

Year 6

Wow, what an exciting start to Year 6 we've had! In October, we had an incredible experience on our residential to Whitby with our friends at Colsterworth. The children made memories that will last a lifetime. The children have thrown themselves into their learning and have loved our We'll Meet Again topic. They have discovered why World War 2 was a significant event, learning about the Battle of Britain, The Blitz, how it affected our locality, Evacuation, Kindertransport and how the role of women changed during the war. However, the highlight of the topic was our visit to Beaumanor Hall for our evacuee experience – even the snow didn't stop us. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to gain a better understanding of how conflict affected the lives of children in Britain, experiencing an air raid and having the opportunity to complete a code breaking activity. All our English learning this term has been based on World War 2 including a setting description of the blitz, a World War 2 evacuee diary, a non-chronological report on rationing and finally a fantastic narrative conveying atmosphere based on The Christmas Truce. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading our class book 'Letters from the lighthouse' each day and discovering the story of Olive and Cliff Bradshaw. We are so proud of our Year 6's who have taken on their many different roles such as House Captains, UNICEF Ambassadors, Eco Warriors and School Councillor with great perseverance, enthusiasm, and maturity – they are setting a fantastic example for the rest of school. The children have earned a very restful Christmas and New year, ready for all that is to come in January. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas.



Miss A Worrall



We had a wonderful start to the school year with the news that we had been awarded the Eco Green Flag with an amazing DISTINCTION! We are very grateful to the wonderful PTFA and Mr Giddings for his support in creating our well-being garden on the school field. This amazing resource provides the children with a peaceful place to spend playtimes. Gardening club have begun the planting of the garden beds ready for a beautiful spring display of daffodils and tulips. The Eco team are excited to produce our new action plan and set up the challenges for this academic year. Watch this space!

Mrs W Campbell & Miss A Worrall



This term has been a busy term for Wellbeing across school. In October we celebrated Hello Yellow day and embraced the theme of Wear it loud. Wear it proud! The school was filled with a sea of yellow from dresses, to jumpers, to head bands, to socks. We were a ray of sunshine for all to see! Each class practised performing a special dance to Count On Me and we all gathered along the corridor to sing and dance in unison. It was a wonderful way to end the day and showed how we support each other in school.

Mrs W Campbell & Mrs M Friel



Our E-Safety learning began again in September learning about Self-Image and Identity, Health, Well-being and Lifestyle in October. During Friendship Week in November we focussed on Online Bullying. In Key Stage 1 classes linked their learning to a range of stories including 'Trolls Stink!', 'Chicken Clicking!' and 'Webster's Bedtime'. In Key Stage 2 they explored poems from 'Beneath the Screen' linking to the themes. We cannot wait to celebrate Safer Internet Day next term on the Tuesday 11th February. We are also looking forward to our Year 6 visit from Jan Morris, Online Safety Officer, in March helping prepare our children for secondary school. You may have seen our weekly guides for parents and carers from NOS on our Facebook page and school website. These provide a range of information and top tips to keep your children safe on different apps and games. We hope you continue to find these helpful, especially during the Christmas period. We hope you have a safe Christmas!

Miss A Worrall



This term the PTFA have held a school disco and the Christmas Fayre. We have also been busy organising a book from Santa for each child, and providing party food and panto refreshments for the children's end of year celebrations. The money raised this term will be going towards a new sound system for the hall and visualisers for each of the classrooms. The PTFA team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for your support, especially the parent/carer volunteers who helped with the Christmas Fayre set up. We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs L Kinch & Mrs K Bryant



Article 12:

Every child has the right to say what they think should happen and have their views listened to.



Bourne Elsea Park Church of England Primary Academy

Striving for Excellence, whilst Caring for All, in a Loving and Caring Christian Environment



Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our fabulous children have made another incredible start to the new academic year, and it is heartwarming to see our school community continue to flourish together. This term, we have been focusing on the Christian values of 'Creation,' 'Respect and Reverence' alongside 'Friendship and Fellowship' and 'Peace', which the children have embodied in their actions every day. Daily Collective Worship remains a cherished time for reflection, where children and staff come together to consider their God-given talents and SMARTS, sharing in a peaceful moment as the Bourne Elsea Park family. The children have thoroughly immersed themselves into their exciting learning topics and have certainly made the most of our engaging and creative curriculum. This term, our children have already had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment days, from a visit to Beaumanor Hall, experiencing the Victorian Workhouse in Southwell and becoming knights and princess in Lincoln Castle! In October the children took part in Bourne Scifest. We were inspired, amazed and enthralled by amazing animals, magnificent magic and spectacular stars! The children were visited by different presenters and workshops organised by the Bourne Scifest committee who fund these activities from generous donations from local businesses, schools and grants. This term's Character Education focus on 'Motivation' has truly inspired us all. Through their learning and beyond, the children have demonstrated perseverance. There have been many magical moments where children have inspired others around them, including the adults! We are so proud of how this trait has impacted our children, and we look forward to seeing the difference 'Self-Regulation', our next term's focus, will make in their learning journey.



This year's Christmas celebrations have been especially magical. Our youngest children wowed us with 'A Little Nativity', which was everything but little! Their magnificent retelling of the Christmas story left a HUGE imprint on our hearts, with the children showcasing their confidence and spreading Christmas joy. It was a beautiful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, as well as the perfect blend of the 'wow factor' and the 'ahh factor'.

As part of our Christmas celebrations, children from Year 2 to Year 6 took part in a beautiful Christmas Service in our church, Bourne Abbey. Our older pupils led the service with confident readings and the whole school joined in with some amazing singing – we were especially impressed (and mesmerised) by the performance of 'Silent Night' by Year 2. Our links with the church are incredibly important to us as a community and we must thank again Father Stephen who was also there to share this most special service with us. Our children continue to shine as 'Agents of Change', making a meaningful impact both locally and globally. From Foodbank donations and cake stalls to litter-picking during holidays and sending pocket money to charities. A huge thank you also to our Volunteering Club and all the wonderful ways they have been making an impact on our school, local community and the wider world. Our children's dedication to helping others is remarkable.

We encourage you to keep an eye on the school website, where we love to celebrate how our children's light shines in the world. We also extend our deepest thanks to parents and carers for your unwavering support – it empowers your children and makes Bourne Elsea Park a truly special place to learn and grow.

As we enter the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We hope the good news of Christmas brings love, hope, joy, and peace to our community and the wider world.

Thank you for being part of our journey this year. We wish you a joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Warm wishes,

Mrs L Jordan
Head of School

A Christmas Blessing
May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas
Amen.



As always, our school year began with one of the most important days of the school calendar, when we think about UNICEF Article 12 and the children using their democratic right to have their voices heard by voting for Student Councillors and other Pupil Voice representatives such as our vital Eco Warriors. The pupils elected their choice of candidate whilst voting in the booths of our very own school Polling Station. With anticipation, the votes were counted and proud members of the Student Council were presented with their new badges in a special celebration Collective Worship. Being led by our new Year 6 Councillor, Emilia, councillors have met regularly to discuss suggestions from their classes and to plan important days such as Children in Need Day on which we successfully raised over £500! They worked together with our UNICEF and Equality ambassadors, alongside some of our Collective Worship representatives spending afternoons working together on this year's UNICEF Outright Campaign, choosing a project of their own to champion. So, watch this space for more news on our campaigners and how they are being Courageous Advocates, campaigning for the rights of other children around the world. The Council have continued to listen to the ideas of their peers on how to improve the school and lead them in exciting initiatives such as our focus on Character Education this term. Finally, as if that wasn't enough hard work, Student Council helped to lead our school through a phenomenally successful assessment day for our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold level reaccreditation. They showed how important and impactful it is to be part of a Rights Respecting School and impressed the assessor hugely. Thank you Councillors for your continued passion for pupil voice. Our Councillors are excited to work closely with our fantastic PTFA to design different additions to our playground with funds raised by the PTFA and Tesco, so watch this space!

Have a Happy Christmas!

Miss Davey – Student Council Leader



RECEPTION

WOW! WOW! WOW! What an amazing term we have had embracing our theme "Bourne to Celebrate". We learnt all about Diwali and the festival of lights and made our own beautiful patterns. We celebrated fireworks

night with glitter, pattern making and making our own safe multicoloured sparklers. We loved exploring for signs of Autumn around school and creating our own autumnal display of hedgehogs using conkers and leaves. We set up a new role play area inspired by all things Autumn and Percy the Park Keeper. We have loved looking after the animals and making sure they are ready for hibernation.

