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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Boldmere, we love to celebrate our differences and make every effort to recognise, appreciate and understand the cultures and traditions of children and families in our school community. During the next few weeks we will be learning about the importance of **Shrove Tuesday** for Christians, The Holy month of **Ramadan** and **Iftar** celebrations for Muslims and **Holi** celebrations for our Hindu community. If your child celebrates any of these special events and they would like to share their experiences, please let the class teacher know -sharing these special times is a lovely opportunity for children to show pride in their heritage and helps us all understand our place in the world.

Shrove Tuesday is today and there has been the delicious smell of pancake cooking wafting through the corridors of school during the day! Mrs Kenny even had a few samples provided in the office -delicious!! A reminder that our annual **Iftar** takes place at Junior school on Thursday 13th March, please do join us in breaking the days fast. **Fasting during Ramadan** is not recommended for children under the age of 10 years and we have provided information attached to today's newsletter, detailing guidance shared by BCC. If you are wishing your child to fast during the school day, you must complete a "Request to Fast" form (attached) and speak to Mrs. Kenny. We are also **celebrating Holi** (festival of colours) on Friday 14th March and ask that children wear a t-shirt or jumper of their favourite colour (with their normal school uniform) to school on this day. This week we have enjoyed starting the "**secret reader challenge**" as part of our **Book Week activities**. We would like to thank all parents/carers who have contributed so far and look forward to a few more surprises during the course of the week. **World Book day is this Thursday** and we are encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Alternatively, they can just bring in their favourite story from home. **PTA** are also selling their **Boldmere Chocolate Bars** (Willy Wonka in disguise) at the end of the day - who will be the lucky winners of the Golden Tickets??

This afternoon we have had Year 1 **Inspire workshops** and have crammed Parents into classrooms, corridors, the hall, dining room, library and outside to participate in fun learning, around the theme of Traditional Tales. What a fabulous afternoon it has been! Thank you to everyone who joined us. Year 2 Inspire is Wednesday afternoon and Reception Inspire is Thursday afternoon - we look forward to seeing lots of you again! A final thank you goes to all Parents/Carers who have responded to our Parent survey questionnaires. We have had 130 replies .The information will be collated and shared in next week's newsletter and the Senior Leadership Team will use the feedback to support our school improvement.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th March - Year 1 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

Wednesday 5th March - Year 2 Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 6th March - Reception Inspire afternoon 1.30pm

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Thursday 6th March - Nursery 2025 Open Day

Thursday 13th March - PTA Iftar

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

Tuesday 13th May - Year 2 Sports Festival @ Aston Villa Inner City Academy (am only)

Monday 19th May - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

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

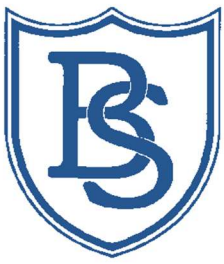
Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: An-Son, Delara & Mila

Year 2: Millie, Isabelle & Oren





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Nursery Open Day for September 2025 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Thursday 6th March 2025 (9.30am & 1.30pm)** for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2025 (date of birth 01.09.2021 to 31.08.2022). Registration forms are available from the 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 17th March 2025**.



Junior Duke Award

Hopefully children who wish to participate in the award have now received their work books. Please ignore the message inside the workbooks where it explains how many challenges children need to complete, we have amended this number due to starting part way through the academic year. Nursery and Reception children need to complete at least 5 challenges and Year One and Two 7. Please be assured that you have until **Monday 7th July** to complete them. Have fun!



Year 2 Sports Festival - Aston Villa Inner City Academy

The letters for the Year 2 Sports Festival at the Aston Villa Inner City Academy on **Tuesday 13th May 2025** were sent home with the children last half term.

Please can all Parents/Carers complete the consent form and return it to school by **Monday 10th March 2025**.

Payment of **£4.80** towards the cost of the transport must also be made via **ParentPay**.

Thank you to families that have already paid however we are currently we have **only received 60% of the payments**.

If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled as the school budget is unable to subsidise the shortfall.

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.



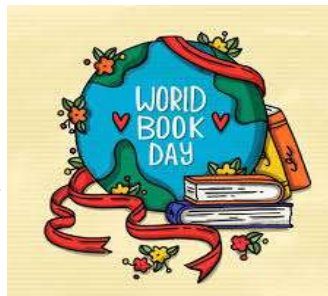
World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We will be using World Book Day as a way to Share our favourite books. We are inviting children (and staff!) to dress up as character from their favourite books.

Whilst we encourage all children to dress up, we recognise that some children may not want to.

If this is the case, then children can always choose to bring in a favourite book instead.

They will also receive a book voucher which they will bring home on the day.



