



# NEWSLETTER - JAN 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is flying by! With only two weeks left of this half term we have a few important pieces of information to share.

**Parents evening** will be taking place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45pm to 6.00pm**. The booking system, as well as the online meetings are done through School cloud. Details are attached to today's newsletter. The booking system will go live at **10.00am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** and will close at **10.00am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties using the online bookings.

Bear class will have face to face appointments in the Library area with Miss B Turner and Mrs Beesley. All other classes will have online meetings with their class teachers.

Advance warning that **Parent Rep Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00am** straight after drop off. Please let your reps know of any agenda items that you would like raised.

Last week we sent out correspondence to parents/carers about our involvement in a **Research Project with Oxford Brookes University**. Further details are on the next page of this newsletter and we would love families to get involved and support. We have already had an email from Nathan thanking us for our involvement! Whilst all responses are confidential, we will receive the research findings and this in turn will support teaching and learning across school.

Finally, we would like to make everyone aware of **National Story telling week** from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**!

We all love a good story - whether it is a drama on the tv, a book or listening to our friends and family. Next week is National Story Telling Week and we will be celebrating this in school by taking part in lots of different story telling activities. The National Literacy Trust have produced lots of fantastic resources, as well as ways that you can support story telling at home. We would encourage you to have a look at the following resources to support our learning in class. Please send photos of any of these activities on your child's year group email so we can share them with your child's class. Happy story telling!

**Nursery and Reception:**

[https://nlt.hacdn.org/media/documents/NSW26-Storytelling\\_at\\_Home\\_Early\\_Years.pdf](https://nlt.hacdn.org/media/documents/NSW26-Storytelling_at_Home_Early_Years.pdf)

**Years 1 & 2:**

[https://nlt.hacdn.org/media/documents/Storytelling\\_at\\_home\\_ideas\\_KS1.pdf](https://nlt.hacdn.org/media/documents/Storytelling_at_home_ideas_KS1.pdf)

## Diary Dates

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Reception height & weight programme

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents Evening Online

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 23<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March** - Book Fair

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Reception Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Year 1 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Nursery Open Day

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break for Easter holidays

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Raashad, Belle & Isobel

**Year 2:** Louie, Imogen & Leo





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## Research Project with Oxford Brookes University

We are very excited to be working with Oxford Brookes University in undertaking a Research project for children aged 5 to 9 which will focus on understanding children's flexible approaches to challenges.

The Research is led by Nathan Proud <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/profiles/staff/nathan-pond>

Postdoctoral researcher, Psychology, Oxford Brookes University, UK and his colleagues.

Previous research has examined how children persist when faced with challenges without interruptions or assistance during a single task. In this new study, we aim to build on that research but focusing on how children flexibly and adaptively navigate challenges. By participating, you will help us gain insights into how children handle challenges and setbacks, which will be valuable for improving teaching methods that support healthy persistence. The study is funded by Leverhulme Grant.

The study will be conducted via an online video call session (using Zoom). Participating children will join the call from their homes. Once parents provide consent through online consent forms, we will schedule the session. During the session, each child will work on a computerised task for approximately 40 minutes.

All data obtained will be anonymised. The research has received ethical approval from the Ethics Committee at Oxford Brookes University. Once the study is completed, the findings will be published in scientific journals and shared with school, teachers, and parents.

The letter attached is correspondence from the Research team and includes a link to detailed study information, as well as a section for obtaining online consent and collecting parents' email addresses to schedule an online video call session.

Participation is, of course, completely voluntary but we hope that our Boldmere families will support and help us put the research into practice at Boldmere!

## 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.



## 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**.





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## 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.

## Height & Weight Measurement Programme

The registered school nurse will be in school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

## BIB Newsletter Week beginning January 26th 2026

### Giraffes

This week in Giraffe Class we have been reading The Three Little Pigs, exploring what the three houses are made of and talking about different materials. In maths, the children have been working on number correspondence, matching numbers to quantities through practical activities. We have also been introducing basic emotions, supporting the children to recognise and talk about feeling happy, sad, and "I'm ok", helping to build their emotional understanding and confidence.

### Puffins

This week in Puffin Class we have been reading the story The Pencil, where the drawings come to life, encouraging the children to use their imagination and share creative ideas. In maths, the children have been exploring subtraction through practical and engaging activities. We have also introduced basic emotions during our morning routine, supporting the children to recognise and talk about feeling happy, sad, and "I'm ok", helping them to develop emotional awareness and confidence.

## Lunchtime Clubs

Spring Term 2 lunchtime club letters were sent home yesterday. These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure a fair policy.

