SOCCER SCHOOLS



Aston

Harborne

Bromsgrove

Dates: Mon 16th - Fri 20th Feb

Times: 9:30 - 15:30

Ages: 5 - 12



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)

[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)

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03/02/2026

*Samantha Kenny*

**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.

