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Dear Parents/Carers,

My first paragraph in today's newsletter is a hearty "thank you" to everyone for their support during a very busy few days last week. We had a fantastic turn out during the Inspire afternoons! We hope that you all enjoyed working with your children during the events, and a reminder that any feedback would be gratefully received. Thanks also go to all our fabulous staff who organised and prepared for each day, including Mrs Dale and Mrs Virdee in the office who were up and down like yo-yos answering the door and the lunchtime staff for ensuring that dinner time ended promptly!

The book fair was also extremely well attended, and a total of **£933.14** was spent by families meaning that school will receive **£466** in commission to spend on new books for school. Thank you to Mrs. Beesley, our Reading Lead, for organising the Book Week. Tying in with this was our celebration of World Book Day on Thursday and what fantastic book characters we saw! Children and staff had a super day sharing stories and books and we even completed a parade around school to look at everyone's costumes. Thank you again for your support in the event -children always remember these special enrichment days and it is lovely to see everyone participating.

Last week we sent a Parent message to inform you of a special assembly that took place, led by Theodore (from Junior school) and his mummy Hayley. A reminder that the shoe box appeal for Homeless charities has now started and we welcome donations to school between now and **March 24th**. Theodore and Hayley will collect all donated items after the closing date.

Last week we welcomed many new families to our Nursery Open Day. The closing date for applications into Nursery (September 2025) is **Monday 17th March**, with offers made **Friday 28th March**.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our Boldmere school community.

My final message is to request participation in a survey, relating to our Busy Bodies provision. We are considering amending slightly the opening hours for our Busy Bodies before and after school club **with the potential of bringing forward the club opening time from 7.45am to 7.30am**. We believe that this minor change would be welcomed by many parents and carers but request that parents and carers complete the short survey below to help us determine whether we should pursue this change.

We particularly welcome the completion of this survey from those currently using Busies and also those that do not currently use it due to the current operational hours of the club. The link to the survey is below - it will close on **Monday 17th March**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pyznucdYkh>

Diary Dates

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

To William in 2S who has been training exceptionally hard and has managed to secure a place on the Birmingham Gymnastics Squad!!
We are really proud of you!



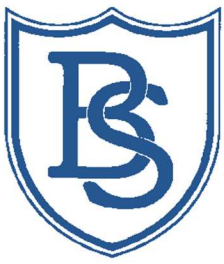
Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Sevasha, Flo & Violet

Year 2: Elyon, Lucas & Chester





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Upcoming Events

Future events for the remainder of the Spring term include our participation in "Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel" from March 24th to April 4th, **Red Nose Day** and a **Sponsored Bunny Hop** for Birmingham Hospice.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Further information, including a parent letter and poster is attached to today's newsletter.

The hugely successful Reindeer Run helped us raise over £1000 for Birmingham Hospice. Children had a great time completing the challenge and Mrs Mason was very proud of everyone's efforts! Such activities support the personal development of our children and also encourage us to think about our school values in the wider community. We are therefore "hopping on board" with their **Sponsored Bunny Hop** this term. John from Birmingham Hospice will be visiting to deliver another assembly and he will bring along our Bunny Ears for the event! We have set up a *Just Giving* page in advance, and reminders will be sent nearer the time for sponsorship.

Thank you in advance of your continued support, please follow the link to donate...

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-kenny-?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Term 2025

Letters will be sent home today for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. Please check your child's book bags.

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 are returned to school and **payment made via ParentPay** before the deadline which is **9am on Friday 14th March 2025**.

If your child did not bring one home please collect one from the office. Parents should have also received emails with details of the Spanish lunchtime club and the Pudding & Pie lunchtime club.

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.



Milk Letters for Summer Term 2025

Milk letters will be sent home for the summer term this week.

Order forms and payment via ParentPay must be received by



9am on Friday 21st March 2025 at the very latest.

If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five.

A new order form must be completed and sent to school.

Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

Newsletter:

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

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

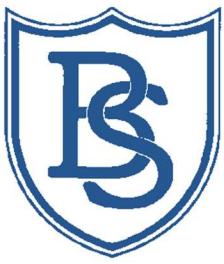
Red Nose Day 2025 - Friday 21st March

To fundraise for Comic Relief 2025 children are invited to wear their own clothes into school incorporating something red.

We have set a target of fundraising £250 so all donations would be gratefully received. Donations can be made via ParentPay on the following link :-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17654>





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 10th March 2025

Stars of the week

Shravya in **Giraffe** class for trying hard to manage her feelings.

Axel in **ED** for brilliant work in 'sporting stars' with Mr. Watts.

Theo in **LK** for confidently sharing the story he wrote.



Mrs. Preece awarded an extra Star of the week award to **Sam** in **LK**, for fabulous behavior during the local community walk and amazing manners towards the public.

Mr. Watts awarded an extra 'Sporting Stars award' to **Thierry** in **ED** for listening to instructions and trying hard.



Learning this week:

Giraffes class continue to focus on Colour and will be reading *Brown Bear, Brown bear what do you see?*

ED continue to work on Capacity and volume in Maths. In English they are recalling fairytales.

In **LK**, the children are revisiting multiplication and division facts and preparing decorations for their Mother's Day celebrations.

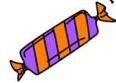
On **Friday 14th March**, the children can come into school in a bright T shirt as part of their PE Kit or wearing a colorful accessory, to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi.

Holi, is a festival that celebrates spring, love and new life.

By this Friday, apologies for the short notice, we would like the children to bring in a chocolate donation. These will be made into a chocolate hamper and raffled off as part of the **Comic Relief day on Friday 21st March**.

Friday 21st March is both our **Comic Relief** and **Down Syndrome Awareness Day**.

Children can come in non-school uniform and in a pair of colorful or mismatched socks for Down syndrome awareness.



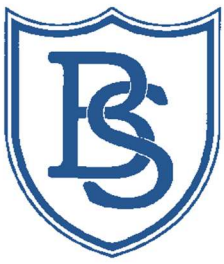
You may have seen on both the Infant and Junior newsletters that between **March 10th and 21st** we are having a '**Shoe Box appeal**'. In the BIB we would like the children to bring one item to donate to a class box.

These items could include shower gel, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, facewash, body cream, flannel, lip balm, socks and a nice note to make them smile!

Finally, please save the date, **Monday 24th March**, will be a BIB coffee afternoon.

I will send out confirmation slips to be returned should you be able to attend.





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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



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Head of School
11/03/2025

Sarah Kenny

