

Dear Parents

School Information

Welcome back to the new school year at Westfield and a very special welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this September. We are particularly proud of all our Nursery and Reception children who have started school so confidently this week. It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back to school. This year's school priorities are:

- To improve outcomes in Reading, Writing and Maths.
- To increase levels of engagement to ensure pupils know more and remember more in non-core subjects.
- To use top level analysis to assess the impact of initiatives.

Calendar Dates

Our list of calendar dates for the new academic year are at the end of this bulletin. Please make a note of all the dates that are relevant to you on your calendar. An updated list will be shared at the beginning of the Spring and Summer terms.

Learning Journals

Children have all been provided with a new learning journal (not nursery). The journals are intended to be both a learning tool for the children and a communication tool for you, so please take time to look through them. Please write the contact details and home collection details in the inside cover of the journal as soon as possible. Please also read and sign the home school agreement. The journals are for you and your child to fill in as appropriate. Learning journals should be in school every day as children do use them in lessons. Teachers will initial any messages you send in the journal so that you know they have seen them; in this way, we will ensure that no important messages get missed. Please record every time you read with your child and for the older children, please encourage them to record their own reading at **least 3 times per week**. Reading and vocabulary are a focus in school so we will be monitoring home reading regularly.

Important contact e-mail addresses for the school are as follows:

enquiries@bw.keystonemat.org (School Office)
starting@bw.keystonemat.org (Bourne Westfield Nursery/Slippers)
reception@bw.keystonemat.org
year1@bw.keystonemat.org
year2@bw.keystonemat.org
year3@bw.keystonemat.org
year4@bw.keystonemat.org
year5@bw.keystonemat.org
year6@bw.keystonemat.org

If you are e-mailing, please ensure you include the name of your child and the name of their class teacher so that the information can be shared promptly. E-mails should not be sent directly to staff members.

Change of Contact Details

If you have moved house during the summer or have changed your telephone number, please make sure you update your contact details on MCAS as soon as possible.

OPAL News - wet weather plans - coats and wellies!

As we recognise the value of play and being in the outdoors, we would remind you that our OPAL vision is for there to be fewer than 5 'wet play' days in the school year. This means it is **important that your child brings in a coat every day** as we do play outside in all weathers.

OPAL playtimes mean that every child can access the whole site, and the many varied activities this includes, all year round. To enable them to do this they all need to keep a pair of named wellies at school. Please do ensure they are named as we could potentially have over 600 pairs on site! We have lots of welly storage around the site - we also have some spare wellies that children can use if needed.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support with our OPAL project - we couldn't do it without you. Please keep an eye on the bulletins and MCAS to keep up to date with what is happening and for any loose part donation requests. We are currently in need of any old buggies/prams/pushchairs, scooters and any working clocks that we may be able to use outside. Your support so far has been amazing, thank you!

Years 1-6 - After School Clubs

Information regarding school-led clubs will be shared once these have been finalised.

Permission for Child to Walk Home/Walk to Meet Parent/Collect a Younger Sibling - Y5 & Y6 only

If you haven't yet done so, but would like your child to walk home at the end of the day, walk to meet you on the school site or collect a sibling in **KS2**, please e-mail the relevant year group e-mail address so this permission can be shared with staff.

Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>

Welcome to all our new parents/carers! To introduce ourselves, Friends of Westfield is a fundraising group made up of parents, friends, teachers and supporters of the school. Money raised by the group is used to enhance our children's time at Westfield and has been spent on a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects/equipment over the years.

Please follow our Facebook group to stay up-to-date on all our latest events and ways you can support us. If you want to get in touch you can email friendsofwestfieldbourne@gmail.com We are always looking for more volunteers, all our most active committee members now have children well into KS2 so we need a succession plan for the future of FOW. Could you see yourself as our future Secretary, Co-Chair, event organiser? Would you like to run the uniform shop or help keep the Swap Shack tidy? There are lots of different roles and lots of projects that contribute to keeping the funds rolling in and the funding spends going out! Perhaps you love organising, shopping, working with children, are creative and like making things? We have the role for you ... we are really keen to get some more parents involved in the FOW Committee, especially people with children in the younger school years. Look out of the AGM date coming soon and come along to find out how you can make a difference.

