



NEWSLETTER - July 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

We start this week with the excitement that is **Transition!**

Last Friday, our Nursery was closed to current children while we welcomed new children to our Boldmere Nursery. The induction sessions went very well and it was lovely to meet all the new families that will be joining us in September. Yesterday and today we have met two of our three new Reception classes for their Stay & Play sessions and tomorrow we will have the final session for Robin class. New BIB children are also visiting this week and staff are getting to know more new families! Tomorrow is also the main Transition day for most Birmingham schools, so all children at Boldmere will be spending a day in their new classroom with their new teachers. We have a fun packed day planned, and children will bring home correspondence, detailing the class they are in, along with their teacher's name. Additional transition activities will be planned for the remainder of this term, where we feel children require a little more support.

We would encourage parents/carers to be excited for the children and see transition as a positive experience - any anxieties that you have yourselves will naturally be picked up by your children so please put on a brave face! The presentation provided at the Y2 to Y3 transition meeting last week was shared via email with Y2 Parents earlier today.

Class teachers for September are as follows:

Year 2 -Mrs Uppal (Parrots), Mrs Bryan (Bears), Mrs Godfray (Seals)

Year 1 - Mrs Silverton (Lions), Mrs McComish (Meerkats), Mrs Lloyd (Owls)

Reception- Mrs Mahon (Hedgehogs), Mrs Illidge (Robins), Mrs Wiggins (Penguins)

Nursery -Mr Meakin (Kangaroos)

BIB class - Mrs Boylan/Mrs O'Connor (Giraffes), Mrs Williams (Puffins), Mrs Kinsella (Panthers)

End of Year Reports will be sent home with children this **Friday 4th July**, with the exception of Bear class.

PTA summer Fair will be taking place this **Friday 4th July between 3.30-5.30pm**. The event will be held on the field and access is via the big green gates between Infant and Junior school. Year 2 children have taken part in an Enterprise project this year so we will be selling their products on the stalls too. They have decorated some amazing plant pots, filled them with seeds and are just waiting to be purchased!

Friday will be a **non-uniform day in exchange for either a bottle for the tombola stall OR a box containing a gift of approximately £1 for Deal/No-Deal stall.**

Please come along to support the Fair! The PTA do an amazing job of raising money for lovely activities at school, but events are only a success when the community volunteer to help or attend.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday evening!

Thursday 10th July -

Celebration Evening
3.30pm-5pm

Friday 18th July - Break up
for the summer holidays

Monday 1st & 2nd

September - Professional
Development Day. School
closed to pupils

Wednesday 3rd September
- School re-opens

**Junior Duke Award
Assessment**

A reminder that
the final
assessment date
will be on

Monday 7th July.

Keep up the great work!



**Y1 & Y2 Milk Letters for
Autumn Term 2025**

Milk letters will be sent home
today for the current
Reception and Year 1 children
who wish to have milk in the
Autumn term.

Order forms and
payment via
ParentPay must



be received by **9am on
Monday 7th July 2025** at the
very latest.

Newsletter:

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

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



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PTA events coming soon.

PTA have organised the creation of **class tea towels** which will hopefully be on sale before the end of the summer. Further details will be provided in future PTA correspondence.

Raffle tickets for the Fair on 4th July, were sent home last week. Please ensure that any money collected is returned to school, with the ticket stubs, in a sealed envelope marked "For the attention of PTA".

Year 2 children are also joining in with Junior school's "Enterprise week", creating items to sell at the **Summer Fair** - please look out for the amazing Y2 creations - I have promised not to spoil the surprise!

South Asian Heritage Month

To celebrate **South Asian Heritage Month (18th July - 18th August)**, we are looking for parents of South Asian Heritage (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) to join us for an assembly on the morning of **16th July**.

We would like you to show students a photo that means a lot to you and tell them about your heritage.

If you are interested in being involved, please contact Charley Hafiz - Governor for Equity, Diversity & Belonging

chafiz@boldmere.bham.sch.uk by **Friday 27th June**.



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.

Parking around school

For reporting illegally parked vehicles, please follow the link....

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle



The Reading Agency - Summer Reading Challenge

As usual, we are encouraging all children to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a national event that organised by 'The Reading Agency'.

This year's theme is 'Story Garden'. More information can be found on the attached letter from the library.

To sign up to the challenge, please visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

or alternatively pop into Boldmere Library between the **5th July and 13th September** and you can sign up there. Boldmere Library is open on **Tuesdays and Saturdays between 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm**.

Any children who complete the challenge can bring in their rewards to share their achievements with their class in September.

