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Belmont Community Primary School NEWSLETTER

September 5th 2025

Key Dates

<u>Dates</u>	<u>What's happening?</u>
Tues 9th September	Year 4 parent meeting about Rand Farm
Tues 16th September	Roots to Food cookery workshops
Wed 17th September	Year 4 trip to Rand Farm
Tues 23rd September	Flu immunisation
Mon 8th October	FOBS AGM
Thurs 23rd October	End of term
Mon 3rd November	Start of the new term
10th-12th November	Parents' Evening
Fri 19th December	End of Autumn term

Water Bottles

Please can children bring a named water bottle to school with water or sugar-free squash every day.



Welcome to the new school year, a very special year because it's our 50th anniversary!

Belmont County Primary School opened in September 1975 for the very first time when Headteacher Mr Fred Long welcomed the new pupils. Our name was later changed to Belmont Community Primary School. Throughout the year we will be having special events to celebrate—culminating in a community picnic in the summer term when we will invite previous pupils to join us.

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our newest pupils and their families to Belmont – the Reception children have made a fantastic start, and it has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces. Across the school, the children have settled back into routines with great enthusiasm and excitement for learning. We have had an excellent start to the new school year.

Mr. Allsopp

Term-time Holidays

I would like to remind all parents and carers that, by law, there is no entitlement to take children out of school for holidays during term time. As Headteacher, I am not permitted to authorise absences for holidays or similar activities, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Term time holidays would not normally fall into this category.

For this reason, any requests for holidays during term time will be declined, and any absence taken will be recorded as unauthorised. Please be aware that unauthorised absences may lead to a penalty fine.

To avoid any confusion, I kindly ask that holidays are arranged outside of school term dates. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain good attendance for all our pupils.



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Arrival and Pick Up

Please remember that the school gates will be closed at 8:55am, so please ensure that your child arrives on time so that lessons can commence promptly at 9am after registration.

The health and safety of the children of Belmont is of the highest importance and therefore I ask parents not to enter the school building at the beginning of the school day.

The new dropping off arrangements on the infant playground have worked really well so this will continue for the rest of the school year. Please continue to drop your child off and allow them to walk straight into school.

Parents of children in Key Stage 2 can drop off their children at the gate and they will walk to their classrooms.

If you have a message for the class teacher please tell a member of staff on the door or gate and they will pass the message on to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Alternatively, you can speak to the office staff or email enquiries@belmont.lincs.sch.uk

Please can we ask that Key Stage 2 children are not left unattended before the gates open at 8:45am. This is because it is not possible for us to safeguard the children before the start of the school day. Key Stage 2 children have the option of coming to homework club from 8:30am. A member of staff will ask any children who do come early to school to join homework club. This will allow us to ensure the children are safe.

Yesterday, we received a complaint from a local resident who said that cars were completely blocking the pavement on First Avenue which resulted in children walking on the road. Please can you park considerately and always look to car-share or walk if possible to reduce the congestion at the start and end of the school day.

I would like to remind you that you are not allowed to smoke or vape in or on the school premises, which includes the school's playgrounds and field. With the exception of assistance dogs, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.



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Addresses/Telephone Numbers

Please remember to inform school if you have changed your address and/or phone number (including mobiles).

Star Achiever Assemblies

Parents of children who have received a star achievement award are welcome to attend our Star Achiever assemblies which will be held on a **Friday afternoon at 2:45pm** in the school hall. There will be 3 awards per class each week—one award will be linked to a school value, one award will be linked to excellence in learning and one award will be chosen by the children in the class. If your child has been chosen for an award, you will receive a Parent Mail.

After School Clubs

After school sports and art clubs will be announced early next week on Parent Mail and clubs will start from week commencing 15th September.

Belmont Deer Values

At Belmont, we are proud to launch our new **Deer Values**, a set of six principles chosen by our pupils to represent what matters most in our school community. Just like a deer, which is graceful, resilient and part of a strong herd, our values guide the way we learn, play and grow together.

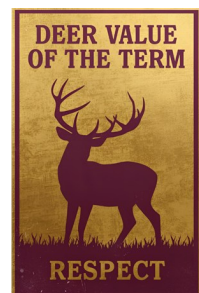
The six Deer Values, chosen by the children and staff before the summer break, are:

Creativity, Respect, Resilience, Ambition, Empathy, and Community.

Each value has been linked to the qualities of a deer to help us remember them and live them out every day. This year, each term we will focus on one value in depth, learning what it means in practice and celebrating how we show it in school and beyond.

Our first value is **Respect**.

By living our Deer Values, we make sure that **every child matters and every moment counts**, creating a school where everyone can thrive.





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READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

Please can we ask that you listen to your children read at home as often as possible and record this in their reading record.

In today's world, children face more distractions than ever before. Tablets, consoles, and online platforms are designed to capture their attention and keep them engaged, often making it harder for reading to compete. This means that, as parents and educators, we need to work harder than ever to prioritise and insist on daily reading.

