



# NEWSLETTER - NOV 4



Dear Parents/Carers,

Many parents/carers are aware of the pride that staff have, working at Boldmere Infant and Nursery. We enjoy celebrating all of our successes and hopefully instil a sense of pride in our children and community too. Our value this half term is "kindness" and I am so pleased to see the "Acts of Kindness" letters that are filling up our assembly box this week! Congratulations to all for your efforts. I would however, like to mention one particular little boy in Year 2 who shows kindness each and every day, and has proved to be worthy, without a doubt, of his position as Lunchtime helper! William in 2S is part of a team of Year 2 children who help out in the dinner hall during lunchtimes. He leads a small team of children who distribute water, clear crumbs and water spillages away, scrape trays and even liaises with the kitchen staff carrying trays, cups and cutlery! He is an absolute superstar and shows kindness, as well as respect and cooperation. What a great role model you are William - you definitely deserve a special mention in our newsletter this week!

This week, as part of our regular school monitoring processes, we are welcoming members of our Governing Body into school to observe teaching and learning in Maths. This is an opportunity for children to show our visitors how amazing their maths skills are and for staff to share our teaching strategies. Mrs. Beesley and Mrs Lloyd will also be presenting information about our Maths curriculum to provide Governors with up-to-date knowledge regarding our curriculum offer.

On Friday we will be taking part in Speech and Language UK's "No Pens Day", a day that is all about embracing the joy of communication in all its forms. It's a day to engage all pupils in discussions, debates, and dramatics that will leave them buzzing with excitement.

A final message this week is to mention the opportunities that we have created for children's personal development during this half term. The Ridiculous Rhyme show and Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime were a huge success and filled the hall with laughter and learning. Thank you to all parents/carers who have made financial contributions towards these two events. ParentPay remains open for this week, however will close on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

Reminder that **school will be closed to children on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, due to staff training.

Our Christmas newsletter, detailing all of the events happening during the next few weeks, will be sent out on Friday.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - Pantomime Performance

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - INSET Day: school closed to pupils

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - PTA Elfridges

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.

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

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

## Christmas Performance Dates

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - 10:30am or 2:30pm. This will be a Christmas Activity Workshop with your child rather than a performance.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am (RT) Penguins

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm Owls (1L)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (1H) Seals

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am (RM) Hedgehogs

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 9.30am (RI) Robins

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm Meerkats' (1M)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2B) Bears

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2P) Frogs

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - 2pm (2S) Lions'





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## Congratulations Board

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

**Year 1:** Oliver, Nevaeh & Summaya

**Year 2:** Anna, Lucy & Imogen

CONGRATULATIONS

## Congratulations!

A huge well done to our Sports Team who took part in a multi-skills event at Sutton College last Tuesday with the Wilson Stuart Sports Partnership. The children were amazing ambassadors for our school, trying really hard at the different events and having lots of fun! Well done to Charlie, Emmy, Theo H; Teddy, Warrick, Jemima, Maria, Fleur, Reuben and Nye.

## Illness in School

Unfortunately it is that time of year where there are many different illnesses circulating. Please follow the link below to NHS guidance which can support you in making a decision if your child is well enough for school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Children in Need Grand Total!

We are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of **£582.45** with our cake sale and superhero dressing up day!

Once again, thank you for all of your donations!



## 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.

## Year Two Parents Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 September 2025 and Reception Admissions September 2025

The transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 online application form and the application process for Reception 2025 are both live and can be found by visiting:

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The closing date for both applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

## Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have 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.



## Reception Admissions - September 2025

The online application process is now live to register your child for Reception 2025. Please visit the website at: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) for further information.

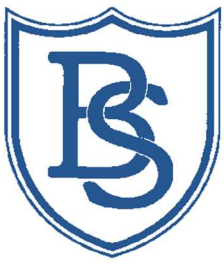
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## Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

Nursery registration forms to apply for a nursery place for September 2025 are available from the Infant school office.

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## Busy Bodies Parents and Carers

We hope that all our families are enjoying the lovely sunshine we are experiencing today. At Busy Bodies have a fun filled, and exciting few weeks running up to Christmas, the children will engage in lots of games and activities relating to Christmas, and the New Year.

Some of these will include, our Busy Bodies Got Talent show, which will be showcased on **Tuesday 17th December** for all children to watch or participate in. Some children will be demonstrating their gymnastic skills, musical talent and of course my favourite martial arts!

Other activities will include, but not limited to- making of paperchains, Christmas wreaths, creating Christmas trees with paint and other art forms, making of a ginger bread scene and much, much more.

### Early drop- offs

Last week, we informed parents/ carers that some children are being dropped off earlier than their stated time on their booking form. Please be advised that this has continued to be the case this week, therefore we will be making a list of those dropped off early and a charge will be applied to ParentPay.

### Recruitment- Job advert

Busy Bodies is looking to recruit a new member of staff to join our excellent team of Play Leaders. If you would be interested in arranging an informal visit, to see what our club has to offer, please ring the school office on 0121 464 3656/ or the Busy Bodies team on 0121 464 1343 to arrange a suitable time to look around.

If you would be interest in this post, please see the application pack on the school website. Please note that the deadline for applications are midday on **Monday 9th December**, interviews will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note that CV's will not be accepted.

The successful applicant will need to start in **January 2025**.

### 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)

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)  
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## Toy safety

*"I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces."*

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

**Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.**

### Buying safely

- Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) and search 'product recalls'
- If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

### Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

### Which toys are most dangerous?

- Toys with:
  - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
  - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
  - long cords that can strangle your child
  - small parts that can choke your small child
- Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



### Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- Check for any loose small magnets
- Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

### Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

[capt.org.uk](http://capt.org.uk)

[@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

[@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

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## Ordering Lunches-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.

## 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 manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.

## 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](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

## Whole school R.E. Display

Your child will be bringing home an 'all about me' sheet which we would like them to complete at home and return to school by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. For our younger children please feel free to act as their scribe, writing the exact words that they say. If you, as a family follow a faith, please include this in the 'my faith/beliefs' box. If you are not religious, beliefs can include remembering to be polite or being kind to other people. For the box, 'a celebration that I enjoy is...' please encourage your child to say why they enjoy that particular celebration i.e. 'I like Christmas because I like decorating the tree'. The blank box is for your child to draw a self-portrait!

If you have any photos of your child/family taking part in a religious celebration or act of worship that you are happy to be part of a display within school we would love to see them. This could include going to a Christingle service, celebrating Diwali, Eid or Baisakhi to name just a few! Please send any photos in an envelope marked R.E. display; please include your child's name, class and a little description of the act of worship or celebration.

It would be lovely to see as many our children represented on the board as possible!

*Sarahtha Kenny*

Mrs S Kenny  
Head of School  
26/11/2024

