

# NEWSLETTER - FEB 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone after our half term break. We hope that you all enjoyed spending time with your families and friends and making special memories - even if this just means making cakes together and taking a walk in the park!

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us and we kick off next week with **Shrove Tuesday, Inspire workshops, World Book Day, Book Fair and our "Secret Readers"**! Thank you for all those who have volunteered for the secret reading missions- teachers will update you shortly with the rota for the week and we look forward to seeing the excitement that this generates in your child's class!

A delicious start to next week will involve making, and of course **eating pancakes!** Please speak to your child's class teacher and discuss providing alternative options for the activities if your child has allergies.

**Inspire workshops** take place each afternoon at 1.30-3.00pm next week on 4<sup>th</sup> March for Y1, 5<sup>th</sup> March for Y2 and 6<sup>th</sup> March for Reception. Year groups will be sending further information to you by Friday but I can provide the following to help prepare for the event!

**Reception activities** are all about colours and our favourite elephant, Elmer - please start collecting your empty milk bottles in order to make our milk bottle Elmer models!

**Year 1 activities** are all about Traditional Tales and **Year 2 activities** focus on planting and growing and include the creation of shoe box gardens - please supply an empty box on the day (no need to send them to school in advance!).

**The Book Fair** will also be available during each afternoon, and at the end of the school day.

**PTA will also be selling their Wonka Bars** and some lucky customers will win Golden Tickets and exciting prizes! Mrs. Beesley will share further information for all of these events, in today's newsletter.

A final **thanks go to Parents/Carers for your attendance at Parents' evening** before half term. It is always encouraging to know that we have 100% attendance for these sessions and shows how committed Boldmere families are to supporting children in their early years of education. We hope that you found the meetings positive, and that they supported you with targets for your child's development. We will be sending home a **Parent survey** form today and would be grateful for your feedback in order to continue our self-evaluation and school improvement.

Please return all forms to school by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, thank you.

## Newsletter:

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

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

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery 2025 Open Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - PTA Ifthar

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Parents Rep Meeting

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Break for Easter holidays

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 Sports Festival @ Aston Villa Inner City Academy (am only)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - School re-opens to all pupils

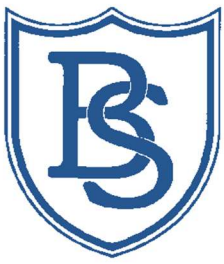
## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Lewis, Harry & Rohan

**Year 2:** AJ, Arlo & Ruel





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## Nursery Open Day for September 2025 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 6th March 2025 (9.30am & 1.30pm)** for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2025 (date of birth 01.09.2021 to 31.08.2022). Registration forms are available from the 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 17th March 2025**.



## Junior Duke Award

Further exciting news this week is that our **Junior Duke Award** workbooks have been delivered to school!



Mrs Mason will distribute them to children during the week and will provide instructions for all of those children taking part!

## Year 2 Sports Festival - Aston Villa Inner City Academy

The letters for the Year 2 Sports Festival at the Aston Villa Inner City Academy on **Tuesday 13th May 2025** were sent home with the children last half term.

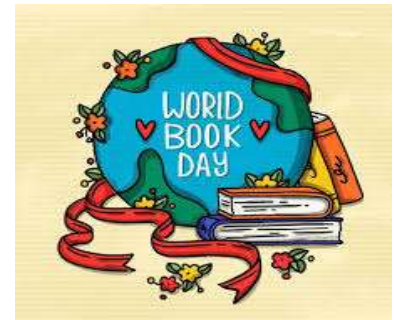
Please can all Parents/Carers complete the consent form and return it to school by **Monday 10th March 2025**.

Payment of **£4.80** towards the cost of the transport must also be made via **ParentPay**.

Thank you to families that have already paid however we are currently we have only received 50% of the payments.

If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled as the school budget is unable to subsidise the shortfall.

## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025



We will be using World Book Day as a way to share our favourite books. We are inviting children (and staff!) to dress up as character from their favourite books. Whilst we encourage all children to dress up, we recognise that some children may not want to. If this is the case, then children can always choose to bring in a favourite book instead. They will also receive a book voucher which they will bring home on the day.

## Reading - Half term challenge!

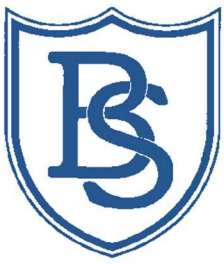
Thank you to everyone who took part in our half term reading challenge. If you still have photos to send in, please send them by Friday. As a reminder, the challenge was to find your reading super power! Do you read in bed, under the covers, sitting on the sofa, in the garden or under the stars? Ask a grown up to take a photo of you reading - this could be a favourite comfortable place or somewhere a little bit unusual or even ridiculous! You can choose to read anything that you enjoy. Please send photos to the year group email addresses and Mrs Beesley will add them to the display in the library.



## Travelling Book Fair - week beginning Monday 3rd March

The book fair will be in school during book week. It will be open each evening after school from **3:30-4pm** throughout the week. You will also have the opportunity to browse through the books with your child during the Inspire Workshops. There will be a range of books for sale suitable for children aged 0-9 years, with a starting price of £2.99. **Please note that the book fair is cash-less and all payments will be made online.**





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## Busy Bodies News

**March booking forms-** Please be aware that March booking forms are due in by this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, and fees are due in by this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If your child will be attending another after school club i.e. Pudding and Pie or football etc, and will be returning to Busy Bodies, kindly ensure that you add this to the booking form.

**Afternoon collections-** You will now be aware of the new collection procedure for the afternoon sessions at Busy Bodies. As communicated via school, parents will now enter via the main Junior School reception gates, kindly walk along the building towards the Busy Bodies collection area and ring the Busy Bodies buzzer as normal. We will take your little one out to meet you.

From around 4:30pm, the office gates will be closed, therefore we ask that parents/ carers ring the buzzer. The Busy Bodies staff will be able to give you access to the school, please note that there is a camera for us to see who is collecting. Speak as clearly as possible, so that the team can be aware of which children will be going home.

We feel that this new process is working well and will allow us time to gather your children as you walk down to the Busy Bodies collection area.

Any concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Managers.

## BIB Newsletter Week beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely and restful half term. I am sure like me, you are longing for the brighter mornings and sunnier days.

### Celebrations for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Idris** in Giraffe class for excellent communication skills.

**Zak** in ED for increasing his time in class with his friends.

**Aleen** in LK for showing an outstanding attitude towards school life.

**Musab** in LK for beautiful presentation in all of his work book.



### This week in the BIB

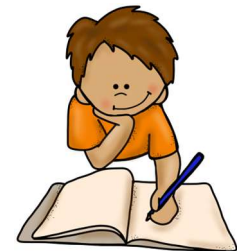
Giraffe class are learning about 'Colours' this term across all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, they are learning about numbers 6, 7, 8.

LK class are focusing on learning the 8 timetables and recapping the properties of 3D shapes in Maths.

They are looking at ways to stay safe, in particular Internet safety.

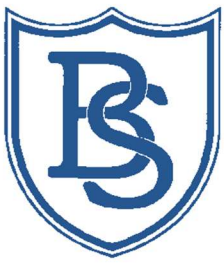
The class novel is Lost and Found.

ED class are recapping on place value and addition.



On Thursday it is Polar Bear Day and the class are reading and listening to the class story, The Snow Bear.





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| Symbol | To Celebrate         | Sign |
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## 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.

## 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)



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



## 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.

Mrs S Kenny  
 Head of School  
 24/02/2025

*Sarah Kenny*

