

# In The Loop

Weekly Newsletter for Parents & Carers

*Welcome*



We have had a truly wonderful, celebratory end to what has been a fantastic year at Bosworth Academy. Last week, it was a joy to see so many of you join us for our final Colours Awards Evenings, where we recognised our incredible 6C Global Competency Award winners. Seeing parents and carers beaming with pride as students stepped onto the stage to receive their certificates and badges was a real highlight. We continued the celebrations in our final assemblies and with our end-of-year inflatables, though the recent extreme heat meant we had to cut some of the outdoor fun short! Rest assured, we are already planning even more reward and recognition events to look forward to in the 2026/27 academic year.

On Thursday after school, our whole staff team will gather to say some fond farewells to colleagues moving on to new adventures. It is incredibly important to us that we gather to recognise their valuable contributions and wish them every success for the future. When we return after the holidays, I look forward to introducing you to the exciting new staff members joining our team from August.

A reminder that A Level Results Day is on Thursday 13 August 2026. Results will be issued in The Compass from 8.30-10.00 am. AS results will be issued from 9.30-10.30 am.

GCSE Results Day and Registration for our Sixth Form is on Thursday 20 August 2025. Collect results from The Compass between 8.30 – 10.00 am.

Bosworth Academy Sixth Form, The Oaks, is very popular. On our taster day we were delighted to welcome over 220 students to experience A-level learning. Please remind your young person to register for their Year 12 place via the online registration form which will be sent out on Results Day. As our term officially concludes today, Thursday 9th July, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. This year has brought incredible achievements alongside its challenges, and your encouragement, understanding, and engagement have played a vital role in our success. Whether you have attended parents' evenings, applauded at reward events, supported enrichment, or worked alongside us to champion your child's wellbeing and progress, your involvement makes a profound difference.

It remains a privilege to watch our students grow in confidence, resilience, and ambition, and we know how much of that growth is nurtured at home. On behalf of our entire teaching and support staff, thank you for your trust this year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 25th August 2026. Have a wonderful, restful, and safe summer break!

**Mr Brown**  
**Headteacher**

# Safe, Happy, and Healthy

As we head into the summer break, we want to wish all our families a wonderful, restful holiday. The summer weeks are a fantastic time for children to unwind, explore, and recharge. However, the shift away from the daily school routine can also bring unique challenges when it comes to keeping our young people safe.

To help ensure everyone has a secure and enjoyable break, we have put together a few key reminders and resources for the weeks ahead.

With more free time, children naturally spend more time online—whether gaming, streaming, or catching up with friends on social media.

- Take a few minutes to review privacy settings on your child's devices and apps. Ensure their profiles are set to private and location-sharing features (like Snapchat's Snap Map) are turned off.
- Chat openly about what they are doing online. Remind them that people aren't always who they say they are online, and they should never agree to meet up in person with someone they only know through a screen.
- Remind your child that once a photo or comment is sent, they lose control of it. A good rule of thumb is: If you wouldn't want a grandparent or teacher to see it, don't post or send it.
- Longer days mean more time spent playing outside, visiting parks, or hanging out with peers.
- Always ensure you know exactly who your child is with, where they are going, and what time they are expected home. Make sure they have a reliable way to contact you.
- Whether it's a local beach, a river, or a swimming pool, water poses risks. Remind children of the dangers of swimming in unsupervised open water (like quarries, lakes, or canals), where hidden currents and cold water shock can be incredibly dangerous.
- Encourage your children to wear sunscreen, stay hydrated, and take breaks in the shade during peak sun hours.

The loss of school structure can sometimes feel overwhelming or isolating for children who thrive on routine.

While it is great to sleep in, keeping a basic schedule for meals and bedtimes can significantly support your child's emotional balance.

Check in with your child regularly. Ask how they are feeling, and look out for sudden changes in behavior, mood, or sleep patterns.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you ever feel overwhelmed or are worried about a child's safety or wellbeing over the summer, please don't hesitate to reach out to professional support networks. You do not have to navigate it alone.

