



Dear Parents

## School Information

### Our Stars

A huge 'congratulations' to our special stars this week. To achieve this award children have tried very hard to excel in an area of their learning or behaviour. Our stars this week are:

<b>Reception</b>	Emily	Tobias	Lyra
<b>Year 1</b>	Evelyn	Elijah-James	Louie
<b>Year 2</b>	Hettie	Darcey	Douglas
<b>Year 3</b>	Harry	Oakley	Alice
<b>Year 4</b>	Bodhi	Christine	Jack
<b>Year 5</b>	Louis	Ayman	Thea
<b>Year 6</b>	Macie	Ava	Tristan

### Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Gold Trophy	Miss Sawyer's Class (99.03%)
Silver Trophy	Miss Tropeano's Class (97.67%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Binns'/Mrs Coles' Class (100%)
	Miss Walker's Class and Miss Binder's (98%)

### Snapchat Parental information

The NSPCC reported this month that the cases of online grooming against children had risen by 89% in the past six years with almost half (41%), where a means of communication was known, occurring on Snapchat. Snapchat is a popular app used by young people within Lincolnshire. All social media apps have an age rating of 13+. We would encourage parents to carefully consider which apps are accessible to their children on their devices. When giving your child access to social media apps we would encourage you to utilise the parental controls they have available to help safeguard from potential risks. You can find out more information around Snapchat and setting up parental controls here: [Social media Snapchat: guidance for parents and carers - Stay Safe Partnership - Lincolnshire County Council](#). There is no silver bullet in terms of safety online and there will always be risks your child could encounter, much like the real world. Therefore, we would encourage you to always keep open communication with your child around the apps and games they are using and people they are talking to. Our research has shown that children whose parents have open communication and know what they do online are 37% less likely to experience issues such as online bullying.

### Our top tips:

- No tech in bedrooms (or tech with door open). Keeping technology from behind closed doors reduces the likelihood they will search for inappropriate content. It is also safer to charge devices downstairs in terms of home fire safety.

- Watch and learn about apps together. Learn about the apps and games they are interested in to better understand how it can be used positively but also to understand the risks and how they manage them.
- Periodically check what they are watching - YouTube and Netflix will show you what has been recently watched. Social media can be a little more difficult to check but encourage them to show you themselves. Discuss together and agree boundaries.
- Keep talking about the good and the bad of being online, and explain why rules are necessary sometimes so they understand it's about their safety not spoiling their fun.

For more information on setting up parental controls, screen time limits, filter controls and online risks check out [www.internetmatter.org.uk](http://www.internetmatter.org.uk)

### **School Photographs**

Proofs of school photographs have been sent home today with all children. The easiest way to place your order is online. If you are placing your order via the school, this must be returned to us in the envelope provided by 3<sup>rd</sup> December - please note that if your order is received after this date, a £4 admin charge will apply and there is no guarantee that you will receive your photographs in time for Christmas.

### **School Lunches**

A reminder that our 'Christmas Lunch' is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children will be able to have roast chicken, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, sage & onion stuffing, cocktail sausage, Brussels sprouts, carrots, peas & gravy or the vegetarian option will be Quorn grill. Dessert will be chocolate mousse cookie cup/Christmas tree biscuit. Due to the high take-up of this lunch, these will be the only options available on this day. The deadline for ordering the Christmas Lunch is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. It is always very popular so please make sure you order in time - the kitchen is not able to cater for any meals that have not been ordered.

### **Children Starting School in September 2025**

The application process is now open. If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, please use the following link to make your application - [Apply for a School Place](#). The deadline for making your application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Places will be offered to parents on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### **Family Lives Support**

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Family Lives also offer a range of free online parenting courses: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

**Friends of Westfield - Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsWestfieldBourne>**  
It's a day of festive excitement... Today your children will not only be bringing home their Class Fundraising Christmas gift orders but also our Big Christmas Raffle tickets! Ho ho ho - December is nearly here...

Class Fundraising Gifts & Cards - we are very grateful to the school staff for all their support with this project which has once again raised over £1000! A lot of thought and love goes into the children's creations, we hope you are thrilled with them, but any issues get in touch with us please, not the school. A big hand too please for Jo and all her hard work co-ordinating all the art kits and orders for this project which is no mean feat!

Big Christmas Raffle - we are excited to launch our big festive raffle; the lovely Becky has been very busy securing lots of fabulous prizes! See our Facebook page for a full list of what you could win! The top prize is £150 of vouchers to spend locally plus there are lots of other great vouchers, days out and goodies to be won. All children will be bringing home a book of tickets which we hope you will decide to purchase. Taking part is of course entirely optional and we know times are tight so if you prefer not to participate, please just return the tickets so we can re-use them. **When purchasing tickets please ensure details on tickets are for an adult, tickets cannot be purchased by children under 16 years of age.** Please return the ticket stubs, all completed with names, plus payment in the envelope provided to school. Tickets are £1 each / £5 for the book. Please ensure you keep the tear off sections and return all tickets by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the latest. The big draw will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at the school office. If you'd like any further books of tickets, please either pop into the school office, speak to a member of the FOW committee or drop us an email and we'll make sure they get to you.

### **Bourne Westfield School Lottery**

Congratulations to **Ms Hamilton** who was the winner of the school lottery last week. 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](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk), search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.



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**EDAN Lincs Domestic Abuse Service** 01522 510041 <https://edanlincs.org.uk/>

Providing support and assistance to men, women and children suffering, or fleeing from domestic abuse in Lincolnshire

**Healthy Minds Lincolnshire** <https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people/lincolnshire/young-people/i-need-more-help/healthy-minds-lincolnshire#>

Providing support and treatment for children, young people and their families, who are experiencing emotional wellbeing difficulties.

**Place2be** <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools.

**MIND** <https://www.mind.org.uk/> 0300 123 3393

Providing support for people living with a mental health problem or supporting someone with a mental health problem.

**Family lives** <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> 0808 800 2222

Providing early intervention and crisis support to families.