It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and payment is made via **ParentPay** before the deadline which is

**9am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.**

## Boldmere Infants' Reading Crew!

Would you be able to volunteer 1-2 hours a week to come into school to support our children with reading? The role would involve reading with individual children to foster their love of reading. School will provide a training session and also the relevant DBS check. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Beesley on the school enquiry email:

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

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



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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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 9.30-11.30**
- Emotional Regulation: Practical strategies for supporting children's emotional wellbeing.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026. 9.30-11.30**
- Managing Anxiety and Worries: Guidance on recognising and reducing anxiety in children and young people.  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Pudding & Pie Lunchtime Club

This term at Pudding & Pie, our focus is sugar — always approached with care, balance and kindness. Children's health and wellbeing sit at the heart of everything we do. Behind every session, our recipes are carefully created to be nutritionally balanced and thoughtfully planned. That's why each recipe carries our Pudding & Pie rubber stamp of approval — a simple way of showing the care and consideration that happens behind the scenes to support children's healthy relationship with food. Our aim is never restriction or guilt, but helping children understand balance in a positive, practical way that supports them both now and as they grow. Please see the flier attached to this newsletter. We love working together to strengthen the partnership between home, school and our sessions. Thank you, as always, for trusting us with your children.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 [customer@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customer@dolce.co.uk)

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

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







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## Busy Bodies News

This week at Busy Bodies the children will be encouraged to take part in the arts and craft current theme is winter crafts. Their work will be displayed on our board in the Busy Bodies area.

Next week, we will start our Chinese New Year craft and activities. This is the Year of the Horse, so many activities around this area and will be displayed on our notice board.



## Year 5 and 6 Den area

Each day the older children get to utilise our den area. They engage in games and activities suitable for their age group. It is a place that they can chill out and have been given additional responsibilities.

There is a Wii, games, iPad and other activities that they can let their imagination grow.

## Lunch packs

May we remind parents to kindly put your child's name on their lunch boxes, this makes it easier when we need to put their food away in the fridge.

## Arbor

We have enabled parents to be able to view their invoices (Infants and Juniors). You will be able see all payments when you log onto Arbor (see attached photo). Kindly select **payments** from the menu section, and this will show all active payments, invoices, top ups and credit notes. This will also include the times that you have booked in for each session.

Parents who pay via vouchers or the Tax- Free Childcare scheme will also be able to see the same information and all payments that is manually added by the Busy Bodies team. Should you have any difficulties accessing this, please contact the Busy Bodies manager.

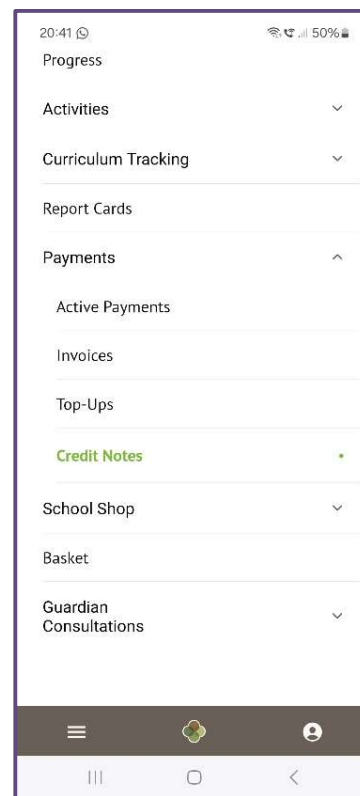
## February sessions

Please ensure that sessions are booked for the month of February by this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Recently, we have had several children who are not booked in. May we remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure that your child is booked in and on time.

**A reminder of the 12-hour cut off for making bookings on Arbor.**

Please ensure that children are booked on the correct section-

**Busy Bodies breakfast club Jan-Jul 2026/**  
**or Busy Bodies after school club Jan-Jul 2026.**



Have a great remainder of the week.



# Action-packed childcare February Half Term

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Aspire Active Camps offers an programme for children aged 5-16. The fee includes a 20% registration fee. You can view our website for full details and provisions. Parents must provide their own insurance as we cannot provide a liability cover for our camps.

**Our standard rate**

**Standard Rate**  
**£40**  
per day  
8am - 5pm  
Wed-Fri Half Term 2026

**Our best value**

**Standard Rate**  
**£38**  
per day  
8am - 5pm  
Wed-Fri Half Term 2026

**Book before 5pm  
Wed 16th  
February**

**Don't miss our Early Bird offer!**

**Early Bird OFFER**  
**£35**  
per day  
8am - 5pm  
Wed-Fri Half Term 2026

**Book before 5pm  
Friday 6th  
February**

**Our lowest rate when you book early**

**A typical day at Aspire Active Camps**

**Early Drop Off** 8am - 8.30am  
*Optional breakfast stage will only be available for some activities*

**Activity Session 8.30am - 9pm**  
*Choose from our range of active activities*

**Late Pick Up** 9pm - 9pm  
*Book up to 10 minutes before your session ends*

**NEW**  
Late pick up is now included in our pricing

**Joining**  
2026/27

**Active Camps**  
2026/27

**Loyalty**  
2026/27

**For every £1 you spend, you will earn 10 points!**

**Book before 5pm  
Wed 16th  
February**

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Fri 6th  
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**Choose your academy**

**Active Kids Academy**  
A range of sports and activities for children aged 5-11.

**Football Academy**  
Football training and games for children aged 5-11.

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For more info visit [activecamps.co.uk](http://activecamps.co.uk) or call 0121 663 1082

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