# Safe, Happy, and Healthy

## Useful Resources & Helplines

If you need advice, or if your child needs someone independent to talk to over the holidays, these free, confidential services are available:

- NSPCC: For adult advice and reporting concerns about a child. (Call 0808 800 5000 or visit [nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk))
- Childline: A safe space for children to call or chat online about anything worrying them. (Call 0800 1111 or visit [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk))
- YoungMinds: Excellent resources and a dedicated parent helpline for children's mental health support. (Visit [youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk))
- Internet Matters: Practical, step-by-step guides for parents on setting up parental controls and managing online safety by age group. (Visit [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org))

## Report your concerns about a child or young person If it is an emergency, you should call the Police on 999.

If you're worried about a child or young person or you feel that you need help from Social Care Services, you are able to request support or to make a self-referral. Depending on your address, will depend on who you will need to contact: - please see the links below.

- [Leicestershire County Contact](#)
- [Leicester City Contact](#)

You do not need to know everything about the child or what is happening. You may just be worried, or feel that something is not right.

## Student Support

We want to ensure that all students and parents feel supported and have access to resources throughout the summer holidays. Please see the relevant sections on our school website.

- [Parent Support](#)
- [Student Support](#)

Have a wonderful, safe, and sunny summer break! We look forward to welcoming all our students back refreshed and ready for the new term.

**Nikki Whitaker**  
**Designated safeguarding Lead**

## Careers Bulletin

You can now stay **up-to-date on Careers news with our new Careers Bulletin**. From apprenticeships to careers talks, advice and Post 18 options, you can get the latest on Careers July 2026 Edition by clicking **here**.



Careers Team

## Free School Meals

Dear Parents and Prospective Parents

This week you will have received an update via Arbor regarding Free School Meals for the new academic year.

It's extremely important that you respond to this email and complete the form to ensure that if your child is eligible for free school meals that this continues next year.

In line with government guidelines the eligibility criteria has changed.

Targeted FSM - Receive FSM and Pupil Premium

Expanded FSM - Receive FSM

Ever 6 FSM - Continues to attract this for 6 years

If you are either currently in receipt of Free School Meals, or if you believe you will become eligible under the new expansion (ie, you receive Universal Credit) you will need to complete an application here

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2cwzzFuZDqS6jwtpB6kZ1ssDWIGKCqv1OPwMadgkVNirqA/viewform>

We will keep your information on file and use this to re-check your eligibility every year.

## Maths Puzzle of the Week

### Question

The Queen of Hearts had some tarts, but they were stolen.

Precisely one of the following statements about the Knaves of Clubs, Diamonds and Spades is true. **Which one?**

1. None of the three Knaves stole any tarts.
2. The Knave of Clubs stole some tarts.
3. Only one of the Knaves stole any tarts.
4. At least one of the Knave of Diamonds and the Knave of Spades stole no tarts.
5. More than one of the three Knaves stole some tarts.

