



EVERY CHILD MATTERS. EVERY MOMENT COUNTS.

Belmont Community Primary School NEWSLETTER

5th November 2025

Key Dates

<u>Dates</u>	<u>What's happening?</u>
5th-7th November	Year 6 Trip to Whitby
7th November	FOBS EGM
12th November	Open Morning for prospective parents
14th November	FOBS Bingo Night
14th November	Children in Need—details below
17th-19th November	Parents' Evenings
9th December	Nativity Performance (info to follow)
Fri 12th December	Christmas Fair
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.



The Poppy Appeal items are in school. They will be available each day up until Remembrance Day (while stocks last).



On **Friday 14th November**, we'll be supporting **Children in Need!** Pupils are invited to come to school wearing **yellow or something spotty** in return for a **£1 donation**. All money raised will go towards helping children and young people across the UK.

Through the day, we will be completing challenges around the theme 'Challenge Yourself to 25'.

FOBS need you!



FOBS is a registered charity. This means we can apply for special funding that normal school groups can't get. However, being a charity means we must follow certain rules. One rule says we need a minimum number of people at each meeting for it to count.

At the last meeting, there were not enough people, so it couldn't go ahead. If this keeps happening, FOBS may have to close.

We know everyone is very busy, but please could you spare one hour — from 4pm to 5pm on

Friday 7th November — to come to the FOBS EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) at school.

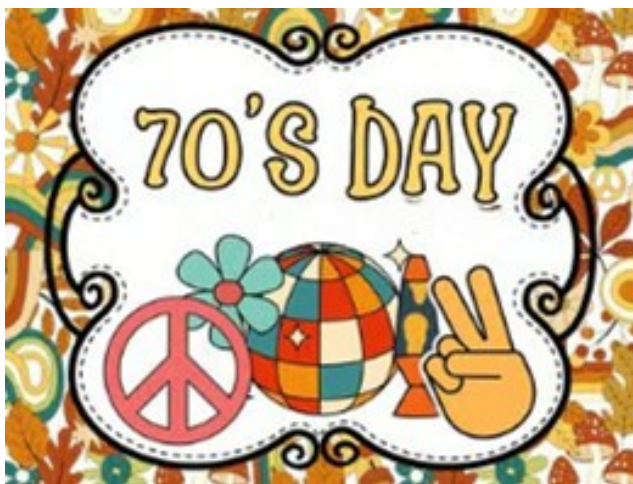
By coming along, you will be helping to keep FOBS running and showing support for our school. You can also share your ideas for future events. Coming to the meeting doesn't mean you have to join the committee or take on any other jobs.



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Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous harvest donations. They were gratefully received by the Grantham foodbank.



As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, we'll be having a **1970s-themed day** in school on **15th January!** There'll be plenty of 70s food, music, games, and learning throughout the day. We'd love everyone to come dressed in 70s-style clothes, so we're giving you plenty of notice in case you need to visit the charity shops — or raid the grandparents' wardrobes — for the perfect outfit!



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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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FOBS DISCO



Everyone had great fun at the FOBS autumn disco. Thank you to the FOBS members, teachers and volunteers who made it happen!





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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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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