



Dear Parents

## Sports Report from Mrs Anderson

On Wednesday this week, two teams of Year 6 boys travelled to Spalding Academy to take part in the school games football competition, run by Agilitas Sports. Despite the torrential rain, both teams had an excellent day, with lots of teamwork and good sporting attitude demonstrated throughout the event. Both teams played four matches in the morning against other local primary schools from Bourne, Deeping, Spalding and the surrounding area.

The competition was tough with Westfield '1' winning three matches and drawing one. Westfield 'A' narrowly missed out on a draw against Baston but showed great strength of character to continue playing with passion and self-belief even when against the toughest of opposition.

As Westfield '1' came top of their group they played a very strong Market Deeping team in the final, narrowly losing 2-1. Their spirits remained high, and it was nice to see that they were still proud of their achievements. Westfield 'A' played St Pauls in their final match; it was an exciting finish and St Pauls narrowly secured a win in the final 10 seconds of play making it 5-4 to them. It was great to see our team come together and after the initial disappointment they bounced back. The overall team spirit across the event was excellent, demonstrating our school values perfectly. A big thanks to our parent helpers who came and supported us at this event.

A quick reminder to parents of pupils who have represented the school this year and last year to check that you have returned your kit as we seem to be missing a large number. This is making it very difficult to send teams to represent our school in the correct kit.

## 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>	Rafferty Moody	Travis Craggs	Dougie Gray-Brankin
<b>Year 1</b>	Katie Wells	Daisy Collip	Seren Jane Roberts
<b>Year 2</b>	Oliver Lambert	Seb Saunders	Kaede-Lea Carter
<b>Year 3</b>	Piper Moulton	Charlotte Sherwin	Maisie Coates
<b>Year 4</b>	Brooklyn Cunnington	Kofi Kye-Nyarko	Ellie Barker-Magowan
<b>Year 5</b>	Emily Payton	Alfie Clare	Owen Parry
<b>Year 6</b>	Andres Valdez	William Davies	Zayn Rooney
	Amalie Tilley	Pippa Longland	Krish Desai

### Amazing Achievements

Well done to the following:

**Alby McDonagh** has gained his white and red belt in his grading for Inspired Martial Arts

## Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes who were winners for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Gold Trophy	Miss Tropeano's Class (100%)
Silver Trophy	Miss Sawyer's Class & Mrs Johnson's Class (97%)
Attendance Ted	Mrs Bull's Class (100%)
	Miss Roberts' Class (98.67%)

## Term Dates 2024-25

Please see below the term dates for 2024-25.

### TERM 1 2024

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</i>
First day of term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Last day of term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October

### TERM 2 2024

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</i>
First day of term	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

### TERM 3 2025

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</i>
First day of term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Last day of term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February

### TERM 4 2025

First day of term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of term	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April

### TERM 5 2025

<i>Training Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</i>
First day of term	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</i>
Last day of term	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May

### TERM 6 2025

First day of term	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Last day of term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

## Why is Learning the Times Tables Important?

There are several reasons learning the times tables in primary school is important, including the following:

- Understanding numbers and number patterns;
- Making mental maths easier;
- Frees up working memory.

The Maths team will be delivering a 'Learning the Times Tables' evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 6:00pm-6:45pm for parents of children in **Years 2-6 (no children please)**. The evening will consist of showing how multiplication is taught at Bourne Westfield and useful ideas to support you and your child/ren in practicing times tables at home. We hope you are able to join us.

## Spelling Homework

As part of the school's recent adoption of Active Spelling, pupils will no longer be sent home with spelling lists to learn as part of homework. Research currently suggests that the most effective way to support spelling is through explicit instruction and while independent spelling homework can be beneficial, it can negatively affect some pupils.

At Bourne Westfield, we are happy for pupils to continue practising tricky words and year group spellings should they wish to, but we will no longer be expecting pupils to practise words from given spelling lists.

## Poppies

Next week, we will once again be selling poppies at school in the lead up to Remembrance Day. We would encourage children to bring a small donation (20p minimum) to give to this worthwhile cause. Poppies will be available in all classrooms in the lead up to Remembrance Day. We will be holding a Remembrance assembly in school for pupils on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and school representatives will be laying a wreath during the Remembrance service in Bourne on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Ask Dan Anything - Online Safety Q and A for Primary Parents 6<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7:30pm

In the Keeping Safe Online Survey of 2023 Lincolnshire Children who reported having less parental supervision online were more likely to report being bullied online, effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up! We want to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children and young people from online harm. Dan Hawbrook our resident Online Guru will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

## Oracy Challenge

Could you learn some or all of this poem which is perfect for this weekend?

## BONFIRE, BONFIRE

Bonfire, Bonfire, burning bright,  
Flaming deep into the night,  
Eating up the twigs and wood,  
Scorching us from where we're stood.

Bonfire, Bonfire, blazing high,  
Spitting cinders at the sky,  
Hypnotising as you flicker,  
Begging us to feed you quicker.

Bonfire, Bonfire, deepest yellow,  
Sparking as the fireworks bellow,  
Toasting hands and warming toes,  
And slowing as the evening goes.

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS...** Please check your child's book bag for your proof of their wonderful Christmas Card design. A lot of creative festive energy has gone into their designs and we hope you love them! Your unique order form has personalised details and instructions on how you can view, approve and order your Christmas cards and gifts online. Simply visit <http://approve.myfundraisinghub.com/> enter the codes on your unique order form, confirm your child's details, then you can place your order. For every pack of cards, pack of tags, tea towel, bag, coaster, teddy bear or other gift product you purchase you will be supporting the Friends of Westfield's fundraising efforts. We will receive a commission for every

product sold - so go on - spread a little Christmas cheer and order today! **Deadline for all orders is Monday 13th November 2023.**

**WACKY HAIR & HATS DAY - THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** - To support the Christmas Fair we are holding a Wacky Hair & Hats day next Thursday. Children can either wear a funny hat or come with their hair styled in a silly, or creative manner. Normal uniform is to be worn with your wacky headgear. If your child would like to join in the fun, **please send them with a donation for our chocolate tombola stall**, thank you for your support! **No dyed hair please.**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR - FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER** - We have lots of great plans coming together for next month's festive after-school fun. Make sure you have the date in your diary; **the fun will start after school.** We are very grateful for the support so far but still have lots of things we need to source please, if anyone can offer any raffle prizes, creative skills for decorations or crafts, any large display size inflatable Christmas decorations or other event equipment please get in touch.

**Trick or Treat Family Prize Bingo** - Thank you to everyone who supported our family fun event at the end of last term. Bingo caller & organiser Becky put on a great night, our lucky bingo winners took home some super Halloween hampers, plus we had some lovely prizes on the raffle. Thanks again to **The Bramble Patch, Dan's Fruit & Veg, Act II Theatre Company** and **The Sweet Stop** for supporting the event.

### **Bourne Westfield School Lottery**

Congratulations to Mrs Turner 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.

### **Atkinson's Announcements**

#### **Safeguarding Reminder**

A courtesy reminder please that photographs should not be taken of children anywhere on our school site - **even if this is your own child.**

#### **Parking and Driving Safely**

Despite many reminders, we continue to see instances of dangerous parking and driving close to the school. Please park and drive sensibly to ensure that all adults and children are kept safe at all times - thank you.



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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.