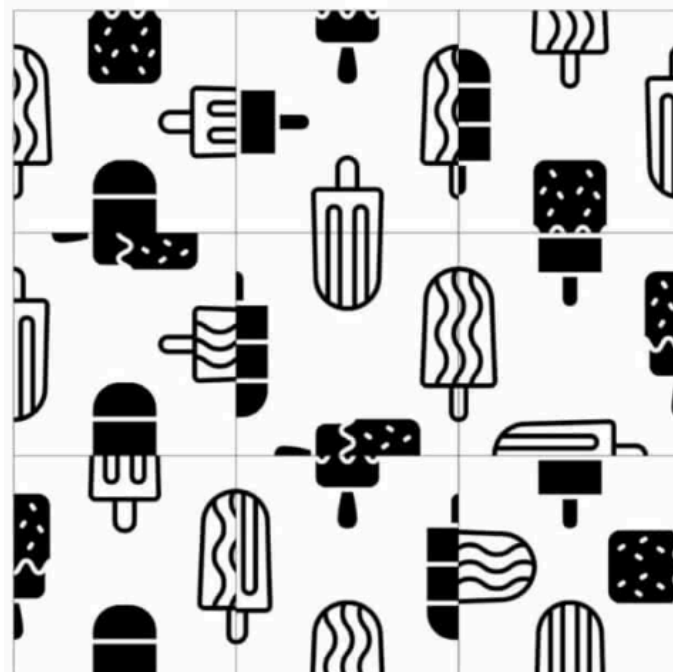
### Answer

**(5) More than one of the three Knaves stole some tarts.**

If (1) is true, then (4) is also true. If (2) is true, then either (3) or (5) is true. If (3) is true, then (4) is true. If (4) is true, then at least one of (1), (2) and (3) must be true. Hence none of the first four statements can be the only true statement.

However, if the Knave of Diamonds and the Knave of Spades stole some tarts, but the Knave of Clubs did not, then (5) is true and the other statements are false.

Put apart the pieces below and assemble them into a 3 x 3 grid so that puzzle pieces match along each edge.



# What's on this Summer 2026 Brochure

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council are delighted to present our annual 'What's on this summer' brochure for 2026 which we would appreciate if you could share with your pupils, their families and your staff.

The brochure is full of exciting summer events and activities taking place across the borough as well as information and guidance for children, young people and their families.

'What's on this summer' 2026 can be viewed or downloaded for free here:

[Find out what's on this summer | What's on this Summer? | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](#)

Many thanks,

**Nikki Whitaker**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Head**

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## Attendance Update

As we enter the final weeks of the academic year, our absolute priority at Bosworth Academy is ensuring every student finishes strong, remains focused, and is fully prepared for their next steps.

You will have recently received an email update detailing your child's current attendance percentage. We kindly ask for your support in discussing this with them and helping them stay motivated for these final few weeks.

If you have any questions or require any support regarding your child's attendance, please contact their form tutor. With this in mind, on the 23rd June we launched our 13-Day Attendance Streak challenge! From Tuesday 23rd June to Thursday 9th July, we are completely focusing on maximising daily attendance.

We have lined up some incredible incentives to motivate students to achieve a perfect streak right up until the final bell.

It can be tempting to view the end of the summer term as a time to wind down, but every single day of school matters. Research consistently demonstrates a direct link between high school attendance and strong academic attainment.

**Nikki Whitaker**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Head**

# 13-Day Streak Incentives

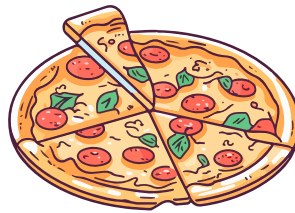
To keep enthusiasm high, students who achieve a perfect attendance streak from 23rd June to 9th July can win:

**The Ultimate Tutor Prize:** The tutor group with the best overall attendance wins a Tutor Group Breakfast on the last day of term.

**£10 Voucher Raffle:** Every student who achieves 100% attendance during the 10 days will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 voucher.

**Domino's Pizza Party:** All students who complete the 10-day streak will also have a chance to win a Domino's Pizza Party for themselves and three friends during lunchtime on the last day of term!

**Last Day of Term: Non-Uniform Day!**  
Let's finish the year strong!  
**The Attendance Team**



# Pizza

## Uniform Amnesty

We are looking for any unwanted uniform items that your child may have outgrown or no longer requires. This uniform will help to provide others in need and those that on occasions need to borrow an item. We are looking for any of the following in good condition:

- **Blazers**
- **Ties**
- **Skirts**
- **Trousers**
- **PE Kit**

Please either ask your child to drop the item to MLT or you can drop it at our reception yourself before the end of term.



## SEND Contact



We are happy to share details about our SEND provision in Bosworth Academy's **SEND Information Report**.

If you have any queries about the report please feel free to contact the SEND department.

**Mrs Jones**

# Keeping Our Young People Safe

## Keeping Our Young People Safe: Free Online Workshops for Parents & Carers

As parents and carers, nothing matters more to us than the safety and well-being of our children. Navigating the modern challenges they face can feel overwhelming, but staying informed is one of the most powerful tools we have. The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) is hosting a series of free virtual workshops specifically designed to support families across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland. These sessions provide practical advice, deep insights, and a safe space to understand the realities of knife-related harm and how we can best protect our young people.

