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Dear Parent/Carer

**Bourne SciFest 2026**

We are delighted to be welcoming Bourne SciFest to our school during week commencing 5th October 2026. SciFest is always a highlight of the school calendar, providing children with memorable, hands-on experiences that bring science and learning to life. The workshops inspire curiosity, encourage questions and give children the opportunity to learn from experts in a fun and engaging way.

As part of our Bourne SciFest programme, all children will soon be welcoming some very exciting visitors, including a Weird World of Gases workshop, a Science Magic Show, and a visit from the StarLincs Planetarium.

Children in Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 classes will be taking part in live animal workshops. During the session, the children will have the opportunity to hold or touch some of the animals as part of a supervised handling experience led by a professional presenter. At present, we are not sure which animals will be visiting us. We will, of course, ensure that strict hand hygiene and safety procedures are followed throughout. No child will be expected to hold or touch an animal if they do not wish to do so. Please ensure that we have up-to-date allergy information for your child. If your child has any particular phobias or concerns about animals, please contact their class teacher.

We are so excited to be bringing this inspirational and educational learning experience to our school as part of Bourne SciFest, and we hope that all of our children enjoy this fantastic opportunity.

The Bourne SciFest Committee are delighted to share that there is also an evening show at the Bourne Corn Exchange on Wednesday 7th October that your family can enjoy! (suitable for ages 7+). The show is called Superhero Science, and the tickets are £3 each. Tickets are available at: **www.ticketsource.com/superheroscience** or can be purchased via the following barcode.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Trafford