The evidence is clear: reading is the single biggest indicator of a child's future life chances. A child who reads regularly and develops a genuine enjoyment of books is far more likely to achieve academically, broaden their vocabulary and understanding, and open doors to future opportunities.

In contrast, children who do not develop regular reading habits are at a significant disadvantage. Helping children to love reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give them—it truly shapes the course of their lives.

Children who read at home receive a Dojo every time! Ensuring your child is reading at home every day is the guaranteed way to get lots of Dojos for your child, their class and their house team which results in prizes along the way!

Children in Years 2 to 6 will continue taking part in the Accelerated Reader reading program. Children will bring home a book with an Accelerated Reader code on it. After completing the book, they will do a short quiz at school to ensure they have understood what they have read.

Initially, there will only be a small number of children in Year 2 who use the program. All other children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will continue to bring home Read Write Inc books. There will be a Read Write Inc workshop for new Reception parents announced shortly to help you understand how the phonics programme works and how you can help at home.



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School Uniform

What a child wears to school reflects his or her learning. It also portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. Many children have returned to school without the correct footwear. Here is a reminder of our uniform:

GIRLS

- White polo shirt – plain or with the school logo
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan – plain or with school logo
- Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers
- Grey, white or burgundy socks – long or short
- Grey, black or burgundy tights
- Summer dress – standard gingham check in red/ white

Sensible black enclosed footwear (trainers and shoes with heels should not be worn to school except on PE days)

BOYS

- White polo shirt – plain or with the school logo
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan – plain or with school logo
- Grey trousers – long or short
- Grey, white, black or burgundy socks

Sensible black enclosed footwear (trainers should not be worn to school except on PE days)

PE KITS

- Burgundy t-shirt with school logo or plain white polo shirt
- Black shorts
- Black hoody with school logo or plain black jacket without any logos.
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings without any logos.
- Plimsolls/ trainers (Reception age children will not need plimsolls until the summer term)

PLEASE COULD YOU ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Every week items of clothing go missing. If they aren't labelled it is very difficult to return them to the correct child. Young children will often pick up the wrong jumper or cardigan and take it home. If these items aren't labelled, they rarely get returned to their rightful owner. Iron on labels or label stamps work well, but writing your child's initials on the label in permanent marker is just as effective. The school staff will do this for you if you ask your class teacher.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games or cover them with a micropore tape (available in school), to prevent them from causing injury to themselves. Please note your child must remove their earrings themselves for swimming.



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Grounds Day 18th October – Help Needed

This autumn, we are organising a **Grounds Day** at Belmont Community Primary School and we would love your help! It's a fantastic opportunity for parents, carers, and members of the local community to come together and make a real difference to our school environment for the children.

Our **main project** will be to remove the old wooden trim trail, which is no longer safe to use. As the equipment is concreted into the ground, this will be a challenging job that will require specialist tools and possibly machinery. Once removed, the ground will need to be levelled and covered with bark chippings (or similar) as a temporary surface until we can afford to replace the equipment. Completing this project with volunteers could save the school thousands of pounds.

In addition, we would like to tackle some smaller but equally important jobs, including maintenance of the **wildlife area and pond**, general tidying, and outdoor improvements.

To make the day a success, we are looking for volunteers with **specific skills, equipment and experience**, including:

- Builders, landscapers, or groundworkers
- People with access to **diggers, breakers, or cutting equipment** to remove the trim trail posts
- Volunteers who can help with **levelling and laying bark**
- Anyone with **project management experience** to help oversee and coordinate jobs on the day
- General helpers who are happy to get stuck in with painting, weeding, clearing, and tidying

If you can spare some time, lend your expertise, or provide tools/equipment, please get in touch with the school office. Even a few hours of help will make a big difference.

Together, we can transform our grounds for the children, creating safe and inspiring outdoor spaces where they can learn, play, and thrive.

Every helping hand counts – let's make October 18th a day to remember for Belmont!



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Belmont Bucks



Belmont Community Primary School's After School Club

Belmont Bucks is the new name for our after-school club.

Belmont Bucks After School Club offers a safe, fun, and friendly place for pupils from Reception to Year 6 to relax, play, and learn after the school day ends.

✦ **What we offer:**

A wide range of toys, games, and imaginative play

Arts, crafts, and creative fun

Time to relax, read, or complete homework

Outdoor play on the playgrounds and school field (weather permitting)

🍷 **Food & Drink:**

Every afternoon, children enjoy a nutritious snack, fruit, and a drink together. This shared mealtime builds independence and social skills.

🕒 **Session Times & Costs:**

Session 1: 3:25pm - 3:45pm (£1.50 per day) this session does not include a snack.

Session 2: 3.25pm – 4.30pm (£5.00 per day) this session includes a fruit snack.

Session 3: 3.25pm – 6.00pm (£8.00 per day) this session includes a small meal (sandwiches, pizza pittas etc)

📅 **How to book:**

Bookings can be made via your ParentMail account. The club is only available to pupils who attend Belmont Community Primary School.

✉ **For enquiries:** afterschoolclub@belmont.lincs.sch.uk