



NEWSLETTER - JAN 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope that you have all had a fabulous Christmas and spent family time with your loved ones throughout the holidays. Children came back to school yesterday with lots of smiles and were quickly back into the routines of the day!

The sudden snowfall over the weekend provides a timely reminder that children should be wearing appropriate winter coats, hats, gloves etc but **please can all items be named**. Our lost property box has been emptied of all un-named items and the clothing taken to the charity shops, but it is real shame that we cannot re-unite children with their lost items as names are not written on clothing.

This half term, our **value is Appreciation**, and we are thinking about ways in which we can say "Thank you" to those around us - hopefully this message will be reiterated at home and children may realise (and hopefully show appreciation for) everything that you as parents/carers do for them!

Our ongoing school self-evaluation and monitoring this term is focusing on teaching and learning and we end the half term with our **Spring parents' evenings**. These will be held on **Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February from 3.45pm-6.00pm**. Further details will follow but please save the dates.

Extra-curricular opportunities play an important part of the education of children at Boldmere. The Christmas activities and events that were held last term highlighted this in abundance! **Violin and cello** lessons each week offer musical experiences for personal development and recently we have secured "**Pets as Therapy**" sessions for children in Year 1 and Year 2, and have been introduced to Claire and her dog Meg!

We continue to offer **lunchtime clubs**, some starting this week, but we are aware that some clubs take place on the same days. This seems to have caused a few hiccups in the allocation of places or requests to cancel places during last term, as some places are allocated directly with external providers. With this in mind, we will do our best to ensure that parents receive all club information in one message, thereby avoiding any clashes.

Now that the Christmas festivities have ended, we are beginning to think about Summer activities, including **school trips**, sports days and external sporting challenges. We hope to make provisional arrangements for all events as soon as possible, and will provide notice of financial contributions required. As a guide, we have attached the overview of some of this information, with updated **cost implications**.

This information was sent at the beginning of the year.
We hope that you find this useful.



Diary Dates

Monday 27th January - SEND Coffee afternoon 1.45pm - 3.15pm

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 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

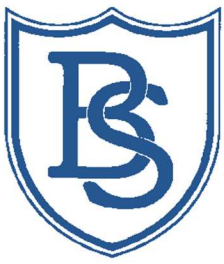
Monday 5th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2024 need to be rechecked and signed for the Spring Term.

Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Tuesday 14th January at the latest**.

It will only take a few minutes to complete.



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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.



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/>

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.

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.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025 and Reception Admissions September 2025

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2025 are both live and can be found by visiting: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
The closing date for both applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2025. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025.**



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.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

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



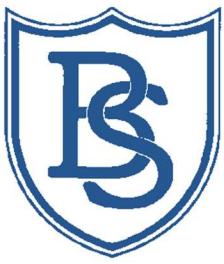
Dolce School Catering

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

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

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





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning January 6th 2025

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It has been lovely to see the children back in the BIB this week.

Each class has begun working on new topics and exciting things are being planned over the coming weeks.



Giraffe class are reading, 'We are going on a Bear hunt' by Michael Rosen, using a sensory story to experience different aspects of the book.

In maths, they are learning about Zero.

LK and ED's focus is 'New beginnings for 2025,' which will be explored in a range of ways across the curriculum.

LK's Maths focus is fractions and centimeters and ED's is shape.

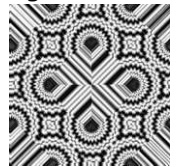
LK are investigating pattern and tone in art using a range of media.

ED are developing life skills and independence through baking



We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Jordan back to support with PE. Mr Tom, will also be supporting us with PE during our Wednesday mornings.

Benny the Dog will be a regular visitor again this term, as the children very much enjoy seeing him.



As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

SEND Coffee Afternoon - Monday 27th January 2025, 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

We are looking forward to hosting our next SEND Coffee Afternoon on Monday 27th January from 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

This will take place in the school hall at Boldmere Junior School, but will be open to parents of children at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, Boldmere Junior School and Boldmere Inclusion Base.

Based on feedback from our last Coffee Afternoon, I have invited Tracey Jones, Specialist Teacher from the Communication and Autism Team, to join us. Tracey will lead a session on one of the topics below and then there will be an opportunity to speak informally to her (time permitting). I will also be available, alongside some of our support staff.

There will be time to chat to other parents and enjoy a hot cup of tea/c

Please could you indicate your preference on the form below:

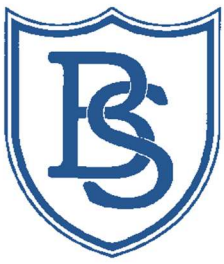


biscuits!

<https://forms.office.com/e/tWVtpvPwkd>

Your feedback will then be used to decide what is covered during the Coffee Afternoon so we can make it relevant to as many parents as possible. The theme of the afternoon will then be shared with you after Christmas. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this session.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones



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Busy Bodies News

Welcome back and a Happy New Year, hoping that you all had a fab break!

Busy Bodies families

Happy New Year to everyone, we hope that you all had a brilliant break. May we extend a huge welcome to our new families starting this half term, we hope that your little ones will have great fun whilst with us, and be able to explore and use their imagination.

A reminder re: January booking forms—If you require care for this month, and have not already handed in your January booking form, please do so by tomorrow Wednesday 8th January, after this date an admin fee will be applied to all forms coming in.

Toys required—If you are having a clear out this New Year and have any toys that are in good conditions, and age appropriate for our Busy Bodies children, we would appreciate your donations.

Toys we are in particular need of are:

Marble run; Playing card; Ping pong paddles/ bats; Lego; fidget spinners; Tech decks; Anime action figures and comics. Plastic doll house figures/ furniture, bat man figurines.

Any old Wii, or other games that can be connected to a computer for our children to have a games afternoon or use on a general basis.

Books required—Dog Man/ Cat kid books, any books aimed at our older pupils' year 5 and 6.

Congratulations- Busy Bodies Got Talent.

Prior to the half term the children at Busy Bodies participated in our talent show, they put a lot of hard work in the lead up to the competition, so can we just give them all a huge well done and thank you for the amazing performances.

Our winners:

Lily-Mae-Yr 1, Fanklin- Yr 5, Phoebe- Yr 6, Denver- Yr 5, Evan- Yr 6, Thomas-Yr 6, Emily- Yr 4, Laila- Yr3, Ramona-Yr3, Aamina-Yr 3 and Mia- Yr 3

AND FINALLY congratulations to our Busy Bodies Ambassadors- who will be having very important jobs around the club, such as helping to guide our parents on Parents open days, helping to settle our new starters and providing child lead games and activities within the club:

Laila- Yr 3, Teddy- Yr 6, Thomas-Yr 6, Evan- Yr 6, George- Yr 6 and Rosie- Yr 3

Well done everyone!

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

vr2-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
07/01/2025

Sarah Kenny