

Head of School UPDATE

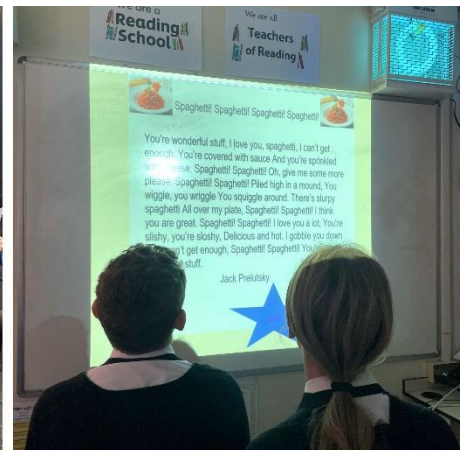
Friday 6th February 2026



Dear parents/carers and students,

Where has this term gone? I cannot believe we only have one week left of Term 3!

On Wednesday, we ran our popular DEAR Time sessions for Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and Year 12 which stands for 'Drop Everything And Read'. This is where the whole class take turns to read a text and they then discuss what they have read to highlight key vocabulary and share their thoughts on the issues raised in the material. All classes focus on a different subject area related to the subject they are timetabled at that time. At Bourne Academy, we value reading as an enriching activity, which can make a profound difference to our students' lives. As well as this, we appreciate that regular reading is linked to a developing vocabulary and improved skills in writing and that both of these skills are vital to success in all curriculum areas and life beyond school.



Next week, on Tuesday 10th February 2026, we will be holding our first Young Carer Breakfast. Students who are Young Carers are invited to attend a free breakfast event in our school canteen. We are very mindful that our Young Carers may be involved in various roles around the home and community and sometimes this can be a little overwhelming. If your child is a Young Carer and you feel the school is not aware, please email their Year Lead so we can look to further support. All Young Carers are to arrive at the school canteen on Tuesday morning where we will be offering a free drink and pastry.

Also next week, as part of our PSHE provision, we are supporting the national Children's Mental Health Week which is organised by the Charity Place2Be. We will be highlighting key messages from the campaign, reminding students of the mental health and wellbeing support available from school, and we are currently running a 'My Safe Space' House Competition.

We have had over 80 Year 11 prefects this academic year. Students wear their prefect tie and badges with pride and support the school community throughout the school day. As our Year 11 students move closer to their exams, we would like them to focus their attention on those important GCSE & BTECs grades. Following on from this, we were delighted with so many Prefect applications from our Year 10 students. Those who were successful were awarded their Temporary Prefect badge last Friday afternoon and have made a diligent start to their Prefect duties this week. Congratulations to all new temporary Prefects!



We continue to encourage Year 11 students to complete GCSEPod revision and to use the revision resources we have provided to support them with their studies. To encourage active participation and to reward those who are continuing with superb commitment to their studies, we have launched a 'Loyalty Card' which students will get signed every time they attend a revision class. There are plenty of prizes to be won, which I look forward to rewarding.

Well done to all of the students who have been involved in cross country this academic year, whether that it is in PE lessons or competing at the various stages to represent Lincolnshire. A special mention goes to Finlay Smith in Year 10 and Emmylou Preston in Year 7 represented Lincolnshire in the Anglian Championships last Saturday, where they competed alongside the best athletes in Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire and Suffolk.

Finally, an advanced reminder that we have World Book Day after half term on Thursday 5th March 2026 and this year we are inviting all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to come dressed as a character from the book. If you would like any further details - please see the letter sent to all parents via ParentMail this week outlining further information and the 'Best Costume' competition!

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.

Kindest regards,

Miss Katie Belcher
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