



NEWSLETTER - JAN 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

Junior Duke Award

We are pleased to announce that we are going to be rolling out the Junior Duke Award across school from Nursery to Year 2. Letters were sent home yesterday with the children explaining the award and what it entails.

If you wish for your child to participate please make the payment on ParentPay and complete the form and return to school.

The deadline for signing up is Monday 3rd February, we will then order the workbooks and send them home with further information.

Children's Mental Health Week 2025

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 will take place from **3-9 February 2025**.

The theme for 2025 is focus is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**, with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

On the place2be website there are further resources and activities, you'll find Joy and the characters from *Inside Out 2* which will help explore our theme **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. Here is the link for families: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families>

During this week, across our federation. we will be learning more in assemblies and lessons. Junior school mental health leads will be visiting the infant school to take the lead in one of their assemblies!

On **Monday the 3rd of February** all pupils and staff (Parents / carers you are welcome to join in for the walk to school!) are invited to wear one item that expresses who they are. For example a hair band, sports top, hat, fun pair of socks. This is a normal school uniform day but with one 'express yourself' accessory.

Thank you for you continued support.
The wellbeing team

Diary Dates

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 6th March - Nursery 2025 Open 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
Friday 23rd May - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils
Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term holidays
Monday 2nd June - School re-opens to all pupils

Spring Parents Evening

As mentioned last week, the Spring Parents' Evenings will take place online via Schoolcloud. Instructions for parents are attached to today's newsletter. Please ensure that you log in to Schoolcloud to **book your appointment**, using parent's first and last name, followed by your child's date of birth.

The booking system opens at 4.00pm on Tuesday 4th February and closes at 9.00am on Monday 10th February. Speak to your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties booking appointments. The meetings will be taking place online.



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Year 2 Community Police Officer Visit

Zoe Bishop, our local community police officer, visited Year 2 today and delivered a road safety and stranger danger assembly. The children were taught the 'Stop, Look, Listen, Think' rule to ensure that they make good choices when crossing the road. Zoe also spoke to the children about what they should do if they get lost in a shop and gave them the following advice: go to the shop counter and DO NOT leave the shop. The children were then given a challenge to learn one parent's phone number off by heart...good luck!!!

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 17th March 2025**.

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/>

Attendance and Lateness

A final note this week is on the subject of **attendance and lateness**. Unfortunately we have a number of families that are arriving at school late, on a regular basis. Late arrival at school impacts hugely on the learning for each child. Arriving just 10 minutes late each day results in 50 minutes lost learning each week. These first few minutes are a really important time for each child - they are welcomed into class by their teacher and the learning for the morning is explained. In line with Birmingham's new Attendance guidance, we will be arranging meetings with parents where we are concerned about persistent lateness or absence. **Good attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their education, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider development.**

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.



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.

Twitter/X

Just a short note to advise that as a school, we will soon cease to use 'X' to communicate school updates, celebrations and general messages. This is something that we have been migrating towards for a while and we will no longer use the platform at all following the February half-term break. Alternatives are currently being considered and we will update you with further information in subsequent weeks.

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Hussain, Isaac & Elias
Year 2: Dantie-Bay, Leonora & Eliza



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Busy Bodies families

February booking forms-Please note that booking forms are due in by this Wednesday 29th January, fees are due in by this Friday 31st January. Kindly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that all fees are paid and up to date.

Children bringing in their own toys- Recently, we have had a few children taking in their own toys from home, some for comfort and some to help them through the day.

As much as this is a really lovely thought, may we kindly request that children do not bring in toys to Busies as sometimes these have been mistakenly put away in our own toy boxes, or has been misplaced by children causing upsets.

We will always do our best to ensure that all children are reassured whilst with us, and have the ability to engage with plenty of games, toys and activities.

Happy Chinese Lunar New Year- On Wednesday 29th January we will celebrate the year of the snake. During this week Busy Bodies will have lots of activities associated with Chinese New Year- Parents look out for your red envelopes which requires you to bestow good wishes for your children with a gift of money for the New Year. Red envelopes are given on some important occasions, such as Chinese New Year, birthdays, and weddings in China and some other Asian countries as a way to send good wishes.

The colour red symbolizes energy, happiness, and good luck in Chinese cultures. Traditional red envelopes are often decorated with beautiful Chinese calligraphy and symbols, which I am sure the children will take pride in decorating.

Actually, the significance of red envelopes is the red paper, not the money inside. Wrapping lucky money in red envelopes is, expected to bestow more happiness and blessings on the receivers.

May we take this opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the amazing parents and children whom have kindly donated some toys and games most impressively a Wii for our children at Busies to be able to utilise.

Thank you very much for all your support throughout the years.

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

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.

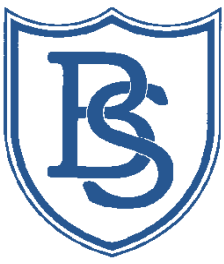
Lunchtime Club Letters for Spring 2nd Half Term 2025

Letters were sent home last week for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. If your child did not bring one home please collect one from the office.

These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips

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.



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning January 27th 2025

Celebrations

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Bernard in Giraffe class for initiating play with others.
Axel in ED for following instructions and good listening in
Aleen in LK for being kind to her class mates and friends.

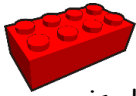


class.



What we are learning about this week:

Giraffe class are learning about 1 less in Maths. 'Ten Little Pirates' by Mike Brownlow, is the story for a second week. Activities have been planned to focus on different aspects of the characters and the narrative. LK have begun to learn about fractions in Maths. Research for creating fact files is the focus in English this week. On Thursday, the children and staff will be going to Boldmere Library to read stories for pleasure.



ED are continuing to work on shape in Maths and phonics in English. Both ED and LK have celebrated 'Lego Day' on 28th January with ED also learning about the Chinese New Year which is also this week. This year is the year of the Wood snake.



A final request for those parents who are yet to complete the parent survey, please do. Feedback so far has been encouraging thank you. <https://forms.office.com/e/H3n42P021u>

[Children in the BIB will be taking part in world book day on Thursday March 6th should they wish too. Further details of what the children will be doing will follow soon.](#)

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
yr2-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



Happy Lunar New Year.

Lots of our families celebrated Lunar New Year over the half term. We hope you enjoyed your celebrations and wish you a Happy New Year! Kung Hei Fat Choi!
Wednesday 29th January 2025

Newsletter:

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



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28/01/2025



Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.