

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our newsletter this week starts with the feedback from our parent survey. A huge thank you to all parents/carers who provided feedback in advance of the 10th March deadline. I am pleased to have collated the information, and the findings are attached to today's newsletter. I have worked with Mrs Mason and Mrs Beesley to analyse the feedback and we are pleased to inform you that many of the suggestions made have already been acted upon. The two attached documents details results and the actions we are taking in response to your feedback, but also includes some of the lovely comments that you have made!

Thank you again for your continued support and for providing a critical friend when evaluating our school effectiveness. I am pleased to say however that from the 158 responses, 99% said their child was happy at school, 99% that their child was doing well at school, and 99% would recommend us to other parents.

As many of you may be aware, we have a number of illnesses circulating school currently. Many children are poorly with temperatures and sickness and staff are also being affected too. I have received two emails from parents concerned about our school policies around illness, so would like to clarify our position. These decisions are based on NHS recommendations (<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/626669cb8fa8f523b7221b98/UKHSA-should-I-keep-my-child-off-school-guidance-A3-poster.pdf>) and are to protect your children and to prevent illnesses spreading in class and across school.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they must be at home for a minimum of 48 hours. Where your child has a temperature that is requiring calpol/other pain relief to control then they should not be at school until the temperature has reduced. Staff take great care in monitoring children where they present as being "out of sorts" or where a child tells us that they feel unwell. Where we have concerns that a child is poorly and needs to be at home, we will call parents/carers to discuss and agree to an early collection. Where a child is sick on the school premises, they will be sent home immediately and guidelines above must be followed. Obviously, our children are of an age where illnesses can take hold very quickly and temperatures can rise and fall but please be reassured that we will always make calls to parents where we are concerned about your child's health. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Reminder of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel starting **Monday 24th March to Friday 4th April.**

Information was provided in last week's newsletter but please try to support our challenge!

Diary Dates

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



Boldmere INSET days for 25-26 are as follows:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

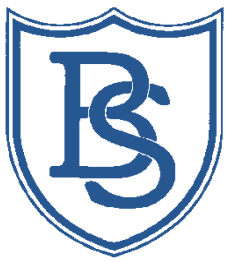
Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

School will be closed to all pupils on these dates.





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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>

Parking - Message from Mrs Kenny

I would like to discuss the parking situation around school at the start and end of the day.

We sent a parent message last week following the appalling parking behaviour witnessed one morning last week. We have since been provided with a link that can be used by members of the public, to report traffic violations and I strongly recommend that parents do contact the appropriate authorities with any information.

I have continued to monitor the morning situation and again need to stress that parking on double yellow lines and zig-zag markings around school is not permitted.

Both days this week I have spoken to parents who are ignoring this message and it is putting your children's lives at risk.

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

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_ille_gally_parked_vehicle



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.



Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Term 2025

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

We still have some spaces in **Year 2 Rugby club**.

If your child would like to participate please ensure that reply slips are returned to school and **payment made via ParentPay by Wednesday 19th 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.



Milk Letters for Summer Term 2025

Milk letters were sent home for the summer term last 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.

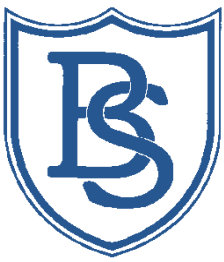
Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.



Congratulations

To Louie on the safe arrival of your baby brother **Lennie!**
Welcome to the Boldmere family!!





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The Boldmere Futures CIC are running a competition and giving one lucky winner the opportunity to have their flag design flying high on the Flagpole in Boldmere high street.

Please see the competition PDF below.

The closing date is 31st March 2025.



FLYING YOUR FLAG FOR BOLDMERE COMPETITION TIME!

We have created a trail of 59 small Commonwealth flags on lamp posts around Boldmere

for you and all the family to find!

Visit the website for more info www.boldmere.org/cwg2022/flyingflag/maps/

COMPETITION TIME - WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE THINGS ABOUT BOLDMERE?

