



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Boldmere Infant and Nursery pride ourselves on the positive relationships that we foster with parents and that was seen in abundance last week. We held **Parent Information Sessions** for each year group, as well as a workshop on **Behaviour and Emotions** presented by Beacon Behaviour Support. In total, we had over 250 parents/carers attend the sessions. Thank you all for taking the time to join us. Working in partnership serves only to build the best experiences for our Boldmere children at Infant school. Feedback forms from each session are currently being collated and responses to specific questions raised will be added to year group newsletters at the end of this week.

The presentations are now available on the school website, following the link below ...<https://boldmere.bham.sch.uk/curriculum/ks1-2> and then click on year group pages.

Healthy eating reminders - We have updated our Food and Nutrition Policy in light of Government guidance on Nutrition for Early years. Our policy will be shared with parents before half term but we would like to remind all parents/carers of a few important points: drinking bottles should contain water only; packed lunches should contain a balanced selection of foods see advice link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>;

Birthday treats may be shared with pupils however they will be offered at the end of the day for parents/carers to decide when/if pupils can eat them.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Last Friday saw all children participating in our **Sponsored Walk** event, raising money for Forest School resources. Mr Watts at Junior school kindly set out a trail for us that incorporated Infant playgrounds, Junior playgrounds and the field. The children all had great fun and we thank parents in advance for the money raised.

Please make all payments via ParentPay by **Friday 10th October**, the final day to pay in any sponsor money. We will update you all next week with the total raised.

In conjunction with our sponsored walk event, we have three staff out of school this week, involved in training to become **Forest School Leaders**. The places for Mr Meakin, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Hewitt have been funded by our amazing PTA and we look forward to facilitating Forest School activities across school upon their return.

Once all sponsor money has been collected, we will purchase new equipment required to deliver the Forest School learning.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd & Thursday

23rd October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm.

Friday 24th October- Break up for half term holidays.

Monday 3rd November- School re-opens to all pupils.

Thursday 6th November - School Open Day for Reception 2026

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

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Everly, Kyan & Flo

Year 2: Lewis, Maya & Alfie



Reception Open Day

The reception open day will be held on

Thursday 6th November at 9.30am and 1.30pm

No booking is required, but we look forward to meeting prospective parents at the sessions.

Newsletter: The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website: <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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Advanced warning ...

As Christmas items are appearing in our supermarkets, we are starting to arrange our Christmas preparations!

Important dates for your diaries are as follows, more details will be available nearer the time.



RECEPTION PERFORMANCES:

Robins class (RI) - Monday 8th December, 9:30am

Hedgehogs class (RM) - Tuesday 9th December, 9:30am

Penguins class (RW) - Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am

YEAR ONE PERFORMANCES:

Owls class (1L) - Monday 8th December, 2pm

Meerkats class (1M) - Tuesday 9th December, 2pm

Lions class (1S) - Wednesday 10th December, 2pm

YEAR TWO PERFORMANCES:

Parrots class (2U) - Monday 15th December, 2pm

Seals class (2G) - Tuesday 16th December, 2pm

Bears class (2B) - Wednesday 17th December, 2pm

OTHER SEASONAL DATES ...

Friday 12th December - Rudolph Run for Birmingham Hospice

Thursday 18th December - Christmas party day

Friday 19th December - Church service tbc

Reminders

Start of the school day

Please be reassured that all messages given to staff on the door/gate at the start of the school day will be shared with class teachers, even where your child's class teacher/teaching assistant are not on the door themselves. Senior leaders are also on doors and gates and will happily pass on messages to class teachers.

Dismissal time

The end of the school day can be a very busy time at all exit points, and staff must ensure that children reach their adults safely. For some children, we have multiple people collecting them on different days each week. Staff are working hard to recognise and become familiar with; parents, childminders, Grandparents etc. When staff are dismissing at the end of the day, there may be some delays in sending children out, as staff clarify any adults collecting. We understand that some parents/carers have not been happy when having to wait for their children or when they have not been recognised by staff. I make no apologies for the fact that we take end of the day safeguarding processes seriously, and on occasion, adults may have to wait or indeed may be asked by staff who they are collecting. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation

Parent Class Representatives

We have our first Parent Class Representatives meeting next **Wednesday 15th October at 9.10am**. Our current Reps are listed below but we do still have vacancies. If your class does not have a representative, please consider taking up the role and contact school to discuss further. RM -Sarah S & Thomas D, 2U Celine B, 2G Rebecca J, 1S Lynsey B, 1M Rebecca J, 1L Charlotte B.

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.

Parking

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

Illegal and inconsiderate parking around school continues to be an issue for local residents and even yesterday, staff were moving vehicles along where they were double parked or blocking driveways of local residents.

I would like to reiterate again that we should not be causing safety concerns or be affecting the lives of local residents during drop off or collection times.

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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Asthma- Inhalers in school.

We have recently met with the school nursing team who has shared the following new guidance regarding inhalers in school;

- Once children begin school, they should no longer be using the 'Teddy Bear' spacers and therefore require either the clear or blue spacers.
- If inhalers are needed in school the child will need an '**asthma care plan**' to go alongside it. These can be obtained via an appointment with the asthma clinic nurse. School is aware that it may take some time to action this e.g. waiting for an appointment and will administer an inhaler if needed in the meantime. All staff have annual asthma training and can identify when a child may require their inhaler.

Can all new spacers and asthma care plans be handed into the school office where inhaler boxes can be updated and shared with your child's class teacher.

School Council- Year One and Two

We are looking to elect new school councillors for 2025-2026!

