



# NEWSLETTER - May 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I would like to start by referencing our colleagues at Junior school and the fabulous Y6 children who are sitting their SATs this week. Many of you may be aware that we have a statutory obligation to deliver certain tests and assessments throughout a child's time in primary school. In Reception, we assess children using the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, in Year 1 our children sit a phonic screening check, in Y4 there are multiplication tests and finally in Y6 there are SATs. Whilst we know that some children may find the pressures of sitting tests/exams a little challenging or daunting, I can reassure you that we approach these procedures with a calm and positive attitude and we know that the children always do their best. In the grand scheme of things, and with an aging head on my shoulders, I can reassure all parents and children that test results are never the be all and end all of life -there are far more important things to focus on that help us become successes in the world.

Today our **Y2 children have visited Aston Villa** and had an amazing morning participating in sports activities. The children behaved impeccably and Amber was super impressed with our listening skills. Thanks to Amber for organising the event, we always get so much out of these extra-curricular activities and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Amber will be supporting us at our **Sports Day** event next **Thursday** and we look forward to seeing parents/carers during the afternoon. The races will start at **1.30pm**. Please access the field via the big green gates between Infant and Junior school. Should the event finish before the end of school, children will be allowed to leave early with parents/carers. **All PE kits will be sent home on Wednesday and children should attend school on Thursday wearing their PE kit rather than school uniform.** The day is weather dependent though so please keep an eye on school messages if the forecast looks rainy!

This week, as part of our ongoing **monitoring**, we are welcoming our **Governors** into school to talk about our curriculum provision, specifically the teaching and learning in Foundation subjects. Staff will be sharing our timetables, curriculum overviews, planning and book evidence in order to provide information about the breadth of our curriculum offer. We look forward to their visit and will feed back their thoughts following the day.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Reception trip to Ash End Farm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - PTA Disco

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Sports Day (Afternoon only - 1.30pm)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Break up for half term holidays

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - School re-opens to all pupils

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Reception Induction Information Session at 9.30am/1.30pm

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery Induction Sept 2025 -

**Closed to current Nursery Children**

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Arthur, Kofi, Summer, Miles and Isa

**Year 2:** Ava, Teddy and Elsie



## VE Day Celebrations

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, The Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council kindly awarded school a grant to support a VE Day activity. Every child in school had the opportunity to make a clay medal plaque/ decoration to take home and have as a keepsake. The children were so eager (quite rightly so!) to take their medal home that Mrs Mason didn't get chance to take any photos! If you have any photos of your child with their treasured medal we would love to see them, please send photos to the enquiries email [enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Mason. Thank you!





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## Performance of the Jungle Book

Our Jungle Book performance is also booked and as yet, we are quite short of donations. 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.

Please can we encourage payments for this performance by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 2025** in order that we can complete the booking.

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



## 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!

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](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>

## 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.

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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)



## School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

[enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)





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## Busy Bodies News

### Busy Bodies Parents/ Carers

**Siblings starting September 2025-** Should you have any siblings wishing to start Busy Bodies this September, kindly hand your registration form in as soon as possible.

You can access this via the Federation of Boldmere Schools website <https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/busy-bodies>, or alternatively ask for a copy from a Busy Bodies member of staff.

We ask that all registration forms are in by week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June, and we aim to allocate places during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

**ParentPay accounts-** Please check your child's account to ensure that fees are paid and up to date. We will be transferring all fees across to Arbor after the May Half term.

**Arbor meeting-** A huge thank you to all the parents who attended yesterday's Arbor meeting, please note that today will be the final session at 4:30-5:00 p.m. This is an information sharing session to demonstrate how to access Arbor and make bookings for Busy Bodies session starting from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

All Busy Bodies parents would have received your Arbor log in yesterday, should you have any difficulties login in, kindly advise the Busy Bodies Manager and we will work with you to resolve the issue. Also, if you did not receive a login email from school or Arbor yesterday, kindly inform the Busy Bodies Manager, as this may mean that we need to update the information we hold for you.

**Please note that the Arbor logins are only for Busy Bodies purposes at this moment.**

**June's sessions-** Please be reminded that the May form was our last physical form, all bookings must be done through Arbor for sessions starting 2<sup>nd</sup> June onwards.

We kindly ask parent/carers to pre-book sessions for June by next Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May to help us formulate a register ready for when we return after May half term.

Should you not know which sessions you require by this date, you can still book online during the May half term and we will update our register accordingly on the first day back.

Wish us a smooth transition, and thank you for all your support.

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](mailto:busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)**





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## Sensory Processing and Attachment Disruption and Trauma

Independent Occupational Therapist Laura Graham will be discussing how sensory processing differences can present differently for those who have experienced attachment disruption and trauma and how we need to consider and approach the support of these needs.

This workshop will be particularly suitable for families whose children and young people have experienced developmental trauma and/or attachment disruption, adoptive parent and foster carers.

Thursday  
22nd May 2025  
6.45pm - 9pm

Four Oaks Methodist  
Church,  
155 Lichfield Road,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands  
B74 2UU



To book a place please visit  
[www.growfamilyservices.org](http://www.growfamilyservices.org/eveningtalks)  
/eveningtalks





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**BIB Newsletter Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

## Celebrations

**Bernard** in **Giraffe** class for following instructions in lessons.

**Thierry** in **ED** for a great effort in all his work all week.

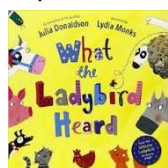
**Habiba** in **LK** for being helpful, kind and encouraging of her peers outside in the playground.



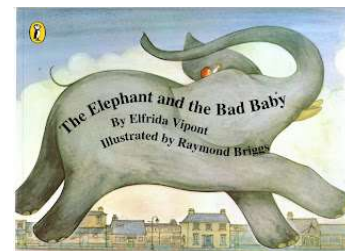
Last week we joined in the VE Day celebrations where the children participated in the picnic and VE Day activities!



You may see that there are some new temporary staff in the BIB at the moment supporting the children. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Miller are working across LK and ED respectively.



**Giraffes-** Maths is counting 1-5, Literacy is focusing on engaging with others sharing stories 'What the Ladybird heard.' By Julia Donaldson.



**ED-** in Maths, children continue to work on number bonds and recognition of numbers.

In English, the children are listening to The Elephant and the bad baby by Elfrida Vipont, asking questions and focusing on the correct punctuation in sentences.



**LK-** Maths, the children are revisiting multiplication and division and main focus being the days of week, months and years. In English they are listening to and answering comprehension questions on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.



Finally, Mrs Kinsella and Mrs. Dale have been sharing a story with the children called "The Magical Cookie" as part of Coeliac Awareness Month. It is a cause close to our hearts in the BIB and been a great way to raise awareness about coeliac disease.

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
13/5/2025

*Sarah Kenny*