We have continued to impress with our phenomenal phonics and with the help of Fred the Frog, we are confident at many of our sounds and reading and writing words. We are a whizz with numbers thanks to our friends the Numberblocks and everyone in our class has a huge amount of enthusiasm for our learning!!!

To end our term in style we performed 'A Little Nativity.' We had a full cast of characters including dancing cows and chickens, twirling stars and angelic angels. We 'wowed' our audiences and made sure that everyone was full of Christmas joy by the time our performance had ended.

The adults in Reception have been blown away by the amount of learning that has taken place this term and the enthusiasm and motivation from every child. What a fabulous and fun-filled term! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs W Campbell



Year One

Wow - what a fabulous fairytale beginning to Year 1! The children have absolutely blown us away with their enthusiasm, hard work and determination. They settled into school so well, making that important transition from Reception to Year 1, with an eagerness to learn and

shine. They wasted no time producing some truly wonderful fairytale narrative writing as well as instruction writing which resulted in the children baking and decorating delicious gingerbread people (luckily - none of them ran away!) In maths, we have got to grips with addition and subtraction to 10 and shape. The children have also worked hard in science, developing their scientific enquiry skills testing materials fairly and accurately. To round off our fairytale themed term, we went to the Panto (oh yes we did!) we loved watching the children's faces as they experienced the show, singing along, booing the wolf and generally enjoying every minute! And we were so proud of all of the children as they performed in the Year 1 and Reception Nativity. Their beautiful singing and confidence in speaking aloud was simply wonderful and really reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for all your support with stunning homework tasks and home reading. We really appreciate your time and efforts. Have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in January, ready for our next adventure 'Into the Unknown...'

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Year 1 team!

Mrs J Trafford & Mrs C Evans



Year 2

Wow! What an incredible start we have had to Year 2! We have truly delved into the world of danger, dungeons, and dragons with our very own dragon egg hatching in September bringing us our class dragons which we voted to call Tiana and Jake! Our writing has been inspired by all the dragon excitement and we have written instructions to learn about how to care for our dragons and retold stories such as 'Dram and the Nibblesome Knight!'

Throughout the term, we have developed our historical enquiry skills to learn all about castles throughout history and of course we had to recreate our very own Battle of Hastings! We also learnt about all the important defence features that castles had by building our own giant castle using everything we could find in our classroom! A highlight for us has to be our amazing visit to Lincoln Castle, where we took part in a royal banquet, designed our own shields and we even got to use a bow and some arrows to shoot at a target castle! In DT we have been busy becoming engineers and designing and making our own moving cars after learning about Raymond Mays, a famous local racing car driver. Our knowledge of the world has developed, and we are now experts on the 5 oceans and 7 continents - we can even sing songs to prove it! During Friendship Week, we reflected on the qualities needed to be a good friend, showcasing the Christian Values of Friendship and Compassion. We also thought about this on 'Hello Yellow Day', where we considered how to promote our mental health and wellbeing by being kind friends and sharing a smile. This term has flown by and we have been so impressed with the enthusiasm that the children have brought to Year 2! We are very much looking forward to exploring the Great Fire of London in the New Year and are excited to see even more incredible Take Care homework! All the Year 2 Team would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!

Miss K Aldiss & Miss D Newnham



Year 3

What an incredible way to start the year! Year 3 really have shown the Wow factor in their enthusiasm and motivation this term and we could not have fitted any more learning into each action packed day. Beginning with inspiration taken from Sir David Attenborough himself, we read a fabulous book, 'Old Enough to Save the Planet', written by Lol King, all about how we can be Agents of Change when endeavouring to look after the environment. Having learned about the importance of bees, the children wrote a persuasive letter to Sir David Attenborough to inform him of the action they wanted to take to protect these incredibly proactive insects. We then sent our ideas off to the marvellous man himself and were so amazed and proud when we actually receive a letter back from him congratulating the children on their ideas and passion. Following on from this we then read 'A Planet Full of Plastic' by Neal Layton which highlighted the negativity of human impact on our earth and what we can do to reduce this for the sake of our beautiful planet. We focussed on plastic pollution and how our waste can destroy habitats and eco-systems. We created persuasive posters to motivate our school friends and the local community to reduce, reuse and recycle their plastics!! The future looks bright with this generation of eco superheroes! After this we took a step back in time to the Ancient Egyptian era and to hook us into the period of history we had the most amazing hook morning as we travelled through a mysterious tunnel into the dark and mysterious tomb of Tutankhamun! We held our breath in disbelief when we found ourselves face to face with extremely precious artefacts, and our senses were sent into a spin listening to the story of how Howard Carter discovered this incredible tomb. This experience really inspired us to write a detailed and informative recount of this discovery. More recently we have thoroughly enjoyed learning new sewing skills and practicing our running stitch to create some stunning Christmas tree decorations out of felt. We are so proud of our finished products and know they are going to look stunning on our trees at home. With all of that and so much more, we think it is time for a couple of weeks off to recover and maybe play in some more snow! We hope you have a peaceful and joyful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you fresh and rested in the New Year of 2025!

