



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first piece of news is a celebration!

The sponsored Rudolph Run that took place during December, raised a total of **£1332.75** for Birmingham Hospice and we are excited to have John Hurley from the Hospice, attending school next week to present a cheque for our fund-raising efforts! Thank you again to all children and families for their support in this project.

This week we are participating in the final Balance Bikes/Learn to ride sessions for Reception and Year 1. We are very pleased to see the positive impact that these sessions have had on the cycling abilities of all children- they have certainly loved the experiences and many have progressed from balance bikes to riding proper bikes within the course of the lessons. Let's hope these skills continue to improve when they jump on their bikes at home!



Our school monitoring this half term is focusing on teaching and learning in Maths, specifically for our higher attaining children. The senior leadership team will be undertaking monitoring tasks throughout the term, and feedback will be shared with parents/carers following the activities. We are also working with Junior school to share good practice with their leadership team.

Last week I omitted to welcome a new member of the teaching team at Boldmere. Mrs Taylor is working alongside Mrs Beesley in a job sharing capacity as the class teacher in Frog class. Welcome Mrs Taylor, it is lovely to have you joining our team!

A final piece of information that we would like to share this week, is a date for our **Nursery Open Day**. This will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am and 1.30pm**.

Please contact the school office if you would like to attend.

The closing date for Nursery applications is **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and offers will be made on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

## Diary Dates

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - SEND Coffee afternoon 1.45pm - 3.15pm
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Children's Mental Health week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Rep Meeting
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils
- 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

## Poppy Appeal

The sale of the poppies in school last year raised a fantastic total of **£64.96** for the Royal British Legion and across Sutton Coldfield the charity raised over £73000! Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.



## NURSERY

### Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for **September 2025** are available from the Infant school office. Completed application forms must be received by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

## Congratulations Board

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

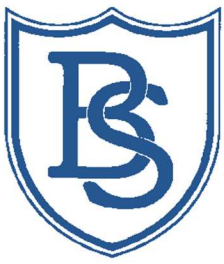
**Year 1:** Seb, Austin & Elliot

**Year 2:** Izzy, Mila & William



## Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website: <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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## Diner Day Themed Lunch On Census Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

We will be having a Diner Day themed lunch on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. We would like to have the absolute maximum number of children possible having a free school dinner on this day. The funding of dinners for the rest of the year is based on the number of dinners provided on that day and it is really important that we claim all possible funding for Boldmere Infant School. We completely understand that some children and families prefer a packed lunch but would ask for as much support as possible.

To order your child's dinner please visit School Grid. If you need any help with this the school office will be happy to help. The menu for the day is attached to the newsletter.

## Uniform Discount Code

Below is the new discount code for parents to use when shopping with **MyClothing**. It gives everyone a **10%** discount for the next 3 months.

Code = **UNIFORM10%**

Expires = 31/03/2025

Here's a direct link to the schools ordering page:

<https://myclothing.com/collections/boldmere-junior-school-5317/?variant=42368559317205>



## Reception Eye Tests - Thursday 16th January 2025

The Orthoptist will be in school on **Thursday 16th January 2025** to carry out eye tests on the **Reception** children.

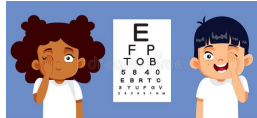
Please find attached some information regarding the Vision Screening Programme for your reference and also the consent form for the eye test.

It is an **opt out** system so you don't need to return the form to school unless you **DO NOT** want your child to be tested.

Alternatively you can email the school office on

[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

to confirm that you **DO NOT** want your child to be tested.



## Request from Junior school....

Please could children refrain from using the gymnastic equipment on the field at the back of school. This applies both before and after school.

Thank you.

## 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

The closing date for applications is tomorrow,

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**



## 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](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for both applications is tomorrow,

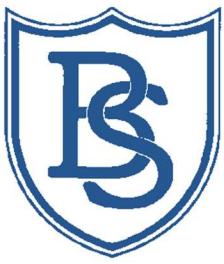
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**



## 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.



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## 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/coffee and, of course, biscuits! Please could you indicate your preference on the form below:

<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

### 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.



### 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.

### 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/>

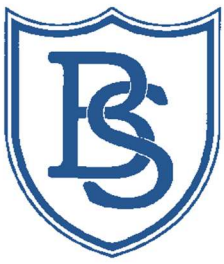
### Ordering Lunches-School Grid

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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)



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## BIB Newsletter Week beginning January 13th 2025

Giraffe class are continuing to learn about 'Zero and 'Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen.



LK are visiting Boldmere Library on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

They are exploring shape, pattern and tessellation in Art.



On Thursday ED will be cooking as part of their independence skills.

In Maths, they are consolidating their work on Shape. The children will be learning about the different jobs people do in the community.

In PE with Mr Jordan and Mrs Dale, the children will be practicing different ball skills and developing skills in readiness to begin Tennis later in the term.



## Star of the week

Ava in Giraffe class for having a go at gluing and sticking for her collage picture.

Axel in ED for trying his best with all aspects of learning this week.

Sam in LK for demonstrating a fabulous attitude to learning.



## Parent's survey

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the Microsoft forms parent's survey I emailed out last week.

Can I encourage those of you who are yet to complete it, to take 2 minutes to give us valuable feedback please.

<https://forms.office.com/e/H3n42P021u>



## Names in clothes

As the weather has been so very cold, please make sure that any hats, gloves and scarves your child brings with them, have the children's names in please.

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)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[vr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:vr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



## 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)



## VACANCY

School is advertising for a lunchtime playleader to join our lovely lunchtime team. Please click on the link below to take you to our school website where all the information required is available.

<https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

We hope to have a successful response and feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you know may be interested. Thank you.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
14/01/2025

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