



Dear Parents

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:

- Ensuring all teaching continues to be good or better to further increase children's progress.
- Build resilience and aspiration in our children through the spirit of community.
- To further develop leaders.

School Information

SciFest Week - 7-11 October 2024

We are excited to share the following events which will take place in Bourne Corn Exchange:

25 September at 7:00pm - The Royal Institute presenting: 'Explosive Food!'

7 October at 7:00pm - Dr Ken Farquhar- 'The world juggling champion, soap bubble chemist and onetime TV presenter'. As soon as we have a link to the booking system, we will shared this with parents.

Family fun time to be had, enthusing children with science events.

Linked to SciFest is a Photography Competition that is open to all children in KS1 and KS2 - further information regarding this will be shared by Parentmail - the closing date for all entries is 20 September.

We are lucky to have further science themed events taking place in school during this week too - watch this space!

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 complete the contact details and home collection details in the front 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

year3@bw.keystonemat.org

year5@bw.keystonemat.org

year2@bw.keystonemat.org

year4@bw.keystonemat.org

year6@bw.keystonemat.org

If you are e-mailing, **please 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 inform us as soon as possible. Any updates can be sent via the year group e-mail addresses above.

Years 1-6 - After School Clubs

Information regarding school-led clubs will be shared once staff have been allocated.

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, teachers, friends 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

Last school year we staged a wide range of events & fundraisers: a Christmas Fair & Raffle; we produced some lovely Christmas cards & gifts through Class Fundraising; we held two discos and a PJ party / film night; our popular Mother's & Father's Day Sales; Halloween Family Bingo; a Summer Family Fun Afternoon; the year 6 leavers pool party plus a number of smaller pop ups - uniform, frozen Friday and other 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 donating/buying from our preloved uniform shop.

We have lots of exciting ideas and plans for this year, but **WE NEED YOU** to help us... do you have skills you can offer to our small but eager team of FOW volunteers? Everyone is welcome - we need lots of different skills including organising, sourcing prizes, shopping for supplies/gifts, publicity, making things - games/crafts etc. Our AGM and 2024/25 planning meeting will be held on Monday 16th September at school from 6:00pm - we'd love to see lots of new faces there! Come along and find out how you can support our fundraising work.

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

New Morning Arrangements

Please ensure you are aware of the new morning arrangements. Importantly, no adults will be allowed through the bike shed or Kingsley Avenue gate in the mornings from Monday. Thank you for your support in this.

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.



Miss K Atkinson
Headteacher

Calendar of Events 2024-25

September	
Wednesday 4th	Term 1 Begins for all children
Friday 13th	11+ Testing at Bourne Westfield (Verbal Reasoning Test)
Monday 16th	Friends of Westfield AGM & 2024/25 Planning Meeting
w/c Monday 23rd	Clubs commence for Years 1-6
Friday 20th	11+ Testing at Bourne Westfield (Non Verbal Reasoning Test)
Tuesday 24th	Year 5 Mayan Workshop
Wednesday 25th	Year 5 Mayan Workshop
Friday 27th	Year 5 Mayan Workshop
Thursday 26th	European Day of Languages
Thursday 26th	Harvest Festival
October	
Tuesday 1st	Black History Month
Thursday 3rd	EYFS Early Language & Phonics Evening for parents (5:00-5:45pm)
Tuesday 8th	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Thursday 10th	Flu Vaccination (whole school)
Friday 11th	School Disco
w/c 14th	No school led clubs this week due to Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th	Parents' Evening
Friday 18th	End of Term 1
Monday 28th	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 29th	Term 2 Begins
November	
Tuesday 5th	Open Morning for Reception Starters in September 2025
Wednesday 6th	Open Morning for Reception Starters in September 2025
Wednesday 6th	Open Evening for Reception Starters in September 2025
Friday 8th	Neighbours Coffee Morning (10:15am)
Friday 8th	Armistice Day - KS2 Remembrance Assembly (children only)
w/c Monday 11th	Anti-Bullying Week
Sunday 17th (to 23rd November)	Road Safety UK Week
Monday 18th	Individual School Photographs
December	
w/c Monday 2nd	Final week for school run clubs
Wednesday 4th	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Monday 16th	RB Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Tuesday 17th	RLW Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th	RKW Reception Nativity - 2:30pm
Wednesday 18th	Christmas Service - Y1 & Y2 followed by Y3 - Y5 (in school - children only)
Thursday 19th	Christmas Sparkle Day / Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th	Carols Around the Tree (children only)
Friday 20th	End of Term 2
January	
Monday 6th	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 7th	First Day of Term 3
Monday 13th	Swimming begins for Year 4
Tuesday 14th	Year 1 Phonics Check meeting for parents - 2:45pm
Monday 20th	Year 2 - Mrs Chatham's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Tuesday 21st	Year 2 - Mrs Binns/Mrs Coles Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Thursday 23rd	Year 2 - Miss Roberts' Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Tuesday 28th	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
February	