Design your own flag and be in for a chance of your flag flying high in Boldmere!

Go on an adventure and find some of the Commonwealth Flags, then design your very own flag about all your favourite things in **Boldmere**.

Send a photo, JPEG or PDF of your A4 flag designs to flags@boldmere.org with your name **by the 31st March 2025**

and be in for a chance of seeing your design flying on Boldmeres very own **flag pole**

GOOD LUCK!



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust - School Uniform Grant Applications 2025

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



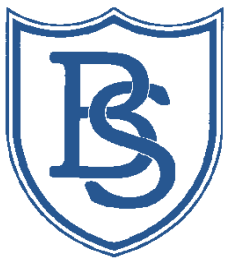
Applicants will need to visit the **SCCT website** to read the guidance notes and complete a short eligibility quiz before they are able to proceed to an application form

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.



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Busy Bodies News

Hedgehog Walk

On this very beautiful day with the sun shining outside, I can feel the warmth of spring making our wildlife areas blossom.

I certainly love being outside, and I am sure many of you will share this joy for the outdoors too. With this in mind, I have signed up with the Wildlife Trust to complete this year's Hedgehog Walk.



The hope is to try and fundraise as much money as possible to support the Wildlife Trust mission.

Our challenge is to walk 3km between 31st March - 13th April 2025! That sounds like a lot right. But did you know a hedgehog can walk 3km in just one night? And every step our group takes will help support wildlife like hedgehogs and many more.

If you would like to sponsor Busy Bodies Hedgehog Walk and help to encourage our children to explore nature a bit more, we will be displaying our sponsorship form on the Busy Bodies door and will upload our fundraising page next week to get ready for our challenge.

Keep a look out in our school newsletter for more information in the coming weeks.

April Booking form-

Please note that April's booking forms will be available for collection from Wednesday 19th March. You can access these on the schools website using the tabs- Parents, then Busy Bodies. Booking forms will also be available in the Junior school foyer or collect one from a Busy Bodies member of staff.

Kindly return your booking form by next **Wednesday 26th March** and complete your payment by **Friday 28th March**.

Please note that there is an accompanying letter attached to the April booking form, all Parents/Carers should read this in order to understand the changes that are going to occur over the coming months.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager, who will be happy to help.

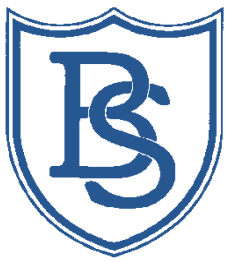
Kerema Hyatt
Senior Office Manager Busy Bodies

Newsletter:

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

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





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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 17th March 2025

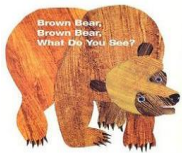
Stars of the Week

Idris in Giraffe class for being a superstar all week.

Alim in ED for trying hard and being a star all week.

James in LK for fantastic research skills in English.

Learning



Giraffe class are continuing to follow the theme of Colour. Reading and revisiting the story of Brown Bear, Brown bear, what can you see, in Literacy. In Maths we are using the story to look at pattern and colour.

ED are learning about St Patrick's Day. They are tasting Irish soda bread and potato printing. In Literacy they are continuing with traditional stories and in Maths, capacity.



LK are focusing on grammar skills this week. In Maths, they are learning about bar charts, multiplication and division facts. Like ED they are finding out about St Patrick's Day and in Art they are making 3D paper sculptures.

Thank you to those of you that have sent chocolate and toiletries for the Comic Relief and Shoe Box appeal respectively.



I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the BIB Coffee afternoon on 24th March 1.45. Please do send in your reply slips. There will be refreshments

By now you will also be aware that, after Easter both Mrs. Welch Smith and Miss Driscoll will be taking up posts at new schools. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing them both well. We will miss them.



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
17/03/2025

Sarah Kenny