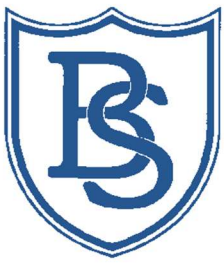
Happy reading!



Sharing recipes!

Please find attached a recipe for '**Oat Topped Bread**' which the children at the Pudding & Pie Club thoroughly enjoyed making! Hope you have fun making them again at home!





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 30th June 2025

Celebrations

Kaleel in **Giraffe class** for using more verbal communication this week.

Parker in **ED** for working hard in all lessons this week.

Theo in **LK** for fantastic English work, writing sentences.

Learning this week

Giraffes are continuing to learn about 'People who help us.' This week they will be looking at the job of a Vet. In Maths, work on patterns continues and in Literacy, the children are focusing until the end of term on recognising and tracing their names. **Literacy**, the children are beginning a new sensory story this week, 'Bluey the Doctor'. Giraffe class are continuing to mark make and attempt to trace and write letters of their names.

ED

Literacy- are continuing to read the story of Handa's Hen and learn about African animals. In **Maths** - they are continuing to recognise and create halves.

LK

In **Maths**, children are revisiting addition and subtraction. In **Literacy**, The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse by Charlie Mackesy continues to be the focus and exploring their understanding of the story. Their **PSHE** focus is family and relationships.

Notices

It goes without saying, that whilst the weather is hot, please make sure your child has plenty to drink with them, a hat and sun cream. We will be limiting the time outside whilst we have such intense temperatures.

This **Wednesday, 2nd July** your child will spend time with their new class in readiness for September. This will be the first of three short sessions on 2nd, 8th and July 10th. Transition books will go home before the end of term, so that you can help them prepare for the new term.

This **Friday 4th July**, it is **non-uniform day**. Children are able to come in their own clothes or a football kit (as it is the start of the Women's Euros) for a bottle contribution to the tombola stall or a small box containing a gift of no more than £1 in value.

Wednesday 9th July, is **Celebration evening** and a chance for you and your child to come and look at their books. Teachers will be available from 3.00-4.00.

Thank you all for sending in forms and prompt payments for the Twycross Zoo trip.

I am really looking forward to spending the day with you all.

I will send out a letter and a little photo booklet with further information nearer the date.

Please remember that **Sports Day** is **Wednesday 16th July**. We look forward to seeing you on that afternoon at your designated time for your child's class.

Our **BIB Garden Party** on the afternoon of **Thursday 17th July** will be a chance for all the staff, children and parents to get together before we break up for the summer.

We hope to make some party decorations and share a picnic on that day. Further details to follow.





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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies Parents/Carers

We have been informed that some parents are having difficulties making payment via Arbor for the remainder of July. With this in mind, we kindly ask that if you are affected by this, send in your Busy Bodies requirements and we will update this on Arbor on your behalf.

Earlier this week, we sent out communications regarding this issue, and hope that it will be resolved very shortly.

Making payments

If you normally pay via the Tax-free childcare scheme or other voucher companies, please continue your payment in the same way.

If you pay via Arbor- please await further communication about when the payment option is back up and working properly.

We are actively encouraging parents **not** to make any further payments via ParentPay for Busy Bodies purposes. This will affect us being able to transfer your fees to Arbor as we have already completed the transition process of transferring your child's balances from ParentPay to Arbor.

Annual Registration fees

It has come to the time of year again when parents/carers wishing to continue using the Busy Bodies wrap around care service will be required to pay their annual registration fees. Next week we will send further communication about how and when parents can make this payment via Arbor.

This week at Busy Bodies the children will hopefully have more of a chilled afternoon with the hope of having a few movie nights with popcorn, and ice lollies.

Activities for the week include making bird nest plates, junk modelling, cupcake octopus and much more.

Busy Bodies end of year party and 30th year celebrations

On Wednesday 16th July, we hope to celebrate our 30th year of Busy Bodies. The children will actively take part in our obstacle course, enjoy burgers and sausages (with vegetarian options) and have their face painted.

Kindly let us know if you **do not** wish for your child's face to be painted.

We will have a professional face painter available on the day.

The staff will take part in an obstacle course run, and other activities whilst dressed up, so please come and support them by cheering them on!

Kindly send your child in with a labelled bag, containing a change of clothes if you wish for them to get changed at Busy Bodies for the afternoon party.

Staff and children are encouraged to dress up as Kings, queens, fairy princess, princes.

To be honest any age appropriate fancy dress will be welcomed!

Weather permitting, we hope that our parents will be able to join us on the field on this day.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on:

Tel: 0121 464 1343 or email: busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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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.

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.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has 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.



School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:



enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

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



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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.

