

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:

Reception	Olivia	Marley	Harper
Year 1	Thea	Lyra	Robyn
Year 2	Hattie	Evelyn	Zak
Year 3	Emilia	Matilda	Isaac
Year 4	Olivia	Layla	Daisy
Year 5	Jasmine	Cadence	Alfie
Year 6	Brooklyn	Lily	Olivia-Rose

Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 8th September.

Gold Trophy	Miss Baker's Class and Mrs Pardoe's Class (100%)
Silver Trophy	Mrs Knight's Class and Mrs Fisher's Class (98.9%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Binns/Mrs Bell's Class and Miss Roberts' Class (100%)
	Mrs Bull's Class (99.7%)

Attendance

As a school we are always striving for improvement and attendance is no exception.

Last year:

- 258 leave of absence forms were submitted which resulted in 587 days absence for non-medical/illness, 543.5 of these days were holiday/family gatherings taken in term time.
- 2 weeks into a new school year and we have already had 51 children missing school due to medical appointments and 22 leave of absence requests for non-medical reasons.

We will be requesting evidence from parents regarding any leave of absence and ask that, where possible, appointments are made out of school hours. Dentist appointments that are routine and non-emergency should be made after school or during school holidays please.

We ask that you are honest with us about reasons for non-attendance and remind you that the school does not profit from any fines that are issued by following government legislation.

See link - [Working together to improve school attendance](#)

The law on school attendance and right to a full-time education:

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. **It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.** Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an

additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

We thank you for your ongoing support and hope that all children attend school in line with the guidance this year.

Clubs

Information regarding after school clubs for the Autumn term went live via MCAS at 6pm on Wednesday. Clubs will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for making your choices is Sunday 21st September. Clubs will commence w/c 29th September and will end w/c 1st December. Parents will receive confirmation next week to confirm places. **If you do not receive a confirmation, your child has not been successful on this occasion.** As has been the case in previous years, not all children will be allocated places in a club. Further opportunities will be available in the Spring and Summer terms.

Please note that if your child has a club this term, they may not be successful in getting a place at a club in the following terms.

SUMO - Stop, Understand and Move On

We are delighted to share with you another chance to take part in a new and exciting short course we are running in school this term. "Stop, Understand and Move On" (SUMO) is a free, short course (4 weeks) designed to give adults some top tips and tools to help children develop greater resilience, understand themselves and embrace wellbeing.

Please see the information sent on MCAS for more information and contact the school office to confirm your place.

Reminder - Year 6 Residential Visit to PGL Caythorpe

If you would like your child to participate, please make the initial non-refundable deposit payment of £70 via MCAS by 22nd September 2025. Further payment instalment information was provided on the communication to parents. Please note that once deposits have been paid to PGL they are **NOT refundable** and terms and conditions will apply.

Harvest Festival - Thursday 25th September

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival assemblies on the morning of Thursday 25th September. We would be extremely grateful if each family could provide a non-perishable item to lay at our 'Harvest Table'. These items can be brought into school on Wednesday 24th September.

This year we are once again donating to a very worthy local charity - Bourne Foodbank. At the moment, they would be particularly grateful for donations of UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned or carton custard, tinned tomatoes, snacks, items for children's lunch boxes, shaving gel, deodorant, soap. Please don't send in any fresh produce. This is an organisation, which supports people who are struggling to put food on the table and provides emergency food and support to local people in crisis. We are grateful to volunteers from the Foodbank who will be attending our assemblies. **Please send any donations to your child's classroom.**

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

Our 2025/26 planning meeting and AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th October at school from 6pm. The meeting is open to any parents/carers who'd like to come along to find out more about Friends of Westfield. We are always looking for more volunteers; our current levels are putting some of this year's events in jeopardy and we need a succession plan for the future of FOW. Think about any skills you can offer to our small but eager team - we need lots of different skills including organising, sourcing prizes, shopping for supplies/gifts, publicity, making things - games/crafts etc. We'd love to see lots of new faces there! We'll make sure there are biscuits too!

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - The first disco of the year is on Friday 17th October - we know what social butterflies our little people are so please note the date on your calendar now. The event is for children in Years 1-6; full details, ticket booking information and volunteer request details will be in the weekly bulletin on Friday 3rd October. The discos are loud and very busy so if it is your child's first disco, please speak to them before they attend as they will have to stay in the hall.

We always need a good supply of volunteers to ensure these events can go ahead, so if you can, please keep the date free to come along and lend a hand.

Bourne Westfield School Lottery

Congratulations to **Mrs Garfoot** who was the winners 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, search for Bourne Westfield and follow the on screen instructions.

Atkinson's Announcements

IMPORTANT - MCAS - My Child at School App

Please check your MCAS messages and announcements regularly. We have seen a number of parents since the beginning of term who haven't clicked on any of their messages or announcements. If you do not do this you will miss all of the important information that you need related to your child.



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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.