



NEWSLETTER - Nov 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need



Last week was an amazing success and we are pleased to inform you that we raised a phenomenal **£588!**

Thank you for all of your kind donations, wonderful cakes and support for the cake sale at the end of the day. Mrs Kenny had a lovely time sampling the homemade cakes and is pleased to announce that the following children were chosen to receive a certificate Louis G, Cora S, Sloan S and Hannah W ...

CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

As part of our **School Self-evaluation** process, we welcomed one of our school Governors, Mrs Anja Pawson, into school to discuss our curriculum and personal development offer this year. Mrs Pawson met with our two Assistant Heads (Mrs Mason and Mrs Beesley) along with SENDco (Mrs Jones) and Early Years Lead (Mrs B Mahon). The morning was spent touring school and evaluating the progress of our provision. Thank you to all staff for facilitating the visit, and to Anja for spending time with us. Mrs Pawson will be providing feedback to Governors later this term and we will also share her findings in a future newsletter.

Last week we also welcomed a visit from **Andrew Mitchell our Member of Parliament for Sutton Coldfield**. His visit was primarily to support our new venture at the front of school, where we have created our "Curiosity Garden" for Year 1 children. This important resource is being developed to provide further continuous provision opportunities for children in Key stage 1 who still require access to some aspects of the Early Years Curriculum. As parents may be aware, part of the grassed area at the front of school has been developed this term, but we have further plans for the area, should we be able to find funding streams for the additional work.

Thank you to Mr Mitchell for attending school and offering his advice. Now finally, we come to talking about **Christmas!**

Our **Christmas newsletter** will be coming out at the end of this week, with useful information, reminders and diary dates for all Christmas events. In advance of this additional newsletter, we would like to advertise for our **Y2 Christmas Postal Workers**.

Job descriptions and application forms will be available from class teachers by this Friday. The closing date for applications (and references!) is **Wednesday 26th November**.

Mrs Kenny looks forward to received lots of applications from excited Santa helpers!

Absence from school

Please notify the school office either by telephone (0121 464 2338) or email (enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) **BEFORE 9am** each day if your child is too unwell for school.

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.sch.uk>



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Reminder that **school photographs** are taking place on **Friday 21st November**. Sibling photographs will be available for any parents from 8.00am. Please queue at the Infant office if you would like sibling photographs taken.

Get ready for Photography Day on

Friday 21/11/2025
at Boldmere Infant School and Nursery

Look out for the order form coming home with your child



www.schoolphotographs.co.uk

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

THANK YOU

Boldmere Infant School

for raising
£588.00

**THE MONEY YOU HAVE RAISED WILL HELP TO
MAKE LIFE LIGHTER FOR CHILDREN**

Scotland no. SC238653

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 year.

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



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



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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

Friday 19th December - Church service



Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Imogen, Aahil & Joseph

Year 2: Teddy, Summer & Gabriel



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.

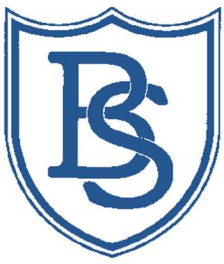
Parking

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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Compass, Mental Health Support Team are delivering a series of free online workshops for parents and carers, focusing on three important and timely topics:

- Online Safety: Helping families navigate digital risks to keep children safe online
- Emotional Regulation: Practical strategies for supporting children's emotional wellbeing
- Managing Anxiety and Worries: Guidance on recognising and reducing anxiety in children and young people

Please see attached leaflet at the end of the newsletter for further information.

Busy Bodies News

Upper School Den Area.

Following consultation with the children at our club, over the next few weeks we hope to establish an upper school den area in which the older children can have a place to chill out, complete their homework and have a more suitable area to meet their growing needs.

To help us establish this environment, we are asking for any donations suitable for children aged 9-11 years old. This may include books, activities or games your children no longer require such as Dog man books, Uno, articulate for kids etc.

