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School Update

Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy
Friday 21st November 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers

Each week at Bourne Elsea Park brings new reasons to feel proud of our children and staff. From exciting learning experiences to acts of kindness in the playground, our school community continues to shine. Here are some highlights of our week.

Creativity, Cakes and Caring: Children in Need 2025



What a joyful and inspiring week we had at school as we celebrated **Children in Need**! This year's official theme, **"Challenge Yourself,"** encouraged our pupils to be brave, try something new and embrace our Character Education trait of **Self-Belief**. It made for a wonderful, mood-boosting week across the whole school.

The week began with an inspiring assembly from Miss Davey, who explained the importance of Children in Need and how our school community could work together to help others. The children embraced the challenge wholeheartedly and proudly became Agents of Change, showing empathy, determination and a true desire to support those in need.

Our fantastic Student Council played an important role by choosing the theme for our non-uniform day. After carefully listening to Pupil Voice, they selected the fun and exciting dress-up theme: "Being Silly or Being Pudsey Bear!" Children arrived dressed in all sorts of imaginative outfits—bright yellow clothing, colourful spots, fancy dress, mismatched clothes and even cosy pyjamas! The school was filled with laughter, creativity and a real community spirit.

Positive Playtimes for Everyone



We recently introduced zones during our playtimes and lunchtimes, and they have been an absolute hit! Our Key Stage 1 children are especially enjoying the dressing-up station, where their imaginations can run wild and creativity thrives. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 are loving the new equipment, which is encouraging active play, teamwork, and fun challenges. Excitement is already building for the upcoming addition of beanbags in the outdoor classroom, which will provide a cozy space for reading, relaxing and enjoying time with friends. It's wonderful to see how these zones are bringing so much energy, engagement and enjoyment to our school days!

Year 5's Fantastic Victorian Projects!



Year 5 have been busy working together to explore the fascinating world of the Victorians. Using knowledge gathered from their in-school Victorian Day, lessons, and visit to the National Trust's Southwell Workhouse, the pupils collaborated in small groups to research different aspects of Victorian life.

Each group created an eye-catching poster to share their findings, showing great teamwork, creativity, and enthusiasm. A special mention goes to the group who explored Victorian fashion, impressing everyone with their detailed presentation.

Well done, Year 5, for your brilliant collaboration and historical curiosity!

Celebrating Success - Willoughby Memorial Trust Open Art Competition 2025

We are delighted to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our talented pupils in this year's Willoughby Memorial Trust art competition! A huge congratulations to Reegan Graham, who impressed the judges and earned a fantastic Third Prize. We are also incredibly proud of Queenesther Benedict and Ellie Dodoo, both of whom received Highly Commended awards for their creative and inspiring artwork. The children have been invited to a special prize-giving at the Gallery, where they will receive their prizes and certificates in the presence of the judges—a well-deserved moment of recognition for all their hard work and imagination. Well done to all!

When is a child too poorly for school?

Good attendance is really important for children's learning, progress and confidence. Now that the weather is getting colder, we're seeing more seasonal illnesses such as coughs and colds, but children don't always need to stay off school when they're unwell. For clear guidance on when a child should stay at home and when they can still attend, please see the NHS advice on childhood illnesses, Is my child too ill for school? - NHS.

Upcoming dates:

Bourne Annual Christmas Lights Switch on – Saturday 29th November

PTFA Christmas Fayre Thursday 4th December 3:15 – 5:30pm - non-uniform in return for Christmas Fayre donations

I am constantly inspired by the fantastic learning and genuine kindness shown every day at Bourne Elsea Park. Your support truly makes a difference, and together we are building a school community that is both nurturing and inspiring for our children.

Kindest regards,

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