Newsletter:

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

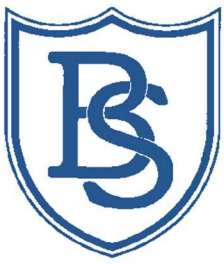
<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Travelling Book Fair - week beginning Monday 3rd March

The Book Fair is open every afternoon after school from **3:30-4pm** this week, as well as during the Inspire workshops. You will also have the opportunity to browse through the books with your child during the Inspire Workshops. There will be a range of books for sale suitable for children aged 0-9 years, with a starting price of £2.99.

Please note that the book fair is cash-less and all payments will be made online.





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 3rd March 2025

Celebrations

Bernard in Giraffe class for taking part in class activities.
Harper Rose in ED for consistently listening and acting upon instructions.
All of LK for helping to walk Giraffe class to the outside area in pairs.



We are looking forward to seeing you on **Wednesday this week** for Parents Evening. As always thank you for your ongoing support for the BIB. A reminder that **World Book Day is Thursday March 6th**. The BIB children will be sharing stories with 'colours' as their focus. The children are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite colour but only if they are comfortable doing so.



Giraffes this week are continuing their focus on Colours. They are listening and reading books about rainbows and mixing colours in art. In Maths they are continuing to learning about 6,7,8



In LK they will be talking about Pancake Day and hopefully taste testing some too.

For World Book day they are going to the local library to share books about Colours. In class they will be listening to and reading 'The Day the Colours Quit.' As the Weather is getting brighter too, they will be going on a local walk to identify different types of buildings.



ED are learning about Polar Bears, their habitat and what they eat. They will be also be celebrating Pancake Day.

On Thursday as part of World book day the children will be sharing their favourite stories.

AVFC - Free Football Session - 4-5 year olds

Message from Amber, our Football in the Community Co-Ordinator

Our Sutton Coldfield Football in the Community Centre on a Friday evening is currently low on numbers in our 4 – 5 year old group (Reception).

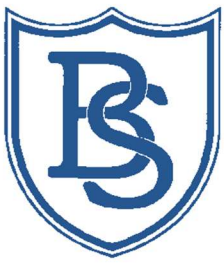
Therefore, we are offering 1x free session for 4 – 5 year olds (Reception).

All parents / legal guardians need to do is complete the below Microsoft form or scan the QR code attached.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5yTwmkr6y0>

ASTON VILLA FOUNDATION | Skills
Centre 1x FREE session (4-5 years
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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families.

We are so please to see the brighter days and lovely sunshine that we are experiencing this week. With that note, we have taken the opportunity to change the clubs snack menus for the afternoon session.

Please be aware that as of **Monday 10th March** menus will be- morning sessions a selection of cereal or toast.

For the afternoon session menus will be:

Monday- a selection of sandwiches (Jam or cheese).

Tuesday- Fish finger sandwiches/ gluten free alternative or bread and butter.

Wednesday- Wraps- a selection of jam or cheese or plain/ Gluten free alternative

Thursday- Crumpets- Jam/ butter

Friday- Crackers and cake



March Booking form

Please be aware that March booking forms are now overdue. If you have not already handed in your form and require sessions for the month of March, kindly return your form as soon as possible.

Please note that there will now be an administration fee charge for late booking forms being **£6.00 per child**, please account for this when handing in your form. This is due to regular late bookings and children not being accounted for when sorting staffing levels for the month.

Mythical Madness- Young artist competition

At Busy Bodies we are encouraging our children to take part in a national drawing competition for 4-12 year olds. They will be able to create a mythical creature Fairies, elves, phoenix, witches on broomsticks or mermaids. So go mad! Create your best mythical creature and return it to us at Busy Bodies by **Monday 7th April**.

Thank you in advance for your support always.

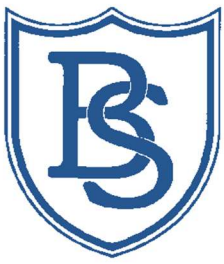
Special Assembly

A huge thank you to Theodore (from Junior school) and his mum Hayley for leading an assembly last Thursday, all about The Homeless.

Theodore and Hayley talked to us about the number of homeless people across Birmingham and the UK as a whole, and how charities help to provide food, clothing and support for them during this difficult time. They also asked for our help because they know how kind and caring we all are at Boldmere!

We are joining with Junior school and starting a Shoe Box appeal, providing various items for Theodore and Hayley to distribute to local Homeless charities. Further details will be sent at the end of the week to both Infant and Junior school parents, so look out for another message in a few days. Thank you in anticipation of your support.





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Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2025

The SCCT School Clothing Grant Scheme is now open online for new applications.



Applicants will need to visit the [SCCT website](#) to read the guidance notes and complete a short eligibility quiz before they are able to proceed to an application form

The guidance notes explain who can apply and information about how the scheme works.

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.

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



Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
04/03/2025

Sarahanna Kenny

