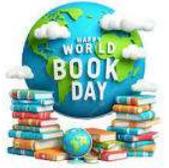




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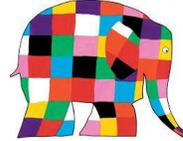
Dear Parents/Carers,

It is all about **books and reading** this week! Yesterday we welcomed the first of our "**secret readers**" into school and throughout the day had 15 parents visiting the classrooms to share stories. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for this during the week (all 65 of you) -it is lovely to see the children's reactions as you walk through their classroom door!



We have also delivered **Reception and Year 1 Inspire** afternoons, both of which have been extremely well attended. Again, thanks to parents and carers for taking the time to join us for some fun activities in school. It was very entertaining seeing grownups all arrive at school with their empty milk bottles ready to make Elmer the patchwork Elephant.

Reception activities also included Elmer number and colour hunt, an Elmer trim trail and obstacle course, and building a home big enough for an elephant!



Today's activities for Year 1 have included planting beans for Jack, making pancakes for Gingerbread men, creating paperchains for Rapunzel, collaging and building houses for The Three Little Pigs and following Red Riding Hood's path to Granny's house. Year 2 Inspire is tomorrow from 1.30pm and we look forward to seeing parents for our final session.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday and we are encouraging children to attend school dressed as their favourite book character. We will be having story swap sessions between classes during the day, and staff are looking forward to sharing their favourite stories. If you child does not want to dress up that is fine but we would encourage them to bring their favourite book into school instead.

I end the newsletter today with information regarding the current situation in **the Middle East**. A few children at school have spoken about the current conflict and we will be sharing age-appropriate information with them during the week, to offer reassurances but also discuss how we resolve conflict or arguments in school by communicating with each other. We are creating a safe space for questions, using age-appropriate language, provide reassurances and emotional support for children if they are worried. The NSPCC helpline for adults and children and online support is also available 0808 800 5000/0800 1111. BBC Newsround also explains the global events in accessible format. Although school have not shared these videos parents wish to view at home.



One final reminder for this week is our **Nursery Open Day** on Thursday at 9.30am/1.30pm. Mr Meakin and the team are looking forward to meeting our prospective new families although this comes with a warning that they may all be dressed as Book characters and unrecognisable as staff!

Diary Dates

- Monday 2nd-6th March** - Book Fair
- Tuesday 3rd March** - Year 1 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm
- Wednesday 4th March** - Year 2 Inspire Afternoon 1.30-3pm
- Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March** - Nursery Open Day
- Friday 27th March** - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am
- Friday 27th March** - Break for Easter holidays
- Monday 13th April** - School re-opens to all pupils
- Monday 4th May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils
- Thursday 21st May** - Break up for half term holidays
- Monday 1st June** - School re-opens to all pupils

PTA Elfridges

Friday sees our pop-up PTA **Elfridges** store. Orders for Mothers' Day gifts must be placed by today and children will visit the stop during the day on Friday. Please send in a carrier bag for any presents that have been ordered. Thank you to our PTA helpers for wrapping and organising the event.





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Friendship bracelets/ bands

Do we have any children who enjoy making bracelets/ bands at home and would be willing to donate to school?

The school council have come up with the idea of holding a 'Mini Market' to provide children with a '**Parent free shopping experience**' (quote from Zach in Owls!). This will take place during the summer term with the aim to fundraise for new lunchtime play equipment.



One of the suggested stalls is to have a bracelet or band stall. We are looking for bracelets made out of loom bands, plaited thread or beads. This may be a lovely weekend project or Easter holiday activity. If children are willing to donate please send into school and Mrs Mason will collect. Further information on the 'Mini Market' will be shared nearer the time. Thank you in advance!

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.

Parking

The safety of your children when using the roads and pavements around school are of paramount importance.

The BCC link for reporting illegally parked vehicles is below and I would urge all parents/carers who see traffic violations to report the incidents.

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report-an-illegally-parked-vehicle>



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

Book Explorers

Our annual '**Book Explorer**' challenge will be sent home in book bags at the end of the week.

We encourage you to take part with your child.

There are 3 awards for all children - bronze, silver and gold.

We expect children to achieve one of these awards each half term between now and end of the year in July.

