

NEWSLETTER

- Nov 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what an amazing evening we all had last Friday! Our brilliant PTA put on their annual **Firework spectacular and Diwali light trail** and the event was as good as ever! Tickets sold out quickly and we hosted over 1500 members of our Boldmere community during the evening. The firework display was fabulous and the Diva lamps (created by all children in the Infants and Junior schools) provided a beautiful backdrop to the whole event. Our thanks go to all members of the PTA who supported with the planning, preparation and delivery of the display. It is by far the biggest event of the year and is only made possible with volunteers who kindly give up their time to support. Thanks also go to the many teaching staff who also helped out, either setting up, serving on stalls or with the cleaning up! It was a real team effort and we look forward to hearing the funds that have been raised from the evening. We hope that you all enjoyed the display as much as we all did. Last Thursday we held our **Open Day for Reception 2026**.



The presentation from the sessions is now available on the school website:

<https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/news/2025-09-16-open-day-information-for-reception-2026>.

It was lovely to see so many new families attend. Thank you to school council members who helped during the day, they all took on their roles with pride, and demonstrated our school values brilliantly.

Closing dates for applications is Thursday January 15th 2026.

Thank you to Parents who have completed our online **feedback form** following our Parents' evening last term. We have received 83 responses and the findings are attached to this newsletter. We are pleased to see that children are happy at school and that 99% of parents would recommend us! Thank you for your improvement suggestions too. School improvement is a joint venture between school and our community and all comments/suggestions will be considered by the Senior Leadership team.

A few final reminders in relation to **financial contributions for up and coming activities this term...**

M&M productions have been booked for their **Robin Hood Pantomime** - planned for **Monday 24th November**. Contributions of **£5.50** are requested from parents/carers. At the current time however, we have only received half of the payments and will have to cancel the performance if further monies are not received by this Friday 14th November.



Reception enrichment activities are about to begin this half term and contributions of £10 are requested from parents/carers for these activities. We have received donations from approximately 60% of families. Thank you to those who have contributed. Resources for these cooking lessons, DT and Forest school activities will be purchased using parental contributions.

We can only provide consumable resources during these lessons where we have financial input from parents to do so. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates

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

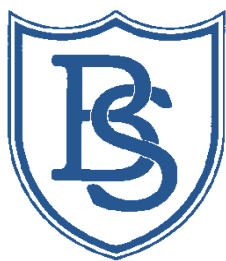
Friday 19th December- Break up for Christmas holidays.

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

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

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

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sc.h.uk>



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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!

Junior Duke Award

A reminder that the closing date for taking part in the **Junior Duke Award** is **Friday 21st November**. Please ensure that you send your child's form back into school and make the payment of **£11** on ParentPay. If you require a letter with the form attached please ask at the school office.

We are excited to be running the **Junior Duke Award** for the second year!

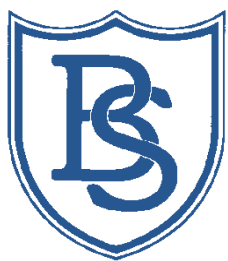
The awards are to encourage independence, confidence, resilience and self-motivation and are available for all children, including Nursery.

Each year group has an award and they come with a series of challenges for children to complete throughout the year.

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





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Message from the Aston & Nechells Foodbank

On behalf of the Foodbank, I would like to thank the pupils, their parents and all the staff at Boldmere Infants School for the harvest donations received recently.

They weighed 138.32kg.

In due course everything received will be given out to families or individuals in crisis.

We really do appreciate the ongoing support from the School - a partnership that now stretches back quite a few years.

Our parts of Ladywood constituency are still amongst the most poverty stricken in the whole of the West Midlands, so help like this does make an important difference.



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.**



Safety of children at drop off

This morning, we have seen a number of children arrive at school without parents/carers.

Please can we remind everyone that children must be brought to the school doors and not dropped on the road side or pavements. Parents must ensure that their child arrives safely at school. Leaving them on the pavements or at the school gates is not appropriate.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Petition for traffic calming measures.

Last week's newsletter contained a link to a local petition for traffic calming measures in Boldmere.

Unfortunately, school have realised that this link is affiliated with a political party. School adheres to Birmingham City Council's No Platform policy, and as such, should not show bias towards any political party.

School would like to make our position clear- we have not, and do not support any particular political party.

Although the information was shared with the very best of intentions, we apologise for sending this information to parents/carers and will ensure that future correspondences are thoroughly scrutinised in order that school's position is not compromised.

Anti Bullying Week

What a lot of odd socks we had in school yesterday!

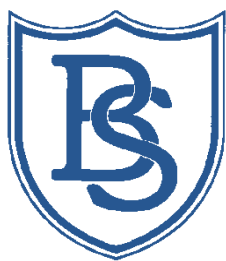


This helps to send an important message to our children that everyone is different and unique and that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying.

This week children will learn about what bullying is through assemblies and classroom activities. A key link will be made with our values of respect and kindness.

When discussing bullying with the children the following definition will be shared:

'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.'



