



NEWSLETTER

- Nov 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone! We hope that you have all had an enjoyable half term and are looking forward to a busy few weeks as we start the run up to Christmas!

The fun at school starts this week with our annual (and much loved)



PTA Firework event on Friday



For anyone who has not yet attended this spectacular, I would urge you to purchase tickets as soon as possible. We have a limited number available and we have already sold over two thirds of them! For safety reasons, admittance is by ticket only so secure your place as soon as possible - we look forward to seeing lots of you for the event. Gates open at **5.30** with the firework display starting at **7.00pm**. There are plenty of food stalls, sweets stalls and glowing toys available to purchase during the evening! If attending by car, please can we encourage all families to park appropriately and consider local residents around school. PTA are also looking for a few more volunteers for the event so sign up if you can help, even for just an hour. This event is the biggest event of the year but is only made possible with volunteers helping on the night.

Yesterday we sent out information regarding **Governor vacancies** at Boldmere. Candidates shared their passion for our school and voting for parent Governor vacancies is now open. We will notify parents/carers of the ballot outcomes in a few weeks (**closing date Friday 14th November**) and we look forward to welcoming the successful candidates onto our Governing Board later this term.

During the last week of October, we held our first Parents' evening of the year. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended, it was lovely to see everyone. Following the evening, we sent a **Parent Feedback form** and have so far received 73 responses. As part of our school self-evaluation and improvement processes, parent feedback is invaluable.

The survey will remain open for a further few days to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to contribute, the google form should only take a few minutes to complete.

The closing date will be this **Friday 7th November** and we will provide a summary of comments in next week's newsletter.

Please follow the link attached to access the feedback form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Qnbzd58uaW>

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th November -
School Open Day for Reception 2026

Monday 8th December -
9:30am (RI) Robins Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December -
9:30am (RM) Hedgehogs Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December -
9.30am (RW) Penguins Christmas Performance

Monday 8th December - 2pm
(1L) Owls Christmas Performance

Tuesday 9th December - 2pm
(1M) Meerkats Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December -
2pm (1S) Lions Christmas Performance

Monday 15th December - 2pm
(2U) Parrots Christmas Performance

Tuesday 16th December - 2pm
(2G) Seals Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December -
2pm (2B) Bears Christmas Performance

Friday 19th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 5th January 2026 -
INSET Day-school closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January 2026 -
School re-opens to all pupils

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taking place on **Friday 21st November**, a change to the original date due to Children in Need activities! Junior school photographs will be on the same day. If you would like sibling photographs taken, please come to the **Infant school office** to queue from **8.00am**.





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Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our families for their donations to the Aston and Nechells Foodbank.

To celebrate Harvest Reverend Chris from Wylde Green, United Reformed Church paid us a visit and delivered assemblies for both Early Years and Key Stage One.

The children were a credit to the school, especially Nursery who were taking part in their first assembly. Reverend Chris particularly enjoyed the children's singing of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' (I'm sure you have heard some renditions at home).



Reception Enrichment Activities

Reception will be joining in with **enrichment activities** this half term, following the successful trails with Year 1 and Year 2 this half term.

Parental contributions for the sessions are requested as the sessions are in addition to our statutory curriculum offer.

A donation of **£10.00** is requested for each child, and this can be paid via **ParentPay** from today. Thank you to all parents who have already contributed.

Arbor Update

Thank you to everyone who has logged into the Arbor system and updated their details. A reminder to anyone who has not already done so, please could you log in and check that your child's details are correct. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office.



Reception Open Day

The Reception open day will be held on
Thursday 6th November
at 9.30am and 1.30pm

We are holding two sessions during the day, at 9.30am and 1.30pm. If you have a child due to start Reception next September, please just come along to meet the team and have a tour of school. There is no need to book.

Following the sessions, information will be shared on our school website.

Remembrance Day

Children will be learning about Remembrance Day this week. Our School Council Representatives we be selling poppies this week for the Royal British Legion. We are requesting a minimum donation of 50p for this worthy cause. Thank you!



Pantomime time

M&M productions are visiting the school to showcase Robin Hood, and this year children in Year 2 will have a workshop opportunity after the performance!

This annual, pre-Christmas event is an amazing opportunity for children to be involved in a live theatre production.

All children, including BIB classes will have the opportunity to watch the production on **Monday 24th November** and we are requesting parental contributions of **£5.50** per child to cover the cost of the booking, which this year is £1400. Again, these events cannot take place without parental contributions and we politely request that all payments are made via ParentPay by **Monday 10th November**; at which time we can confirm the booking.



Be Empowered Workshops

Please see attached flyer detailing a series of workshops for parents/carers of a child with addition needs. They run over a period of 6 weeks, and there is a selection of face-to-face and online sessions.

Petition for Urgent Traffic Calming Measures on Boldmere Road

Please find below the link for the petition for traffic calming measures on Boldmere Road.

<https://www.suttoncoldfieldconservatives.com/campaigns/petition-urgent-traffic-calming-measures-boldmere-road>

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

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



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Reception Admissions - September 2026

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2026. Please visit the website at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/school_admissions for further information.

The closing date for applications is
Thursday 15th January 2026.

Year Two Parents

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2026

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form can be found by visiting:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is
Thursday 15th January 2026.

Parking

The safety of your children when using the roads and pavements around school are of paramount importance.

The BCC link for reporting illegally parked vehicles is below and I would urge all parents/carers who see traffic violations to report the incidents.

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



Measles (MMR) and Winter Immunisations Reminder

Please find attached information regarding the MMR and Winter Immunisation 2025 Vaccine Reminder.