### What the Workshops Cover

The sessions offer a supportive environment to learn about:

- **Local Context:** Understanding knife-related harm specifically within Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.
- **The Root Causes:** The hidden reasons why young people can become vulnerable to knife-related harm.
- **The Wider Impact:** How this issue affects individuals, families, and our whole community.
- **Prevention & Safety:** Practical steps and approaches parents and carers can take to keep children safe.
- **Q&A and Support:** An opportunity to ask questions and receive direct guidance and resources.

**Your Comfort Matters:** These are virtual workshops designed to be completely stress-free. You can remain entirely anonymous if you prefer. There is absolutely no requirement to turn on your camera or microphone unless you choose to.

### Upcoming Session Dates & Times

A variety of dates and times are available to fit around busy family schedules, including evening, lunchtime, and weekend options.

- Thursday 16th July 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday 20th August 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Tuesday 22nd September 2026 | 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM (Lunchtime session)
- Thursday 15th October 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Saturday 14th November 2026 | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (Weekend session)
- Thursday 10th December 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday 21st January 2027 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- Tuesday 23rd February 2027 | 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM (Lunchtime session)
- Thursday 18th March 2027 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

### How to Join

Securing your free place is simple. Click the link below to choose your preferred date and register:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/llrviolencereductionnetwork>

# What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

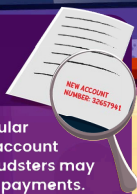
### COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.



### CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.



### DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.



### MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.



### UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.



### UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

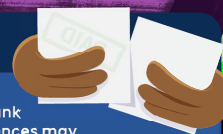
### VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.



### CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.



### DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.



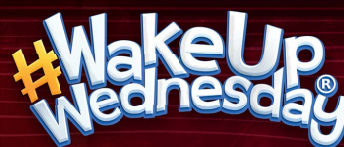
### REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.



### Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



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# CALLING FAMILIES FOR A SUMMER ADVENTURE!

Culture Leicestershire is looking for 4 families to share their first Bosworth Medieval Festival experience!

**Enjoy free entry to the festival**

Your feedback will help make our events welcoming & inclusive for all

**YOUR VOICE TRULY MATTERS!**

## We need families who:

- Are able to attend the festival on 22–23 August 2026
- Are fans of family days out but have NEVER been to the Bosworth Medieval Festival
- Are happy to join a pre and post event meeting (week before -online 1hr and week after event in person 2hr)

All kinds of families are welcome!



Express your interest and find out more by contacting [culture@leics.gov.uk](mailto:culture@leics.gov.uk) or 0116 305 9644

**CLOSING DATE 15TH JULY 2026**

SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO APPLICATIONS MAY CLOSE EARLY!

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

## Lunch Menu

We will now be having the lunch menu on a three- week rotation. Please see below for the menu for next week which is the second week on rotation.

**K.Ford**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Pork Meatballs in Rustic Tomato Sauce White Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	2 CHOICE MENU	2 CHOICE MENU	Pork Sausage Cheesy Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Scampi Chunky Chips Peas / Mushy Peas Salad
Cheese & Onion Quiche Tomato Pasta Broccoli & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Chicken Pasta Bake Corn on the Cob Garlic Bread Fresh Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Crispy Cubed Potatoes Peas Coleslaw	Garlic Chicken Kiev Cheesy Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Chicken Goujons Chunky Chips Peas / Mushy Peas Salad
Spicy Vegan balls in Rustic Tomato Sauce White Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake Corn on the cob Garlic Bread Fresh Salad	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Crispy Cubed Potatoes Peas Coleslaw	Vegetarian Kiev Cheesy Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Vegan Nuggets Chunky Chips Peas / Mushy Peas Salad
Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day	Dessert Of The Day

**Filled Baguettes, Sandwiches, Wraps available Daily**

### WEEK 1

If you would like information on which foods contain allergens please ask a member of the catering team who will be happy to help.

### Want to look up an old article?

Our most recent 'In The Loop' Newsletters are available [here](#) for you to access.

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