The Department of Education reinforce the need **"to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."**

One of the many ways we promote British values within school is our school council which consists of representatives from each class in years one and two. They meet every half term with an adult, who this year will be Mrs Mason. It is an ideal opportunity for pupils to get more involved in the way a school is run. It is the responsibility of each councillor to ensure that they express both their own views and the views of all the other pupils they represent from their class.

The councillors have to be voted in by the children in their class.

To help the voting system if your child would like to run for a place on the council then we ask that they write a couple of sentences explaining why they would be good for the job.

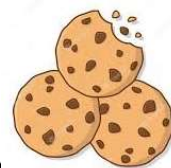
If we could ask that these be sent in to school for the class teacher by **Friday 10th October**, then teachers will carry out the vote during the week.

The new school council will be announced in the last week of the term.

Good luck candidates!

Sharing recipes!

Please find attached a recipe for '**Date biscuits**' which the children at the Pudding & Pie Club thoroughly enjoyed making last week! Hope you have fun making them again at home!



Naming clothes

We already have a number of items in our lost property!

All of the items in the lost property are un-named. We can only return named items that children lose.

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILDREN'S UNIFORM AND PE KIT

to enable us to reunite owners and their property! Thank you!

Contact Details

It is essential that parents/carers inform us whenever home addresses, mobile telephone numbers or any other contact details change.

We must be able to get in contact with a parent at all times.



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Lunchtime Club Letters for Autumn Term 2

Letters will be sent home this week for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs (Tennis on Tuesdays & Rugby on Wednesdays) for next half term.

Please check your child's book bags.

These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and **payment made via ParentPay** before the deadline which is **9am on Tuesday 14th October 2025**.

If your child did not bring one home, please collect one from the office.

Parents will also receive an email with details of the Pudding & Pie lunchtime club on Thursdays.

BIB Newsletter w/c Monday 6th October 2025

Giraffes

The Giraffe Class have had a busy and exciting week! The children enjoyed a Balance Bike session with Aspire, where they developed their coordination and confidence on two wheels. To celebrate Diwali, they created beautiful diva lamps, learning about the Festival of Lights and its significance. In P.E., the class brought their story time to life by using the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* as inspiration for their movement activities - tiptoeing through the forest, wading through rivers, and of course, running away from the bear!

Puffins

Puffin Class have had a fun and active week full of learning and creativity! The children took part in an exciting Balance Bike session with Aspire, where they developed their gross motor skills and confidence on bikes. In class, they created wonderful self-portraits, using mirrors to carefully observe their features and express themselves through art. During P.E., they practised their listening skills and enjoyed responding to movement games such as Musical Statues, showing great focus and control.

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.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they need when they arrive for school including book bags, lunches, water bottles, coats and hats to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

Nursery September 2025

There are still some spaces available in Nursery for children who are born between **1.9.2021 - 31.8.2022**.

If you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to contact the school on 0121 464 2338.



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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies families.

October sessions- Polite reminders

Recently, we have had a few children who are not being booked in advance, causing us to manually add them to the register a regular basis. We had hoped that all our families have settled in with the use of our new booking system Arbor.

However, should you still be having difficulties booking your children in, kindly inform the Busy Bodies manager on 0121 464 1343, or email busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk.

To ensure the safety and security of all our children, we require bookings a month in advance of care being provided. Parents can add ad hoc sessions where required up to 12 hours in advance. We do not want to leave any children uncollected causing them to worry.

NSPCC Pants Talk

During our keywork session next week, the Busy Bodies staff will be having the PANTS talk with those children attending the club on **Tuesday 14th October for the Infants, and Wednesday 15th October for the Juniors**. This is something that the children would have already discussed during school, however at Busy Bodies we have had a few occasions recently where we have had to remind children about personal space and feel that this will help to reassure and remind them in a sensible manner.

Should you wish to have the PANTS talk with your child/ren prior to this, please visit the NSPCC website https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/?utm_old=pants.

Here, you will find plenty of resource to help support parents/carers, teacher and other professional to form a basis for discussion around this topic.

Recruitment

We thank all those who have applied for the post of Play Worker at Busy Bodies and wish all candidates the best with their interviews on Friday.

We thank you in advance for your support.

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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**FOUNDATION**

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025 SOCCER SCHOOLS



Aston **Harborne** **Bromsgrove**

Dates: Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct
Times: 9:30 - 15:30
Ages: 5 - 12



**SEND Community Day**

Grow Family Services would like to invite you to come and meet SEND services. Chat with service providers and get more information on what is available in Birmingham

This event is free of charge to attend

EVENT DETAILS
Thursday 9 October 2025
SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN HALL, UPPER CLIFTON ROAD, B73 6DA

The Day will be split into two sessions:
09:30 - 11:30 AM
12:30 - 2:30 PM

To Book:
www.growfamilyservices.org/whatwedo
www.ticketsource.co.uk/grow-family-services

On the day there will be:

- SENDIASS
- SENAR
- Educational Psychology
- Early Years
- Barnado's Autism
- Our Place - Benefit support and mentoring service
- Evolving Families - ADHD/ASD
- Family Hubs
- Early Help
- Autism Virtual Reality Bus
- BREWS - nurturing ADHD kids
- Square Peg
- Occupational Therapy
- Communication & Autism Team
- Post 16 Support
- Autism West Midlands
- Compass Birmingham Mental Health Support
- Cerebra
- Midland Mencap
- Onwards SEND Youth Group
- Bereavement Support
- Neurodevelopmental Pathway
- Transport
- SEND Boxing
- and lots more...



Book Bags/PE Bags

We have book bags and PE bags in stock in school.

If you would like to purchase one for your child, please make the payment via ParentPay and your child will receive their new bag.

Sarahanna Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Headteacher

7/10/2025