Miss S Davey & Mrs J Greenwood



Year 4

Well, what can we say? What a fun filled start to the year!

We've only been here for two short terms, but

we've already achieved so much! We began our term with a bang and plunged straight into our topic, Rome Wasn't Built In A Day, with the story 'Escape From Pompeii'. Through the eyes of two young children, we not only learned an incredible amount about the history, culture and society of the Roman Empire, but we also experienced (almost first-hand) the destruction caused by the eruption of the mighty Mount Vesuvius. Once we had read and explored the text, we were inspired to write diary entries intricately describing the events. In fact, we were SO inspired, we decided to base our class assembly on the story. We hope you all agree it was an important tale to tell! A highlight for us this term was definitely our visit to the Peterborough Museum, where we learned: how to create Roman sculptures, how revolting, unhygienic and painful Roman medicine was, how to work as an archaeologist identifying Roman pottery, and all about life in a Roman town. We also had fantastic fun working through the stages of our DT topic. We learned how to prepare vegetables in different ways and tasting them was a thoroughly eye-opening experience! Whoever knew leeks were so sweet and juicy?! Devouring our final Roman pottage proved to be a far more enjoyable experience than we had at first thought. Maybe those Roman paupers didn't have it so bad after all.... maybe...

Throughout our Science lessons as part of our What's the Matter topic, we have carried out a number of exciting experiments and observations. We particularly enjoyed predicting where the squirrels' washing would dry the quickest depending on the temperature of the environment, and making stop-motion animations of the watercycle! And to think, we've done all this while working our fingers to the bone learning our times tables. We've rolled our numbers, we've learnt our speedy chants, we've taken part in battles and we've even slammed each other! And it has been totally worth it as our teachers are thrilled with the progress we have already made this year! Let's keep working hard in 2025 team! Anyway, right now, it's time for a mince pie! See you in 2025!

Miss L Ockwell & Mrs J Shore



Year 5

Year 5 have had an incredible start to the school year, showcasing creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm in all their learning!

In English, the children have been writing emotive diary entries from the perspectives of Jim Jarvis, a young pauper, and Mr Barrack, a workhouse teacher, inspired by our class novel 'Street Child'. They also created captivating narratives inspired by illustrations from the book 'Way Home' and produced moving poems based on the short film 'Little Freak'.

Our Victorian topic has taken us deep into the heart of the Industrial Revolution. Throughout Terms 1 and 2, the children explored the dramatic changes of the era by analysing a variety of primary and secondary sources. Additionally, they showcased their artistic talents by creating prints inspired by William Morris, a celebrated Victorian textile designer. The topic concluded in Term 2 with the children applying their research and knowledge of civil and mechanical engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel to design and construct their own bridges.

In PE, Term 1 saw the children showcasing their fantastic swimming skills as they proudly demonstrated growing confidence and technique in the pool. In Term 2, they embraced the challenge of basketball and wheelchair basketball, displaying teamwork and perseverance.

As part of our RE curriculum, the children have been exploring the Hindu and Muslim faiths, broadening their understanding and appreciation of different cultures and beliefs.

One of the highlights of the term was the real-life Spanish café experience, where the children practiced their language skills by ordering, tasting, and describing food choices - a delightful way to bring Spanish to life!

Their learning extended beyond the classroom with a visit to Southwell Workhouse, where they fully immersed themselves in the realities of Victorian life for those who were homeless. Additionally, a workshop run by STEM ambassadors Augy and Tanis Harrison allowed the children to investigate pulleys, levers, and gears through hands-on activities, culminating in the creation of their very own cranes. Every single child has worked incredibly hard, demonstrating remarkable motivation and a drive to be the best they can be. Well done, Year 5, for your outstanding efforts and achievements this term!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break and a happy New Year!
Miss E Hornsby