Last school year we staged a wide range of events and fundraisers: a Christmas Raffle; we produced some lovely Christmas cards & gifts through Class Fundraising; we held three discos; our popular Mother's & Father's Day Sales; a Summer Family Fun Afternoon; the Year 6 leavers pool party plus a number of uniform sales. We also continued with the Swap Shack, a free resource for the whole school community to use.

We were very thankful for great support for all events & projects. You can also help us fundraise by joining the school lottery <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bourne-westfield-primary-academy> or by shopping through <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-westfield-bourne/> **Easy Fundraising** - both of these give us welcome extra income over the year

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

For those new to the school or aren't aware, the Friends of Westfield run a School Lottery. The winnings increase as more people join - if you want to join for just £1 per ticket, per week and have a chance of winning the weekly draw, then please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions. Congratulations to all of the parents who were winners of the school lottery during the summer holidays.

And last but not least ... we have had a tremendous start to the new academic year. The children have returned so enthusiastically, and the school is buzzing in anticipation for what promises to be another very exciting year.

Atkinson's Announcements

Reminder - Parking

If you are driving to school to drop off/collect children please ensure you park considerately. The zigzag lines outside the school are there to ensure our children are able to get to school safely. Stopping or parking on the zigzag yellow lines is not permitted from 8:00-9:00am and from 3:00-4:00pm. Please do not park on the entry or exit roads to the school or on any side roads where your parking causes an obstruction to local residents. If one of our neighbours does speak to you about where you have parked, please be polite to them. If you arrive early for drop off/pick up, please do not sit in your car with your engine running - it is an offence to leave vehicle engines running unnecessarily when stationary.

Reminder - Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that pupils are bringing a healthy, nut free, snack to school. As part of the healthy school agenda, we ask that children do not have sugary snacks, crisps etc. We are also trying to reduce waste so would ask for wrapper-free snacks. Thank you



Miss K Atkinson
Headteacher

Calendar of Events 2025-26

September	
Thursday 4th	Term 1 Begins for all children
Wednesday 10th	Year 6 PGL - meeting for parents - 6pm
Friday 12th	11+ Testing at Bourne Westfield (Verbal Reasoning Test)
w/c Monday 22nd	Clubs commence for Years 1-6
Friday 19th	11+ Testing at Bourne Westfield (Non-Verbal Reasoning Test)
Wednesday 24th	Y5M Mayan Explorer Day
Thursday 25th	Y5PC Mayan Explorer Day
Thursday 25th	Harvest Festival
Friday 26th	Y5PC Mayan Explorer Day
Friday 26th	European Day of Languages
October	
Wednesday 1st	Black History Month
Thursday 2nd	EYFS Early Language & Phonics Evening for parents (5:00-5:45pm)
Thursday 9th	Flu Vaccination (whole school)
Wednesday 15th	Parent Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Friday 17th	School Disco
w/c Monday 20th	No school led clubs this week due to Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21st	Year 4 visit to Leicester Synagogue
Tuesday 21st	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd	Year 4 visit to Leicester Synagogue
Thursday 23rd	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd	End of Term 1
Friday 24th	Training Day - School Closed
November	
Monday 3rd	Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 4th	Open Morning for Reception Starters in September 2026
Wednesday 5th	Open Morning for Reception Starters in September 2026
Wednesday 5th	Open Evening for Reception Starters in September 2026
Tuesday 11th	Neighbours Coffee Morning (10:15am)
Tuesday 11th	Armistice Day - KS2 Remembrance Assembly (children only)
w/c Monday 10th	Anti-Bullying Week
Sunday 16th (to 22nd November)	Road Safety UK Week
Monday 17th	Individual School Photographs
Monday 24th	Year 3 to Flag Fen
December	
w/c Monday 1st	Final week for school run clubs
Wednesday 3rd	Parent Coffee Evening (6-7pm)
Thursday 4th	Year 2 - Roots to Food
Friday 12th	Year 6 Christmas Service (1:30pm) Bourne Baptist Church
Monday 15th	RB Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Tuesday 16th	RLW Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Wednesday 17th	RKW Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Wednesday 17th	Christmas Service - Y1 & Y2 followed by Y3 - Y5 (in school - children only)
Thursday 18th	Christmas Sparkle Day / Christmas Party Day
Friday 19th	Carols Around the Tree (children only)
Friday 19th	End of Term 2

