



NEWSLETTER - JAN 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, it's a warm welcome back and **Happy New Year** to everyone today! After the events of last week, I would firstly, like to thank parents and children for your patience and understanding during school's closure. The **burst pipes** that greeted us on Monday morning were certainly an unwelcomed surprise and the detection of asbestos flooring surrounding these pipes then added to the situation. Happily, all the affected area has now been made safe and repairs to the pipes were carried out on Friday, despite the snowfall! Mr Hatfield is working hard this week to restore the area back to normal, and we are hoping that this will be completed within the next few days. Disruption to learning is minimal however so it is now business as usual.



A big well done and **congratulations** for all the **home learning** that took place last week though- a reminder of Covid days gone by! We had some lovely photos sent into school and we were impressed to see the engagement of some many children (and parents!).



Thank you all for your efforts.

We do hope that everyone has had a lovely Christmas break but it has been amazing to have children back and get into our usual school routines.

Our **school monitoring** this term continues, with a focus on **school council pupil voice** as well as the core areas of Maths, Phonics and Writing. We are also utilising the strengths of our **PE apprentice**, Miss Donnan, along with Mr Watts at junior school, to upskill staff and place a greater emphasis on games skills across school. Miss Donnan and Mr Watts are introducing the use of resources from the PE hub and this will support progression and consistency between the Infants and Junior school.

Advance warning of our **Online Parents' evenings on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February**. Further details will be sent nearer the time with information on how to book and access the appointments.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th February - Reception height & weight programme

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

Friday 13th February - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 23th 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

Finally, this week, a message from our SEND team, Mrs Jones, Mrs Bull and Mrs Taylor. On Tuesday 20th January (2pm), our SEND Team will be **reviewing our SEND Information Report** with Lisa Taylor-Hawkins, from the Language, Learning and Strategic Support Team (LLSS). As this information report is primarily for parents, it is good practice for us to review this with parents. The current SEND Information Report can be found here: <https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/send/policy-and-send-report>.

We would like a range of parents to join us from across Infants, Juniors and Boldmere Inclusion Base, however we may have to randomly select parents if we have a lot of interest.

If you would be interested in joining us in school to review this report, please complete the form below.

We will then be in touch, closer to the time, with more information.

[Review of our SEND Information Report - Tuesday 20th January, 2pm - Fill in form](#)



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Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in **September 2025** 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 **Thursday 15th January 2026 at the latest**.

It will only take a few minutes to complete.

Thank you.



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 closing date for completed applications is **Monday 16th March 2026**.



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.

Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2026 and Reception Admissions September 2026

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2026 are both live and can be found by visiting: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for both applications is

Thursday 15th January 2026.

Reception Admissions - September 2026

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2026. Please visit the website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is

Thursday 15th January 2026.

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.



Height & Weight Measurement Programme

The registered school nurse will be in school on **Monday 9th 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 last week.

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

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



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Coffee Morning TUESDAY's

9.30am - 11.30am

Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield
B72 1RN

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and carers of children with SEND to
connect and chat.



- ★ Meet others who understand
- ★ Share experiences
- ★ Find support

To book visit

www.growfamilyservices.org/coffeemornings



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Unlocking Communication: Supporting Non-Verbal Children

Monday
2nd February
7.30pm - 9pm

ONLINE

Join us for an empowering online
session designed for parents of non-
verbal children.

Discover practical strategies and
compassionate approaches to nurture
your child's communication skills,
fostering connection and confidence.

Led by a qualified speech and language
therapist, this session will provide
insights, tools, and encouragement to
support your child's unique journey.



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Dyslexia and Dyscalculia

Join Language, Learning and
Strategic Support Team (LLSS)
previously PSS to discuss:

- What is dyslexia/dyscalculia?
- The definitions (including the 2025 newly published and updated definitions)
- The characteristics/signs to look out for
- The Birmingham City Council identification process (only relevant to pupils attending Birmingham Schools)
- How to support your child at home - strategies and suggestions.

Thursday
15th January
6.45pm - 9pm

Four Oaks Methodist
Church,
155 Lichfield Road,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands
B74 2UU



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Occupational Therapy (OT) and Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) Drop In's

9.30am - 11.30am FRIDAY's

16th January - OT

23rd January - SaLT

13th February - OT

27th February - SaLT

YMCA Suite One, Reservoir Road,
Erdington B23 6DF

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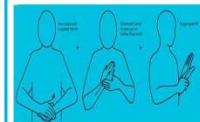
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Happy New Year

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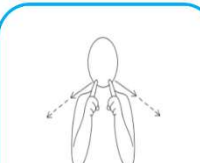
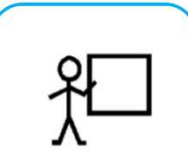
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Sutton Soccer Coaching Club

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for details of this terms football coaching at Mere Green School.



Year 2 Class of '26 Hoodies

An email was sent out to all Year 2 parents last week with details of how to order a hoody for their child.



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.

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 12th 2026

Welcome back to the spring term!

We are excited to begin our new topic, Houses and Homes, where the children will explore different types of homes and what makes them special. To help support learning and make links between home and the classroom, we kindly ask you to send in a photograph of your child's home (or homes), which we will use as part of our discussions and activities.

We would also like to remind you to ensure your child has spare clothes in school for any accidents, that all personal items are clearly named to help us return lost belongings, and that your child brings a named water bottle each day along with suitable snacks.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a wonderful term ahead.

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.

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

Dolce School Catering

Our current meals provider, Dolce is looking to recruit a full-time member of staff, Kitchen manager. Please see the attached flier/advert for more information. Thank you

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



Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
13/01/2026

Sarah Kenny

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BACK TO SCHOOL