w/c Monday 3rd	No school led clubs this week due to Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 4th	Year 3 Parent Assembly - 2:30pm
Wednesday 5th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6th	Parents' Evening
Friday 7th	School Disco
Friday 14th	End of Term 3
Monday 24th	First day of Term 4
Monday 3rd (to 16th March)	Fair Trade Fortnight
March	
Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Monday 10th	Year 1 - Miss Hibbins' Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Wednesday 12th	Year 1 - Miss Binder's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Thursday 13th	Year 1 - Miss Needham's Class learning showcase to parents (2:30pm)
Friday 14th	Comic Relief
Wednesday 19th	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Monday 24th	Class Photographs
Wednesday 26th	Year 5 Parent Assembly - 2:30pm
April	
Wednesday 2nd	World Autism Day
Thursday 3rd	Easter Service (at Bourne Westfield - children only)
Friday 4th	Last Day of Term 4
Tuesday 22nd	Training Day - School Closed
Wednesday 23rd	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 23rd	St George's Day
Tuesday 29th	Year 4 Parent Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 30th	Year 6 Sex Education Meeting for Parents (6:00pm)
May	
Monday 5th	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th	Year 4 visit to The Collection, Lincoln
Friday 9th	Year 4 visit to The Collection, Lincoln
w/c Monday 12th	SATs week for Year 6 - these are statutory assessments and all Year 6 pupils must attend school to access the tests
Friday 16th	School Disco/Event
Tuesday 20th	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Friday 23rd	Last Day of Term 5
June	
Monday 2nd	First Day of Term 6
w/c Monday 2nd	Year 4 Times Table Check will be staggered across a 2 week period
Saturday 7th	Year 6 Production Rehearsal (9:00am-12:30pm)
w/c Monday 9th	Year 1 Phonics Screening - these are statutory assessments and all Year 1 pupils must attend school to access the tests
Monday 16th	Reception Sports Day (pm)
Tuesday 17th	Year 3 Sports Day (am)
Tuesday 17th	Year 2 Sports Day (pm)
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Sports Day (am)
Wednesday 18th	Year 1 Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 19th	Year 4 Sports Day (am)
Monday 23rd	Year 6 School Production - 6:30pm
Tuesday 24th	Year 6 School Production - 6:30pm
Wednesday 25th	Year 6 Sports Day (am)
July	
Wednesday 2nd	SEND Coffee Morning (9-10am)
Friday 4th	Year 6 Transition to Bourne Grammar School
w/c Monday 7th	Arts Week
Thursday 10th	Year 4 Norwich Theatre Trip
Monday 14th	Reports sent out

Thursday 17th	Year 5 Camping
Friday 18th	Year 5 Camping
Monday 21st	Year 6 Presentation Evening
Tuesday 22nd	Last Day of Term 6