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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week was a very busy one, we offer our thanks to all children and families for engaging so amazingly with all the events that were held at school to celebrate the **Year of Reading**. Mrs Beesley has provided further information and feedback later in the newsletter but what a great week it was!



This week is a quieter one where our usual timetables and regular lessons are taking place and Senior leaders continue the **monitoring of teaching and learning**. We are also welcoming **parent helpers** into school to support reading activities across school. Mrs Beesley has provided training for the volunteers, and we thank them all for offering their time each week. Our aim is to support children improve reading skills through increased opportunities to read with adults. We look forward to seeing positive results for this initiative.

Congratulations this week also go to our fantastic **violinists** in Year 1 and Year 2 who performed with Louis and his band at the **Birmingham Conservatoire** on Sunday afternoon. What a celebration of musical talent this proved to be, well done children and thank you to the music service, and in particular Louis, who facilitated the spectacular! We look forward to the end of year performance during the summer term!

Today we have been pleased to welcome Nick and Jodie, from **Razzmatazz Sutton Coldfield** into school. The company have worked with a number of schools across Birmingham, offering free sessions in performing arts workshops. Today all children in Year 1 have participated in the singing, dancing and acting sessions and have had great fun! Leaflets will be sent home if parents/carers would like to join the classes in Sutton.

Advance notice of a few up-and-coming events:

The Big Walk and Wheel event starting Monday 16th March and running for 2 weeks, sees school taking part in a national competition to encourage walking, scooting and cycling to school each day. Each class will be competing against each other to become the best walkers/wheelers during the competition. We will also be competing against other schools across the country. Last year we came 395th out of 1299 schools (1802 journeys), can we improve on this rating? Let's give it a go!!! Further information is attached in an additional letter at the end of the newsletter.



Thursday 26th March is our **Sponsored Bunny Hop**, raising money for Birmingham Hospice. John and "Hopscotch" the Bunny will be leading an assembly on Monday 16th March, explaining the work of the Hospice. Sponsor forms and further details will be sent home next week following the assembly. We always have great fun participating in these sponsored events and thank you in advance for your support.



Diary Dates

- Friday 20th March** - Comic Relief
- Thursday 26th March** - Sponsored Bunny Hop
- 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

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade takes place on **Friday 27th March** and we look forward to seeing children's creations. Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade which takes place at approximately 9.10am on the school field. Year 2 children are visiting **New Oscott Village on Thursday 26th March** for an Easter extravaganza, so please wear Easter Bonnets on this day too!



Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:
Year 1: Raffy, Rafferty & Mariam
Year 2: Hussain, Austin & Isla





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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!

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

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

To support Comic Relief, we are inviting all children to wear their own clothes including something red to school on the day. This could be a red top, socks, hair accessory, or any fun red item!



We are also asking children to bring in a bar of chocolate, this could be any type of chocolate e.g. vegan, white chocolate, but please ensure it doesn't contain nuts.

The chocolate will then be used to make a hamper in each class.



We are suggesting children bring in a £1 donation. Each child will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of the delicious chocolate hampers.... to share with their families! Children will also take part in a comic relief-based activity organised by their class teachers.

All money raised will go towards supporting the amazing work of Comic Relief.

Thank you for your support.

Year Two visit to New Oscott Residential Village

Year Two children made such a positive impression during their Christmas concert at New Oscott Residential Village that they've been invited back for an Easter Bonnet Parade.



The visit will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 26th March**. Children are invited to bring their Easter bonnets in a day early so that they can wear them on the visit, class teachers will then keep them safe at school ready for the school parade the next day. On the day Please ensure that children are in appropriate clothing and suitable footwear.



A huge thank you for the support you gave in book week. It was fantastic to see so many of you attending the workshops and getting involved with your children's learning. Your time and enthusiasm really make a difference.

We also loved seeing the amazing effort put into the World Book Day costumes — the children looked brilliant and it made the day even more special. A big thank you as well to those who came in as surprise readers. The children were so excited, and it was a lovely way to share a love of reading together.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair by purchasing books - we raised nearly **£600** in commission which goes directly to purchasing books for our school library.



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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)

['Spill the Tea with OT' - Coffee Afternoon. Tuesday 17th March, 2pm. - Fill in form](#)

Book Explorers

Your child should have taken home our annual 'Boldmere Book Explorer' sheet in their book bag. The aim is to promote reading enjoyment and encourage children to read more widely. There are 3 awards for each year group - bronze, silver and gold. We would expect children to earn one of the awards each half term, completing the whole challenge in July. The instructions for completing the award are on the reverse of the Book Explorer sheet.

Trauma Informed Attachment Aware School (TIASS) accreditation

We would like to inform you that as a Federation we are beginning the process of working towards becoming a Trauma-Informed, Attachment-Aware School.

We have been working to develop our understanding of how children's experiences can affect their emotions, behaviour, and learning. Our aim is to strengthen the supportive relationships and nurturing environment that help all children feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.

As part of this process, staff have been taking part in professional training from the Educational Psychology team and Beacon Behaviour and we will continue to develop approaches that support pupils' wellbeing, resilience, and emotional development.

