



NEWSLETTER - FEB 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable half term holiday and is fully refreshed to begin this next half term! It was so lovely to see everyone back yesterday and the lovely bit of sunshine provided a much needed boost to our immune systems!

This week has started with **World Thinking Day** and children attended school yesterday in their Scout and Guide uniforms and proudly shared their experiences, many reciting their official "Promise" too, well done children! Today we have also seen lots of children wearing **traditional dress** to celebrate their own cultures. How lovely it has been to hear them talk so enthusiastically, confidently and with pride about their own culture. We have taken lots of photographs and thank parents for your support this week.

Staffing update - This week we have welcomed a new Teaching assistant, Mr Bond to school. Mr Bond will be working in Year 2 alongside Mrs Godfray in Seal class and has already settled into our Boldmere team! This week we also say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Silverton, who begins her maternity leave at the end of the week. We wish her well and look forward to seeing a new member of her family soon. Parents and children in 1S class will receive further information regarding the maternity cover, later this week and we will speak to children about the arrangements before Mrs Silverton leaves.

Year 2 Leavers Hoodies - Reminder from Mrs Lannaman (parent in Y2) that all orders must be placed directly through this link by 1st May 2026.

Any late orders will incur a £10 late surcharge.

<https://www.sportologyonline.com/collections/boldmere-infants>

Parent feedback- Thank you to all parents/carer who completed our Google feedback form following parents' evening last half term. We received 71 responses and a summary of the feedback is attached to today's newsletter. Your views are invaluable for helping us support school improvement and the Senior Leadership team will be identifying actions based on your feedback.

World Book Week starts next Monday and we have a number of events taking place throughout the week. Inspire afternoons, Book Fair, Secret Readers(shhhh!) and World Book Day information was shared in last week's newsletter, and is attached again today (**Year of Reading Newsletter**) but please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming parents into school for these events!



Plea for help - We are looking to cover (or hide!) the unsightly bins which currently sit between Infant and Junior school - if anyone has any bamboo fencing/trellis that they would donate, we would be very grateful!

Diary Dates

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

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

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

Spare Clothes

Our stock of spare underwear and socks in school is running low. We would appreciate donations to top up our supply for when children have occasional accidents. Thank you.





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School Improvement Advisor

Our school improvement advisor Mrs Smith visited on 10th February and spent an afternoon talking to Senior Leaders as well as visiting classrooms and meeting children and staff. This termly visit forms part of our school self-evaluation and monitoring process, where we identify strengths and review our school improvement plan. We have now received Mrs Smith's report and are pleased to share the following summary:

"OVERALL STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL

Strong leadership team with a deep understanding of pupil needs.

Highly personalised pastoral and SEND support.

Exceptionally calm and consistent learning environment.

Effective use of outdoor provision to support regulation and progress.

High-quality enrichment opportunities.

Strong community partnerships.

Dedicated staff team demonstrating resilience, flexibility and professional commitment.

Clear improvements in writing, oracy and curriculum challenge.

The school continues to demonstrate strengths, driven by committed and reflective leadership.

Despite financial pressures, increasing SEND complexity, and ongoing staffing challenges, the team remains wholeheartedly focused on meeting the needs of all pupils.

The calm climate for learning, strong relationships, and depth of pastoral care are notable strengths.

Staff are dedicated to continual improvement, and leaders have a clear understanding of both the school's successes and the areas requiring further development.

The school's commitment to inclusion, personal development and high-quality provision was evident throughout the visit."

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 found on 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 16th March 2026**.

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!





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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



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.



Coffee morning in collaboration with Sense

What?

Sense helps children interact and play through accessible sensory sessions.

We run free sessions during term time and in school holidays exploring themes and stories that all children can access.

Our sessions run across Birmingham including at our Sense Touchbase Pears Centre, within the wider community and through partnerships with schools and nurseries.

Come and find out more on Wednesday 4th March 10.00am until 12:00pm
The Trinity Centre, Church HI, Mill St, Sutton Coldfield B72 1TF

Find out More

www.sense.org.uk/free-play



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning February 23rd 2026

This half term, we are excited to begin our new topic all about Weather! The children will be exploring different types of weather, learning about the seasons and discovering how weather affects our daily lives. Through fun investigations, creative activities and hands-on experiments, we look forward to developing their curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

Giraffes

Giraffe Class have begun their new sensory story, "Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today?" In Maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding of the concept of "more", using practical activities to deepen learning. This week our focus is on 'rain', and we have had great fun making our own rainmakers to explore sound and sensation.

Puffins

Puffin Class have been busy with lots of practical learning this week. In Maths, we are exploring volume and capacity, using hands-on activities to help us understand how much containers can hold. As part of our weather topic, we have also enjoyed activities where we dressed people to match different types of weather, helping us think about seasonal changes. During Forest School, the children developed their fine motor skills by threading leaves, creating beautiful natural decorations while enjoying the outdoors.

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.

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



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

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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23/02/2026