For further information, please see the reverse of the 'Book Explorers' sheet when you receive it on Friday. Happy reading!

Book Fair

Our book fair is open every evening after school this week from 3:30-4pm in the school dining hall. Please note that all payments need to be made online with your bank card details. Unfortunately, we are unable to take payments from phones.

The book fair will also be open during our Inspire workshops. The school receives commission to buy books for our library from all purchases made, so we would love to raise as much money as possible. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Beatrice, Bryan & Laura

Year 2: Sloane, Olivia & Ariella





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'Spill the Tea with OT' - Coffee Afternoon - Tuesday 17th March, 2pm.

Our next Coffee Afternoon will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 2pm.

'Spill the Tea with OT' will be led by Birmingham's Occupational Therapy (OT) Service.

The theme for the afternoon is 'Self-Care Solutions', which will focus on enhancing your child's independence in daily living skills such as washing, dressing, teeth brushing, eating/drinking, toileting and sleep.

The session is open to any parents/carers of children across Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, Boldmere Junior School and Boldmere Inclusion Base.

If you would like to attend the session, please complete the form below, so that we can resource the afternoon accordingly.

You will need to sign in at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School on the day.

Many thanks, Mrs Jones, Mrs Bull and Mrs Robinson (SENDCOs)

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World Book Day

The Resource Base is taking the theme of The Day the Crayons Quit and if the children would like to dress up in whatever colours they wish, even if they remain in their school uniform because the change is too much. We will embrace all the different crayons.

Giraffes

Giraffe Class have had a wonderful week full of creativity and new learning. We enjoyed finding out about St David's Day whilst the children created beautiful hand-printed daffodil pictures. In maths, we have been exploring the concept of "less," using practical activities and real objects to help us understand what less means in different contexts. We have also started using musical instruments during our sensory story sessions, choosing different sounds to match the weather in the story. The children have shown fantastic engagement and enthusiasm in all their learning.

Puffins

Puffin Class have been working hard across all areas of their learning this week. In maths, we have been focusing on sequencing and developing our understanding of time, ordering events from first to last and talking about what happens before and after. The children have enjoyed exploring the weather as part of our topic work, creating colourful windsocks and observing how they move in the wind. In PE, Puffin Class have been developing their tennis skills, practising their balance and control through fun and engaging activities.

Trauma Informed Attachment Aware Schools Accreditation

We are excited to inform you that Boldmere Federation (Infant and Nursery School, Junior School and Resource Based Unit) are in the process of working towards a 'Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School' (TIAAS) accreditation.

This accreditation supports schools to better understand how children's experiences can affect their emotions, behaviour, relationships and learning. Our aim is to strengthen our whole-school approach so that every child at Boldmere Federation feels safe, understood and supported to thrive.

Further information about the process will be shared soon.



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Busy Bodies News

It has been wonderful welcoming back all the children last week following the half term break.

This week, we have so far had some lovely weather, which means that everyone is able to go out and enjoy the sunshine. Long may it last.

March bookings

Polite reminder to book your March sessions on Arbor as this week we have had a few children attending having not booked.

Please be reminded that we ask for bookings of a month in advance and it is parents' responsibility to ensure bookings and payments are up to date.

Tax-Free Childcare payments

Payments for Busy Bodies via the Government Tax Free childcare scheme should be made to Boldmere Junior School.

We have had several payments being made to the Infant school's account, this is not for Busy Bodies purposes.

Year 5 and 6 Den

Over the autumn and Winter months the children have really enjoyed the added comfort and responsibility of having an area specially designed for them. This included age-appropriate games and activities such as the iPad, books, puzzles, and Wii.

With brighter days and better weather on the horizon, we will be encouraging the children to make the most of it. The Den area will be back up and running in the autumn term. We have developed lots of resources for this area and look forward to extending it to the new year 5 and 6's from October onwards.

Drop in session

Next Wednesday 11th March, the Busy Bodies Manager will be hosting a drop-in session for anyone who would like to have a look at their child's Arbor account. Whether you have a financial query or just want to get back up to date. We will love to meet with you.

If you are unable to make this date but would find a session like this useful, kindly send us an email to busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk and we will arrange a suitable time to meet.

May we take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued support.

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.

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.





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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

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

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



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3/03/2026

