



NEWSLETTER - July 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our penultimate newsletter of the year starts by way of celebration! Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA who have worked tirelessly during the past few weeks and who put on such a fantastic **summer fair** last Friday. The event was very well attended and it was lovely to see families, old and new, enjoying the sunshine and games. Thank you also goes to staff who helped prepare for the fair, served on stalls, volunteered for the stocks(!) and tidied up at the end of the evening. We had a super evening and thank you to all parents, children and anyone else that came along. We look forward to hearing the fund raising totals later this week. Our second notable celebration is in relation to the **end of term reports** sent home last week. We hope that you all enjoyed reading them and that everyone was very proud of what they have achieved this year. We have some amazing children at Boldmere and it is always super to see that they work so hard and do their best.



Our **Celebration Evening** takes place this Thursday. School will be open between **3.30pm and 5.00pm** and you are welcome to pop along to the classrooms to look at your child's work. No appointments are necessary but we look forward to seeing you and your children after school.

Another huge **CONGRATULATIONS** has to go to all of you that have completed the **Junior Duke Award** this week. Mrs Mason spent a wonderful day reading the diaries and has been astounded by what you have all achieved. Our assembly yesterday afternoon showcased pictures of some of the diary entries and we are very excited to be continuing this opportunity again next year.



Please don't worry if you weren't able to complete the award by yesterday's deadline, Mrs Mason is happy to sign off any outstanding books.

Children who completed their awards will have received their Junior Duke Awards badge so please encourage them to wear them with pride.

Last week saw children **transition** into their new class and classroom and meet their new teaching staff. We saw lots of very excited little faces during the day and children all rose to the occasion with excellent behaviour and a new sense of responsibility. We will be undertaking further transition activities during the next two weeks. Year two SEND parents have also attended transition meetings this week with current Y2 teachers, Mrs Jones and new Y3 teachers.

A final note this week is to promote **Birmingham Hospice "Bulls in the City"** trail this summer. From **16th July** our **Bibi the Bull** will be on display Boldmere High Street. Children at school had so much fun creating our Bull during last term. Please keep a look out and enjoy the trail around the City.



You can follow the social media pages using the links below

Facebook <https://birminghamhospice.cmail19.com/t/y-l-qzvz-hdliurlyo-u/>

Instagram <https://birminghamhospice.cmail19.com/t/y-l-qzvz-hdliurlyo-k/>

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

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

Milk letters were



sent home last week

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**
Wednesday 9th July 2025
at the very latest.

Housekeeping reminders...

Children will be bringing
home their exercise books
next **Wednesday** so please
supply a carrier bag to help
ensure that they reach you
safely! PE kits will also be
sent home next week.

Medicines will be returned
on Friday next week. Please
check any dates and ensure
that new items are ready for
our return to school in
September.





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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**.

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!



Nursery Places - Available

We still have nursery places available for **September 2025**.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on **0121 464 2338**.



Sharing recipes!

Please find attached a recipe for 'Choc Chip Brioche' which the children at the Pudding & Pie Club thoroughly enjoyed making! Hope you have fun making them again at home!



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.

Library books and reading books

Children will be bringing home their reading books as usual this week. Please be advised that there will be no reading books sent home next week, however we will still be enjoying reading activities in school until the end of term.



This week is the last library week for all children.

Could we kindly ask that all reading books and any library books you have at home are returned by **Monday 14th July**.

This will help us ensure that all resources are ready for the new academic year.

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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies Parents/Carers

As we draw closer to the end of this academic year, we wanted to extend a huge thank you to all the families that have been a part of Busy Bodies this year.

It is always a pleasure working with the delightful children here at Boldmere.

Thank you for your continued support, kind donations of toys and equipment. You always show willingness to lend a helpful hand.

You have also been very patient with our recent transition of payment system. Please know that your thoughtfulness is well appreciated and does not go unnoticed.



Arbor

Parents currently do not have the availability to pay via Arbor. Most parents have sent in their request for the remainder of July, and these have been manually added to your account.

Please note that once the payment option becomes available again, you will be able to retrospectively pay for the outstanding balances on your children's account. We will send out communication to Busy Bodies families once this has been completed.

If you pay via the Tax-Free childcare scheme or other voucher providers, please continue payment as normal, and this will be updated on Arbor when we receive your funds



Boys clothing required- we require any good quality clothing for boys age 4 up to 7 years of age. This includes clean trousers, underwear, school shirt, and pumps. If you are having a clear out over the summer holidays we would appreciate your donations.

BB party- a reminder that next Wednesday 16th July will be our 30th anniversary party for Busy Bodies. To mark this momentous time, weather permitting we will be on the field from 3:45-5pm. Parents will be welcome to join in with the fun and games. Children can bring in a change of clothes, be this their own party clothes, or super heroes outfits, prince and princesses. Kindly put these in a labelled bag so that they go back home safely on the day.



Kindly let us know if your child is allergic to face paint or if you do not wish for them to take part in this activity.

Registration fees for September 2025-26- due to the current Arbor payment issues we will be delaying parents' payment of Registration fees until September 2025.

Please note that this will not affect your child's place with Busy Bodies.

Should you not require care for September onwards, kindly let us know by next **Tuesday 15th July**, so that we can allocate these places to parents on our waiting list.

Have a brilliant reminder of the week everyone!

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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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 7th July 2025

Celebrations

Ava in **Giraffe class** for independently completing an 'ab' pattern in Maths.

Zak in **ED** for doing well in transition.

Jayden in **LK** for super effort in PE.



Learning this week:

Giraffes

In Maths, working on number formation and revisiting counting to 10.

Literacy, the children are focusing until the end of term on recognising and tracing their names.

The children will be meeting their new friends in transition with their new classes and teachers.

ED

Literacy- The children are learning about different zoo animals, reading zoo stories and looking at information about Twycross Zoo, in readiness for the trip next week.

Maths - The children are revisiting number work.

They too are meeting their new friends and transitioning to their new classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings this week.

LK

In both Maths and Literacy the children are revisiting this terms work.

Some children are visiting their new secondary schools; some will be meeting their new friends in 'Panther' class.

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.

Next year the BIB will have classes all named after animals - **Giraffes, Puffins and Panthers.**



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 **3.00-4.00pm**.

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.

Please come to your respective schools to sign in.

Giraffe Class 1.15pm - 1.45pm (Infants)

ED Class 1.50 - 2.20pm (Infants/Juniors)

LK Class 2.20 - 2.50pm (Juniors)



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.

Parents to arrive for 2.15 please, again go to your child's respective schools to sign in please.



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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



Parking around school

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

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/2/0109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
08/7/2025

Sarah Kenny

Newsletter:

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

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