Attached to today's newsletter is some further information. We will keep you updated as we progress and thank you for your continued support.

Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Term 2026

Letters were sent home yesterday for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for the summer term.

If your child would like to participate, please ensure that reply slips are returned to school and **payment must be made via ParentPay by 9am Monday 16th March 2026.**

If your child did not bring one home, please collect one from the office.

Parents should have also received emails with details of the Pudding & Pie lunchtime club.





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning March 9th 2026

Easter Bonnet Parade

The Resource Base will be taking part in an Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 27th March at 9:10am (the last day of term). We would love the children to create an Easter-themed bonnet or hat at home, so this is a great opportunity to get creative together.

We understand that some children may have sensory sensitivities, so if wearing the hat feels uncomfortable, children are welcome to carry their bonnet instead.

Parents and carers are very welcome to come and watch the parade. However, we completely understand that work commitments may make this difficult, and we also recognise that changes to routine can sometimes be dysregulating for some children.

Don't worry if you can't attend—we will take lots of photos and share them on Dojo so you can still see the fun!

Giraffes

This week in Giraffes Class we introduced our Book of the Week, Rosie's Hat. The children enjoyed listening to the story and talking about what might happen when the wind blows Rosie's hat away. As part of our weather topic, we explored wind by thinking about how it feels on our faces and bodies and discussing the different effects it can have, such as blowing leaves or hats away. In Maths, the children have been practising rote counting to 10 through songs, games and group activities to build their confidence with numbers.

Puffins

This week in Puffins Class we have been very busy learning and creating!

In Maths, the children have been exploring the value of numbers with the help of Number blocks. Through songs, counting games and practical activities, they have been developing their understanding of how numbers work and how they can be combined and compared.

We have also been getting ready for Mother's Day by making some special cards and crafts. The children worked very hard on these and were very excited to create something thoughtful to take home.

Our Book of the Week has been "Cyril the Lonely Cloud." The children enjoyed listening to the story and talking about Cyril's feelings and friendships. We used the story to encourage discussion about kindness, emotions and how we can help others feel included.



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Milk Letters for Summer Term 2026

Milk letters for the summer term will be sent home tomorrow.

Order forms and payment via ParentPay must be received by **9am Thursday 19th March 2026** 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.

Thank you.



September 2026 Nursery Intake

Last week we welcomed many new families to our Nursery Open Day. The closing date for applications into Nursery (September 2026) is

Monday 16th March 2026, with offers made **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Last day for acceptances will be **Wednesday 25th March 2026**. We look forward to welcoming new families into our Boldmere school community.

Reception Trip - Ash End Farm



Letters were sent home last week with details of the Reception trip to Ash End Farm. Please could you complete the consent form along with the meal preference form and return them to school. Payment must also be made via ParentPay by **9am on Monday 23rd March**.

EASTER 2026 FOUNDATION SOCCER SCHOOLS



WEEK 1
Aston
Bromsgrove
Harborne
Sutton Coldfield

WEEK 2
Aston
Bromsgrove
Harborne

Dates: Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April

Times: 9:30 - 15:30

Ages: 5 - 12



EASTER HOLIDAY COOKING & CRAFT WORKSHOP!

Join us for our Easter workshop packed with fun and creativity - make Chocolate Orange Flapjacks and an Easter Craft!

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL 2026, 2.00PM-3:30PM

BRITWELL CHURCH HALL, SUTTON COLDFIELD B735SW

ALL INGREDIENTS AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!

WAYS TO BOOK:
- Scan the QR code here -

- Or text/email the word 'workshop' to 07967004824 or nikki@puddingandpie.org.uk and we'll send you the link!
£15 per child

Spaces are limited to children only!

www.puddingandpie.org.uk

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.





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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families

March sessions

A polite reminder to ensure that March sessions are booked to ensure that your child is able to access the service. Kindly ensure that fees are paid and kept up to date.

Arbor- cut off for sign up

We have now update Arbor to set the daily cut off time from 12 hours to 8 hours. Parentst/carers will now be able to book sessions for the morning up until 11:30pm the day before the session starts and up until 7:25am on the day of the afternoon session.

This will hopefully provide more support for families who need to book ad hoc sessions or those with emergency session request. Please note that if you miss the cut off time, you will need to follow the normal process of emailing the Busy Bodies Managers or telephone to ensure that your child is appropriately registered.

Drop off

To ensure the safety and security of all staff and children, we ask that children are dropped off at the time that they are booked in for. We have recently had a few families dropping off earlier than expected. Please note that we only staff for the number of children booked in for and early drop off could mean we are not able to let your child in until their session time starts.

Drop-in session-Arbor

A reminder that this Wednesday 11th March the Busy Bodies Manager will be providing a drop- in session for any families who would like to take a closer look at Arbor, to understand the functionality of the app, how to navigate to find your session booked times, invoices and payments.

The session will start at 3:30- 5:00pm, if you are unable to make this timeslot, kindly email the Busy Bodies Manager to book a session more suitable to your needs.

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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10/03/2026

