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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents' evening - A reminder that Parents' Evening is taking place today and tomorrow from **3.45pm**. The appointments are online meetings, with the exception of Bear class.

School monitoring- Today we have welcomed our School Improvement Advisor, Mrs Smith into school for her termly monitoring visit.

Senior leaders met with Mrs Smith and discussed our School Improvement plans for 2025-2027, and our progress against each of the action points. We also took a tour of school during the afternoon, and Mrs Smith commented on the **excellent behaviour and positive relationships** demonstrated - a really lovely team spirit and ethos present!

As part of the visit, we also evaluated progress since our last Ofsted inspection and we articulated the work that has been undertaken in relation to the increased challenge for our higher attaining pupils and our improved Personal Development offer across school. This was ratified during the visit today and thanks go to all staff for their continued hard work. As ever, school improvement can only take place effectively when as a collective, we are supportive of changes and open to new ideas.

Alongside our monitoring and school improvement meetings this week, a reminder that we have our **Parent Class Rep** meeting tomorrow morning straight after drop off.

A final message today comes from **Barnaby and Beattie Bear** who are looking forward to breaking up for half term on Friday! Both bears love spending time away from school so if you would like to entertain either of the siblings during the holidays please write Mrs. Kenny a little letter, detailing your forthcoming adventures!



Nursery Open Day for September 2026 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 5th 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 completed applications is **Monday 16th March 2026**



Newsletter:

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

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

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th February - Parents Evening Online

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 23rd February - School re-opens to all pupils

Monday 2nd-6th March - Book Fair

Monday 2nd March - Reception Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

Tuesday 3rd March - Year 1 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

Wednesday 4th March - Year 2 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - Nursery Open Day

Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

Friday 27th March - Break for Easter holidays

Monday 13th April - School re-opens to all pupils

Monday 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Thursday 21st May - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 1st June - School re-opens to all pupils

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Elias, Iber & Arthur CR

Year 2: Oliver W, Eliza & Alfie





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Children's Mental Health Week 2026

The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is '**This is my Place**'

Mrs Mason will be delivering an assembly looking at belonging, discussing what it means and linking it to our school values- kindness, respect and cooperation.

We want all of our children to feel like they're part of something, such as family, school, friends, clubs or part of a team. We want our children to feel connected, valued, and accepted so they can feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play.

During Children's Mental Health Week, we'll be talking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong.

We'll learn how to be kind, include others, and make sure no one feels left out. Because everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

Junior Duke Award

A reminder that after half term there will be another opportunity for Mrs Mason to sign off Junior Duke challenges. If children have some challenges that they would like to be signed please send their books into school on Monday 2nd March. Please do not worry if you ever miss a date, you can get challenges signed off during any of the dates below:

Monday 2nd March

Monday 20th April

Monday 8th June

Monday 6th July



Mrs Mason really enjoys seeing and hearing about all of the hard work children have been putting into the award!

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 25th February 2026 9.30-11.30
- Emotional Regulation: Practical strategies for supporting children's emotional wellbeing.
Wednesday 4th March 2026. 9.30-11.30
- Managing Anxiety and Worries: Guidance on recognising and reducing anxiety in children and young people.
Wednesday 11th 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.

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



Book Week - w/c Monday 2nd March

Please find attached to this newsletter, the National Year of Reading newsletter which was emailed last week and details activities which will be taking place in school after the half term break.

We are looking forward to a very exciting week!





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Celebrations

There are lots of celebrations taking place this half term!

Tuesday 17th February is a very busy day as it is Lunar New Year, Shrove Tuesday and is also, the date that Ramadan is expected to start!

The children have been learning about **Lunar New Year** in school this week.

It is celebrated across Asia (China, Vietnam, Korea etc) as well as communities across the world. Each year is linked to one of the 12 zodiac animals, this year is the year of the horse. On Cbeebies there is an episode of JoJo and Gran Gran where JoJo learns all about Lunar New

Year. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001w9t9/jojo-gran-gran-series-3-winter-11-its-time-for-lunar-new-year>



Shrove Tuesday marks the last day of feasting before Lent begins.

People traditionally celebrate by eating pancakes, using up ingredients like eggs, sugar, and fat before the Lenten fast.

Wednesday 18th is then the first day of Lent



Tuesday 17th February is also the date that **Ramadan** is expected to start following the sighting of the moon over Mecca. We will be learning all about Ramadan when we come back after the half term holiday.

The Ramadan moon song is always popular with the children and you will soon find yourself humming along! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm7DrLOc9U4>

Please also see attached the school Ramadan letter for Parents and also the Request to Fast Form.



Whatever you are celebrating, we wish you and your family a joyful time.

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.

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.



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning February 9th 2026

Giraffes

This week in Giraffe Class, our learning has centred around celebrating three special events: Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, and Shrove Tuesday. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of fun, hands-on activities linked to each celebration. They explored creative craft projects, helped with simple cooking activities, and learned about the traditions behind each occasion. It has been a joyful time filled with excitement, creativity, and lots of smiles as the children worked together and shared new experiences.

Puffins

In Puffin Class, our learning has been full of creativity and exploration this week. In maths, the children have been focusing on measuring, using a range of objects to compare lengths and sizes. In art, they have been experimenting with printing techniques to create bright and colourful repeating patterns. During Forest School sessions, the children have enjoyed collecting natural materials to design and make their own nature crowns, showing great imagination and teamwork.

Next term our topic will be 'The Weather'.

Fingers crossed we get to see the sun soon!

Busy Bodies News

The children are eagerly awaiting breaking up, but before that they have a week full of fun activities and Key Worker meetings where they will as a year group come together to discuss the safety and rules of the club.

They will be able to give feedback on what they like about the club, and also any improvements they think can make it better. We truly value the views and contribution from both our children and parents.

This will be followed by other activities to celebrate Valentines Day and Chinese New Year such as card making and decorating cakes/biscuits. Our treats for the end of term.

Face painting

During this week we are hoping to have face painting on Wednesday and Thursday, so if for any reasons you wish for your child/ren not to take part in the face painting activity kindly let us know via email.

Arbor

Please ensure that you check your child's account to ensure that they are appropriately booked in for the month of February. There are still a few children who are not being booked in on time, the club manager has contacted those in concern. We simply want to ensure accuracy, and also less confusion for our children attending.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Most importantly we wish all our families a well-deserved break together at the end of the week.

See you after the February break.



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Nurturing ADHD kids

Free online courses for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Join one of our friendly six week course to learn how to understand and support them

You can join the day time session or the evening one.

It is online so you join from your own home.

You can register using the QR codes or email contactus@brewseducation.org

Registration closes at 5 pm on Friday 20th February 2026

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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. Thank you

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

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 separate email addresses For Infants/Juniors are:



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

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 10/02/2026

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