



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that everyone has enjoyed their extra long weekend, despite the sudden plummeting temperatures! Last week's newsletter was packed with lots of information about up and coming events so this week will be quite brief.

We are looking forward to our **VE Day celebrations** on Thursday and a reminder that children may wear their **own red/white/blue clothes for the day**. Staff have planned a lovely day of activities to celebrate 80 years since the end of World War 2, and I am sure the children will be able to share their learning with you at the end of the week.

Further information will be shared in year group newsletters on Friday.

Reception 2025 offer day took place during the Easter holidays and we are very pleased to report that 90 places have been offered in our community.

An email with a Google form attached has been sent to these families to complete by **Wednesday 8th May 2025**. We will be making further contact with all families inviting parents/carers to an **Induction Information session on Thursday 5th June at 9.30/1.30**. Children will then be put into parallel classes and will attend a Stay & Play session for their class on either Monday 30th June/Tuesday 1st July/Wednesday 2nd July.

Our Nursery places have also been offered and we currently have just 4 (afternoons only) vacancies for September.

The Nursery Induction day will take place on **Friday 27th June**.

Nursery will be closed to all current children on this day, as we welcome new Nursery children and parents into our setting.

Further information about the induction day will be sent to parents/carers of new Nursery children by 23rd May.

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th May - VE Day Celebrations

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

Tuesday 20th May - PTA Disco

Thursday 22nd May - Sports Day (Afternoon only - 1.30pm)

Friday 23rd May - Break up for half term holidays

Monday 2nd June - School re-opens to all pupils

Thursday 5th June - Reception Induction Information Session at 9.30am/1.30pm

Friday 27th June - Nursery Induction Sept 2025 - Closed to current Nursery Children

Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2024 need to be rechecked and signed for the **Summer Term**. Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Tuesday 13th May at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete.

Newsletter:

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

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

VE Day Celebrations

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, The Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council have kindly awarded school a grant to support a VE Day activity for all of our children to take part in.

Over the next couple of weeks children will have the opportunity to make a clay medal plaque/ decoration that they will be able to keep as a memory of the celebrations.

Keep your eyes peeled in next week's newsletter for examples of what has been made!!





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Performance of The Jungle Book

The Jungle Book by M&M Productions will be visiting the school on **Friday 20th June 2025** and following a positive response from parents we have agreed to book the event.

As a result, we are requesting a donation of **£5.00** per child for the performance via ParentPay.

Thank you to all parents/carers that have already paid.

An optional contribution (referenced as "additional school fund donation for Jungle Book") will also be added to ParentPay for any parents wishing to make extra donations for this specific event.



Dolce Menu - VE Day

In light of our VE day celebrations on Thursday



Dolce are offering a traditional English menu for lunch!

Please ensure that all orders are updated using the newly offered VE day menu. All previous orders will be cancelled and parents must update preferences by **tomorrow 7th May**.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has 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.



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.

Nursery September 2025 Intake

We still have a few spaces available in Nursery for **September 2025**.

If you know of or have a child whose date of birth is between **01/09/21** and **31/08/22** who may be interested in a place, please contact the school office on 0121 464 2338 for further information.

Thank you.

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.

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Asher, Mya & Yara

Year 2: Aydaan, Danny & Cairo



Lunchtime Dance Club commencing Monday 19th May 2025

Letters will be sent home this week for a Dance club starting on Monday lunchtime for Reception & Year 1. 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.



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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families.

Last week at Busy Bodies the children had a great time in the lovely warm weather. Some of our children use their initiative and worked hard supplying water to everyone. They proactively ensured that everyone was wearing their sunhats and using their sunscreen.

Here is a big thank you to: Ayana, Ella, Ivy, Lily, Charlotte, Libby and Hope.
You are all SUPERSTARS!

Tax-Free Childcare Scheme payments

We are aware that there is a current issue with making payments to our Boldmere Junior School account for Busy Bodies fees.

We ask that you kindly bear with us whilst we work to resolve this. We have been informed that this could take several days, therefore, please do not attempt to make any further payments until we have advised you of the issue being resolved.

We thank you for your patience in this time, and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause in the meantime.

Early drop offs

We have recently communicated that Busy Bodies will be starting from 7:30am in the near future. Please note that the 7:30 a.m. sessions will commence as of week commencing **2nd June 2025**.

The price will be **£10.00**, and it will coincide with our transition to Arbor online bookings.

If you are interested in a 7:30 a.m. start time, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager as soon as possible.

A polite reminder to parents, please do not drop your child/ren off earlier than specified on your forms as we staff according to the numbers of children expected to attend.

May Booking Form.

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their May's booking form. Please note that this will be our final paper copy. There are a few forms that remain outstanding, we will be sending a reminder to these families today.

Arbor Bookings.

As of **2nd June**, our Busy Bodies sessions will be via online bookings on Arbor.

We will be communicating your Arbor logins in due course.

Please bear with us whilst we get this sorted.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on:

Tel: 0121 464 1343 or email: busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Parking around school

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

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



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Coeliac Awareness Month

This month is Coeliac Awareness Month. To support those members of our school community who have a diagnosis of coeliac disease Mrs Beesley shared the story 'The Magical Cookie' by Jennifer Ritter in assembly today.

The theme for the month is 'live well gluten free'. It is hoped that by raising awareness, it will help children begin to understand the impact of autoimmune diseases such as coeliac disease as well as support others who have restricted diets due to food allergies or intolerances.

Reading Explorers

Most children are now working towards their silver award - well done! To achieve your silver award, you need to complete 3 rows or columns of books on the grid. You can then start working towards your gold award - which is a fully completed grid! Gold awards will be awarded after half term. Happy reading!

School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



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



Foundation

Whitsun Week Soccer Schools

Locations:

Bodmoor Heath Training Ground
Sutton Coldfield
Harborne
Aston

Dates:

27th - 30th
May 2025

Time:

9:30 - 15:30

Ages:

5 - 12



Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
6/5/2025

Sarah Kenny