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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,

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: Imogen, Aahil & Joseph

Year 2: Kaiden, Theo & Jade



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.

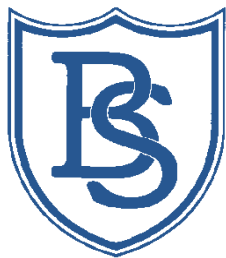
Parking

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





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BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 10th November 2025

This week in Giraffe Class, we have been busy exploring creativity and movement! The children produced some wonderful artwork inspired by Vincent van Gogh's *Starry Night*, using oil pastels to create swirling skies full of colour and texture.

In PE with Mr Watts, the children have been using ribbons to explore movement, matching their actions to our story of the half term. They enjoyed creating shapes and patterns in the air.

We've also had fun with a range of maths activities, representing amounts that correspond to different numbers through hands-on play. The children are becoming confident in recognising numbers and representing these.

Puffins

To mark Anti-Bullying Week, the children worked together to create a beautiful "Puffin Island of Kindness." Each child contributed their own ideas about how we can be kind to others, showing thoughtfulness and empathy.

We also took time to reflect on Remembrance Day by completing special poppy-themed activities. The children created thoughtful artwork and learned about why we wear poppies to remember those who have helped to keep us safe.

In our exploration work, we had great fun investigating light and dark using a toy tornado! The children were fascinated by how light moves and changes, and they used a great range of vocabulary when observing and talking about it.

VACANCY

We are looking to recruit a lunchtime playleader to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. The post is for five days per week, 1 hour 10 minutes per day with an approximate start of 12.10pm. If you enjoy working (and playing!) with children, and would like to support our fantastic lunchtime team please click on the link below to take you to our school website where all the information required is available.

<https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/job-vacancies>

We hope to have a successful response and feel free to pass this information on to anyone who you know may be interested. Thank you.

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.

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



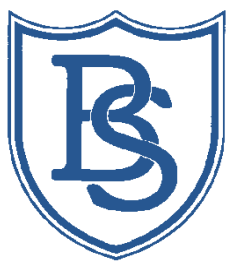
School Emails

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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Explore Feeding Issues

Look at eating and feeding from an Occupational Therapist's perspective including restrictive diets, pica and feeding disorders

**Thursday
13th November
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/SENDtalks**





Does your child have Tics?

Join us for a workshop with Prof Andrea E Canvanna

**WEDNESDAY
12th November
2025
11am - 12pm
ONLINE**

Tic disorders are the most common movement disorders in childhood, with full-blown Tourette syndrome affecting about 1% of school-age children.

Tics are frequently associated with other neurodevelopmental conditions, including both ADHD and ASD.

This session will provide an introduction to Tourette syndrome and other tic disorders from a behavioural neurology perspective, with focus on their impact and management in the educational setting.

**To book a place please visit
www.growfamilyservices.org/sendtalks**



Coffee Morning TUESDAY's 9.30am - 11.30am

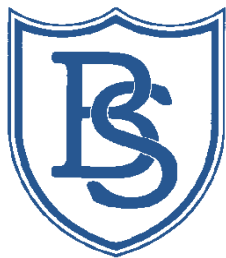
**Our Place Community Hub
Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield
B72 1RN**

This is a supportive space for parents and carers of children with SEND to connect and chat.



- Meet others who understand
- Share experiences
- Find support

**To book visit
www.growfamilyservices.org/coffeemornings**



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Busy Bodies News

Yesterday the children at Busy Bodies danced the evening away, we had a selection of Just Dance videos which got them children swaying, moving and just having fun! Plus, we had a few helpers:

Libby

Orla W

Clara

Alice

They were fabulous motivating the children, and encouraging them to booggy away! A huge thank you girls.

Forms re:Fees increase- January 2026.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has completed the online Forms regarding the Busy Bodies fees increase. Please note that this will be update in December ready for your January fees payment.

If you have not already completed this Form, you will receive an email reminder in due course.

Arbor bookings

November payments- Thank you to all those who have completed their November bookings, this is very much appreciated.

We still have a few children who are not being booked in via our online payment portal Arbor, please note that this can become distressing for the children as they are unsure at the end of the school day whether they are being collected from school or Buses.

Please note that it is parent/guardians' responsibility to ensure that their child/ren are booked in and on time.

We require monthly bookings where possible, unless you have otherwise notified the Busy Bodies Manager regarding any ad hoc bookings.

Thank you for your kind attention to the above.

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

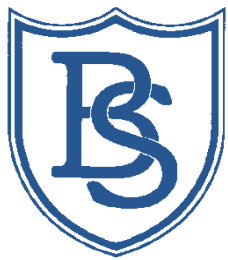
Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

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



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Our Makaton Signs for Autumn are:

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Symbol	Cold	Sign
		

Symbol	Christmas Tree	Sign
		

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Autumn

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sRIZZe3XAI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=VkRRXMY9CVY>

Diwali

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKZKcfPEtK0>

Cold

- <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/S7xoX9KtOhk>

Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

11/11/2025

Sanasha Kenny