Good Attendance Matters

Please find attached some important information from Birmingham City Council for parents and carers regarding regular school attendance.

School Council Representatives

A huge thank you to all of the school applicants this year.

Children cast their votes and the following school council representatives were chosen to represent their classes.

2B-Lottie and Kofi
2G-Frankie and Eliza
2U-Lily-Mae and Mila
1L- Ariana and Zachary
1S- Isobel and Arthur C
1M- Florence and Rafferty



Anti Bullying Week

This year the theme is the 'Power of Good'. We will be starting the week off by asking children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November. During the week children will be learning about bullying via assemblies and class discussion. The following definition will be shared with the children:

'Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group where the relationship involves imbalance of power. Bullying can be verbal, physical or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.'

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 new separate Email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:

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





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OTHER SEASONAL DATES ...

Friday 12th December – Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

Thursday 18th December – Christmas party day

Friday 19th December – Church service tbc



Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Rashaad, Noah & Arthur

Year 2: Hannah, Joanna & Mila



SEND Coffee Afternoon - Meet the Services, Tuesday 25th November, 1.45pm-3.15pm

Our next SEND Coffee Afternoon will take place in the school hall at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School on Tuesday 25th November, from 1.45pm until 3.15pm.

This afternoon will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Services'; Deb Parker (Communication and Autism team), Lisa Taylor-Hawkins (Language, Learning and Strategic Support - formally Pupil and School Support), Anna Gordon (NHS Speech and Language Therapist) and Emily Hartland (Occupational Therapist) will all be on hand to give an overview of their services and how they support children, families and schools.

It is also a great opportunity to chat and share experiences with other parents and carers, as well as enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit! If you would like to attend this session, please indicate your attendance on the form below so that we can plan ahead.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CXAnNrRQan>



Our Coffee Afternoon is open to parents/carers of children at Boldmere Infant and Nursery School, Boldmere Junior School and Boldmere Inclusion Base. Please note that your child does not need to be on the SEND register, or have a diagnosis, for you to access this. NB.

We understand that parents/carers of children in Boldmere Inclusion Base may need to leave earlier to collect their children. Many thanks,

Junior Duke

We are excited to be running the **Junior Duke Award** for the second year! The awards are to encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation and are available for all children, including Nursery. Each year group has an award and they come with a series of challenges for children to complete.

If children completed an award last year, they can now move onto their new year group award, as shown below.

Year Group	Award
Nursery	Nano Award
Reception	Micro Award
Year One	Silver Mini Duke
Year Two	Gold Mini Duke



The cost of the award is **£11** and it runs throughout the school year.

Please look out for further information on a letter that will be sent home in your child's book bag.



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Children in Need- Wear your own clothes day and cake sale

We will be holding our annual cake sale to raise money for **Children in Need** on **Friday 14th November**. Please send cakes, homemade or shop bought, into school on Friday. Children will have the opportunity to buy a cake to eat in school.

Children may bring a cash donation, we suggest **50p**, please be aware that change will not be given.

Any cakes left over will be available to purchase at the end of the day from the Dining Hall.

There will be a competition for homemade entries - Mrs Kenny is looking forward to judging!



Allergies - We ask that cakes do not include nuts as we are a nut-free school. If your child has a specific allergy and you wish to send a cake for your child to eat, please discuss and arrange this with the class teacher.

Children will also be able to wear their own clothes for a **£1 donation**, which they can bring in on the day. As the theme is 'Challenge Yourself' the children will be challenged by learning the '**Strictly 25 Step Dance**' so that by Friday they will hopefully be able to perform it!

BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 4th November 2025

Giraffes

Giraffe Class have had a wonderful start to this half term as they have been introduced to the new topic, Light and Dark. The children have been exploring different celebrations that involve light, such as Diwali and Bonfire Night. Our new book of the term is ***The Darkness Slipped In*** by Ella Burfoot, which the children have really enjoyed listening to. In art, they have been mark making with paint, experimenting with colours and creating beautiful repeated patterns.

Puffins

Puffin Class have had a busy week so far! They have started a new topic all about Light and Dark, exploring different types of light. The children have also enjoyed completing their beautiful leaf weaving projects, showing great patience. In PE, they have been working hard on balancing skills, developing control and coordination through using apparatus. They have created stunning bonfire art pictures, using colour and texture to create their own bonfires - perfect for this time of year!

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. Thank you.



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Busy Bodies News

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope that all our families had some rest and time together. This half term at Busy Bodies we hope to be a fun and exciting time for the children attending the club.

Activities for this half term.

We will be creating some fireworks displays using various textures and art material. There will also be arts and crafts to commemorate Remembrance Day.

There will be plenty of activities around autumn and winter including leaf painting, autumn/winter wreaths, gingerbread scene displays and many more.

November bookings

Polite reminder to ensure that November bookings are completed on Arbor, last month we had to manually add quite a few children as they were not booked in. Should you have any difficulties kindly inform the Busy Bodies Manager.

Reminders

Please ensure that children are bringing in their coats and jumpers as the weather changes to become colder. We encourage children to go outside for outdoors play; many will insist that they do not have coats in school. It is for the children's safety that coats are brought into school.

Darker nights are upon us, so polite reminder for all parents to come to the Busy Bodies doors after you have pressed the intercom. Along the school there are movement detecting sensor lights which will automatically come on when someone goes pass and goes off when no longer required.

Parents are encouraged to ensure that they are seen by staff members before going back to the waiting area.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with these matters.

Ordering Lunches Via 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.

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches, please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk

Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

4/11/2025