The children have also voiced that they would appreciate the use of a gaming room which we now ask parents if possible, should you have any old Play Stations, or Wii consoles with games suitable for 9-11 years old, kindly donate this to a Busy Bodies member of staff. Please note that your donation will be greatly appreciated by the club and help to further support the children that access our provision.

Arbor

Thank you to all those who have made payment for your November fees, please note that any payments paid via voucher or the Tax-Free childcare scheme last week has now been updated on the Arbor system. Should you have any queries with regards to your child account, kindly contact the Busy Bodies Manager.

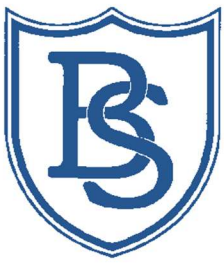
Food Friends Competition

Over the October half term, we sent off the children's Food Friends drawings to the Young Artist competition organisers. Once we receive communication with regards to the successful competition winners, we will notify the children and parents.

We had some really lovely designs, if chosen these may be published in a National competition book. Well done to all those who took part.

Pantomime Performance - Robin Hood

Thank you to all parents who have made payments for the Pantomime performance next week. As previously mentioned, we rely on parental contributions to cover this cost. We have received 71% of payments which means a shortfall of approximately £250. I have made the decision not to cancel the performance on this occasion, despite indicating this in a previous newsletter. However, we will be taking the following action- the additional pantomime that was booked for the summer term will now be cancelled; the shortfall for payment will be made up from our school budget, reducing money for other activities this term.



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BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 17th November 2025

Giraffes

In Giraffe Class, the children have been busy exploring a bedtime routine through stories and role play, helping them understand the steps that support this routine at the end of the day.

We have also been practising how to cross the road safely, reinforcing the importance of "stop, look, and listen" during our outdoor learning sessions.

In addition, the children have been focusing on fine motor activities designed to strengthen the muscles in their upper bodies and hands, supporting their coordination, writing readiness, and overall independence.

Puffins

In Puffin Class, the children have had a magical week creating their very own wands using stick weaving, carefully choosing colours and textures before making thoughtful wishes to go with them.

In maths, we have been exploring repeating patterns using shapes, helping the children recognise, continue, and create patterns of their own.

During PE with Mr. Watts, the class enjoyed bringing our story *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* to life through movement, using imaginative actions to explore the themes and characters from the book.

VACANCY

We are looking to recruit three lunchtime playleaders to join our lunchtime staff in Boldmere Infant and Nursery School. Each 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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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



Coffee Morning

FRIDAY'S

9.30am - 11.30am

Featherstone Children's Centre
Highcroft Road
B23 6AU

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Sensory Circuits

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Helping SEND children feel
calm, focused, and ready to
learn.

Join our session led by Laura
Graham - Occupational
Therapist to discover how
simple sensory activities can
help your child:

- Regulate emotions and energy levels
- Improve focus and attention
- Feel more settled at home or school

You'll learn how to use home
sensory circuits - fun, practical,
to support your child's needs.

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

Thursday
4th December
6.45pm - 9pm

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



Transitions

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Irwin Mitchell will be delivering a
talk on all transitions

- An overview of the law regarding transfers between different phases of education for pupils with EHCPs
- Advice on the correct statutory processes to ensure transfers and transitions for pupils with EHCPs are properly planned, managed and completed
- Tips for planning for, and navigating, the transition to adulthood for young people with EHCPs
- Discussion about when a local authority can lawfully cease to maintain an EHCP
- Consideration of common challenges faced by children, young people and their parents in the context of EHCP transitions.

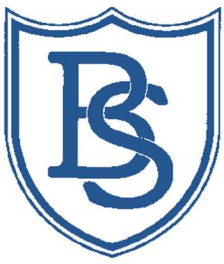
Monday
24th November
7.30pm - 9pm

ONLINE

(IM) irwinmitchell

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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

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.

Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

18/11/2025

Sarah Kenny

