



# NEWSLETTER - May 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have started the week with great excitement as **Reception** attended **Ash End Farm** yesterday! The first of the school trips this term went smoothly and the children had lots of fun during the day, learning about animals and their babies and what they need to keep them healthy and help them grow. The children behaved brilliantly and we hope that they have shared their experiences with you already!

Thank you as ever to staff for organising the trip, and for the parent helpers who joined us too -these events are only possible with your support.

A reminder that this **Thursday afternoon is Sports day** for **Reception, Y1 and Y2** children. We are obviously hoping for good weather, and at the moment the forecast does look favourable. If grey clouds do suddenly appear, we will send an Arbor email with updates. The green gates by the training room will be open from **1.20pm** and the races will start at **1.30pm**. Children should wear their PE kits to school on Thursday and pump bags will be sent home on Wednesday evening to facilitate this.



I am ending on a rather sad and distressing note this week.

Our school grounds, in particular the Nursery outdoor area, are being **vandalised and defaced** during the evenings and weekends. Mr Meakin is regularly finding dog excrement thrown over the fence into the Nursery playground, as well as toys being moved and broken, gates being unlocked and access gained to Reception playground. I urge all parents/carers to **contact the Police on 101 if they see or hear anything suspicious around school or the local area**.

Informing school of inappropriate behaviour is not enough to hold these youths to account and only by reporting this antisocial behaviour to the Police, will action be taken. Once reports have been made, please **contact school with a crime reference number** and this can then be logged on school systems.

Keeping our school, our children and the local community safe is paramount and we can only do this by being vigilant and working together to report these incidents.

Thank you for your support.



**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**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Break up for the summer holidays

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September** - Professional Development Day. School closed to pupils

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - School re-opens

## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Hannah, Evie & Isaac

**Year 2:** Sara, Daria & Lewis



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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## Calling all Scientists!



This year we are repeating our very successful Science Selfie Competition as part of our science week which begins on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**.

We want to encourage you all to think like scientists. We would love to see some selfies of you doing something scientific at home. This could be carrying out a mini beast hunt, planting seeds, making slime, meeting a scientist, visiting a museum... the ideas are endless ... just use your imagination!

All you have to do is take a photo and then, in one sentence, explain what science it is you have been learning.

You can email your entries via your year group email or if you want to print out your photos you can bring them in to your class teacher.

Closing date for entries is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

There are prizes to be won for the best three entries.

Good luck!



## Junior Duke Award Assessment



The next assessment date for the Junior Duke Award is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, the first Monday back after half term.

There will then be one more assessment date on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**.

Number of challenges needed to complete the award;

**Nursery and Reception- 5 challenges**

**Year One and Year Two- 7 challenges**

If your child has already achieved their award, please feel free to complete further challenges, Mrs Mason will still assess these.

It has been lovely spending time with the children to look at their books and to see how much pride they have taken in their achievements.

## 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 been added to ParentPay for any parents wishing to make extra donations for this specific event.



## 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.

Thank you



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## 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.

## 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.





**Aged 6 - 8?**  
Want to try new things?  
Excited to have fun and go on adventures?  
Like to help others and make a difference?



**Can you help?**  
We can't do it without volunteers! Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table. Find out about how you can get involved!





**1ST SUTTON COLDFIELD**  
**Want to find out more?**

- Fridays 6pm -7pm
- 1st Sutton Coldfield Scout Hut, Rear of 192 Boldmere Rd, (Little Ripley Nursery) Sutton Coldfield B73 5UE
- 1stsuttoncoldfield@gmail.com
- Call/Whatsapp 07828 959194 (Mel)

## Monday Lunchtime Dance Club - Postponed



Unfortunately the fusion dance classes have been postponed until after half term. Safeguarding checks have not yet been provided by the dance teacher and as a result the classes cannot be delivered. We are hopeful the information required will be provided by this week.

## Newsletter:

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

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





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## Busy Bodies News

### Busy Bodies Parents/Guardians

#### Arbor log-in

Last week we launched the new Arbor app for parents, we hope that all our families have been able to log on successfully. We are aware of a few issues, which we have worked hard to rectify for our families. If you are still having trouble accessing your child's profile, kindly contact the Busy Bodies Manager.

**Please note** that we are requesting that parents continue to book on a monthly basis unless you work shift patterns, and need to do weekly bookings. This will support us to ensure appropriate staff to children ratio at all times.

**You are able to make bookings up until the end of this academic year.**

Once sessions are booked, please note that these are only refundable based on our charging policy. We understand that for the first month or so, adjustment may need to be made as parents get used to the system. Should this be the case, kindly send us an email and we will manually make these changes for you.

#### Tax- Free Childcare scheme

If you pay via the Government website- Tax-Free Childcare, please note that you are now able to make payments once again as of yesterday. The issue associated with our account has now been resolved.

If you received an email from Gov.uk regarding returning your funds, kindly log on and make the appropriate payment for May fees. Any issues, kindly inform the Busy Bodies Manager.

We would like to thank all parents for supporting us through this process of change, we know that it will be useful for everyone eventually. We are happy to help should you have any queries.

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)**

#### 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)



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## Understanding Neurodivergence

Are you a grandparent, relative, or caregiver eager to better understand the neurodivergent children in your life? Join us for a friendly and informative session designed to help you:

- Gain insight into what neurodivergence means
- Learn how to support and connect with neurodivergent loved ones
- Ask questions in a safe, judgment-free space

**Thursday**  
**5th June 2025**  
**10am - 12 noon**  
Four Oaks Methodist Church,  
155 Lichfield Road,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
West Midlands  
B74 2UU



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



## Selective Mutism: doing what it takes with Libby Hill

**Tuesday**  
**10th June**

**ONLINE**

Join us for an **ONLINE** session with Libby Hill SaLT talking about **SELECTIVE MUTISM**, the difference between **REACTIVE MUTISM** and **SELECTIVE MUTISM** and how to support.



To book a place please visit  
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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,  
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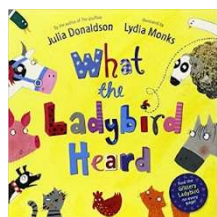
**BIB Newsletter Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Celebrations (for week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May)**

**Ava** in **Giraffe** class for following instructions during snack time.

**Parker** in **ED** for great work in class all week.

**James** in **LK** for great ideas and contributions to the Iron Man work.



**Learning this week**

**Giraffes**

Maths is counting 1-5, using fingers to support one to one correspondence.

Literacy I continues to focus on the story 'What the Ladybird heard,' by Julia Donaldson.

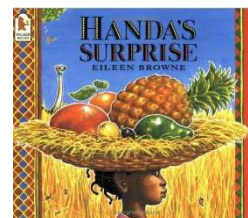
The children are being encouraged to repeat words and phrases they hear in the story.

**ED**

The class are reading *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne.

They have been tasting fruit and expressing their likes and dislikes.

They have been using their senses to describe how it tastes and what the fruit feels and looks like.



In Maths, the children are continuing to work on number bonds, place value and recognition.

**LK**

Today was Rock Star day. The children have enjoyed joining in different activities for that. In English, they have been finishing off their comprehension work on the Iron Man. In Art, they have been drawing in the style of Chris Mould.

Swimming for LK continues on Tuesday afternoons until June 10<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder that school is closed for the children on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for half term.

Have a lovely break and let's hope the sun continues to shine so we can all get outside.



Mrs S Kenny  
Head of  
School  
20/5/2025