January	
Monday 5th	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 6th	First Day of Term 3
Monday 12th	Swimming begins for Year 4
Tuesday 13th	Year 1 Phonics Check meeting for parents - 2:45pm
Monday 19th	Year 2 - Miss Roberts' Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Tuesday 20th	Year 2 - Mrs Binns/Mrs Bell Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Thursday 22nd	Year 2 - Mrs Chatham's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
February	
w/c Monday 2nd	No school led clubs this week due to Parents' Evenings
Monday 2nd	Reception - Roots to Food
Tuesday 3rd	Year 3 Parent Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 4th	Parent Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Wednesday 4th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 5th	Parents' Evening
Friday 6th	School Disco
Friday 13th	End of Term 3
Monday 23rd	First day of Term 4
Monday 2nd (to 15th March)	Fair Trade Fortnight
March	
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Monday 9th	Year 1 - Miss Hibbins' Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Wednesday 11th	Year 1 - Miss Binder's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Thursday 12th	Year 1 - Miss Needham's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Friday 13th	Comic Relief
Monday 16th	Reception to Greatwood Farm (1½ classes)
Tuesday 17th	Reception to Greatwood Farm (1½ classes)
Wednesday 25th	Year 5 Parent Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 26th	Parent Coffee Afternoon (2-3pm)
April	
Thursday 2nd	World Autism Day
Thursday 2nd	Easter Service (at Bourne Westfield - children only)
Thursday 2nd	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 20th	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 21st	First Day of Term 5
Thursday 23rd	St George's Day
Tuesday 28th	Year 4 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 29th	Year 6 Sex Education Meeting for Parents (6:00pm)
May	
Friday 1 st	Year 4 - Roots to Food
Monday 4th	May Day Bank Holiday
w/c Monday 11th	SATs week for Year 6 - these are statutory assessments and all Year 6 pupils must attend school to access the tests
Tuesday 12th	Year 4 visit to The Collection, Lincoln (1½ classes)
Wednesday 13th	Year 4 visit to The Collection, Lincoln (1½ classes)
Friday 15th	FoW Disco/Event
Wednesday 20th	Parent Coffee Morning (9-10am)

Wednesday 20th	Year 6 River's Study
Thursday 21st	Year 6 River's Study
Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 5
June	
Monday 1st	First Day of Term 6
w/c Monday 1st	Year 4 Times Table Check will be staggered across a 2 week period
w/c Monday 8th	Year 1 Phonics Screening - these are statutory assessments and all Year 1 pupils must attend school to access the tests
Saturday 13th	Year 6 Production Rehearsal (9:00am-12:30pm)
Monday 15th	Reception Sports Day (pm)
Tuesday 16th	Year 3 Sports Day (am)
Tuesday 16th	Year 2 Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 17th	Year 5 Sports Day (am)
Wednesday 17th	Year 1 Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 18th	Year 4 Sports Day (am)
Wednesday 24th	Year 6 Sports Day (am)
Monday 29th	Year 6 School Production - 6:30pm
July	
Wednesday 1st	Year 6 School Production - 6:30pm
w/c Monday 6th	Arts Week
Monday 13th	Reports sent out
Wednesday 15th	Parent Coffee Evening 6-7pm
Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th	Year 6 Residential Visit (tbc)
Tuesday 21st	Year 6 Presentation Evening
Wednesday 22nd	Last Day of Term 6