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Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Bottesford Junior School Community,

What an amazing return we've had after the Christmas break! I've thoroughly enjoyed hearing about everyone's holiday experiences and seeing the enthusiasm our pupils have brought back to school. Our year groups have hit the ground running with some fantastic learning experiences. Year 3 have been bringing energy and fun to their PE lessons with line-dancing - and it's been wonderful to see staff joining in the excitement too!

In Year 4, pupils are exploring crucial digital skills, focusing on safe internet communication. This is so important in today's connected world, and we are so proud of how our pupils are learning to navigate online spaces responsibly.

Our Year 5 pupils have embarked on a fascinating historical journey, delving into crime and punishments throughout different ages. We can't wait to hear more about their discoveries and insights into how society has changed over time.

Year 6 have been taking a reflective approach in their PSHE lessons, discussing their individual strengths and setting personal goals. This kind of self-awareness is a critical skill that will serve them well beyond their time at Bottesford.

This week, we're launching our new homework approach. A letter was sent out earlier today with all the details, and I'm excited to share that some of the new books for our reading scheme have already started to arrive. Keep an eye out for our launch day coming very soon!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

Message from North Lincolnshire Council

We've received reports of people walking on local ponds. Ice on open water is never safe. We will be increasing our patrols of the areas while the cold weather continues.

What looks solid can crack in seconds. One weak spot is all it takes for someone to fall through - with life-threatening consequences.

All open water, including lakes, ponds and rivers, should be avoided. The cold weather is set to continue, but a thaw is not what makes ice dangerous - unpredictable weakness does.

Please talk to friends, family and especially children about the risks. These conversations can be difficult, but they are vital.

☎ If you see someone in danger, call 999."

Supporting Children's Anxiety FREE Workshop

On Tuesday, 27th January 2026, Bottesford Infant School will be hosting a 'Supporting Children's Anxiety' workshop. The workshop runs for 2 hours and covers what anxiety is, how it feels to a child and how it may present itself. They will also look at brain development, emotional resilience and how parents and carers can support their children.

This workshop will be delivered by North Lincolnshire Council. It is open to both Infant and Junior families and will be held on the Infant School site on Tuesday, 27th January 2026 from 13:15 to 15:15.

If you are interested and would like to book a place please complete the following form

- <https://forms.gle/nNC1pu8ocAzNDizE8>

Please see poster attached.

Water bottles

Can we please remind parents/carers to provide their child with a water bottle for School.

Weather changes

Now that the weather has changed, can we please ask that all children bring a warm coat to school every day.

Can we also ask that children have a spare pair of socks in their school bags in case of rain.

Community Parking:

We have been asked to politely remind drivers who use Wayside Close and the Village Hall Car Park to park considerately. Unfortunately cars have been parked in places that are not designated, which is causing an issue for other drivers and a potential hazard for children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobile phones/devices:

We understand that in some cases, it may be necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone to school, for example, if they are travelling to and from school independently. However, we have noticed an increasing number of pupils bringing their phones to school unnecessarily, without a valid reason. As such, we would like to remind all parents and carers that mobile phones should only be brought to school if they are absolutely necessary. Pupils who do not have a valid reason to bring a phone to school should leave them at home. If your child does need to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be switched off at the school gates on Manor Road.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in pupils using their mobiles on the school premises on their way in/out of school – this breaches the signed mobile phone agreement. Can we please ask you to remind the children that they must have their phone turned off whilst on the school site.

By working together, we can ensure that our school remains a safe and focused learning environment, free from the distractions and potential issues that can arise from the use of mobile phones.

Clubs – Starting w/c 12th January until 12th February

CLUBS – SPRING TERM 1

Monday 12th January - Thursday 12th February 2026

MONDAY	DANCE – ALL YEARS	3.25 – 4.15
MONDAY	TAG RUGBY – Y5/6	3.25 – 4.15
TUESDAY	COOKERY - Y4	3.25 – 4.30
TUESDAY	TAG RUGBY – Y3/4	3.25 – 4.15
WEDNESDAY	TABLE TENNIS - Y5/6	3.25 – 4.15
THURSDAY	Y3 ART	3.25 – 4.15
THURSDAY	SAT'S CLUB – Y6	3.25 – 4.15

Attendance:

All children of primary school age are expected to achieve the government's national expectation for primary schools, which is 96% attendance. The list below shows the approximate attendance figures:

- 1 day off in a 6 week period = 96.5% attendance
- 2 days off in a 6 week period = 93% attendance
- 3 days off in a 6 week period = 90% attendance
- 4 days off in a 6 week period = 86.5% attendance
- 10 days off in a school year = 85% attendance

We are committed to providing a high-quality education for all of our children. In order for a child to reach their full potential, it is essential that their attendance is of a very high level. For this reason, holidays in term time are classed as unauthorised. A leave of absence form must be filled in, and returned to the office for all term-time leave. Please be aware that the Education Inclusion Service may issue a Penalty Notice or prosecution to multiple responsible adults with whom the child resides, regardless of circumstances. The Department for Education have updated the guidance related to school attendance which came into effect on 19th August 2024:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024 .pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024.pdf)

Community News (All posters below):

North Lincolnshire Council – Walk to school scheme

North Lincolnshire Council – EA Sports parent info leaflet

North Lincs Council – Dealing with traumatic and challenging events

Parent/Carer data

Please remember to keep us updated with any changes that may be needed for your child's file. You can make changes to your (and your child's) information via your Arbor account. Alternatively, you can inform the school office admin.bottesfordjuniors@northlincs.gov.uk

Childcare:

Here are the details for the wraparound providers that serve our local schools.

After Bell Club - 07505675454

Little Imps - 01724 761316
Emma Cobb - 07812 567 594
Natalie Watson - 07738 015 976

Dates for your diary so far (subject to change if the need arises):

Tuesday 27th January – Parent Anxiety Workshop at Bottesford Infant School 1.15pm
Friday 13th February - School closes for half term

Jenny Burt
Acting Headteacher

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

**DITCH THE CAR IF
IT'S NOT THAT FAR**



Introduce walking into your daily routine

Go to www.northlincs.gov.uk/walk-to-school for links, tips and information

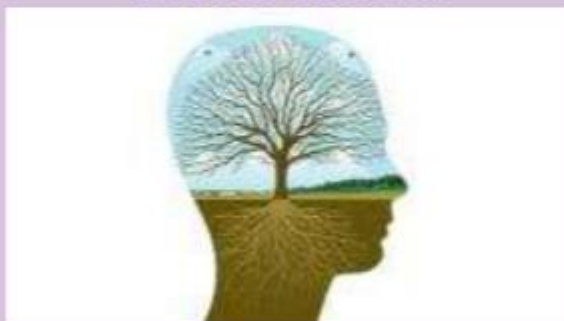
SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELL BEING



Supporting Children's Anxiety **FREE Workshop**

Learn how to identify and support children's anxiety and promote good mental health and wellbeing.

Gain ideas on how to develop your children's resilience and self-esteem.



Tuesday 27th January 2026, 1.15pm-3.15pm.
Bottesford Infants School, Manor Road, DN16 3PB

Please book your place in school with the admin team

Or complete the Google form at - <https://forms.gle/4YW46F1B5Zb4Weeo6>



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which could expose them to inappropriate language or behaviour.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will sell coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mimicking of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you've worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the desperate bid of opening flimsy packs with wild animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

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I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



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FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

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FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days



If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators DEALING WITH TRAUMATIC & CHALLENGING EVENTS

Children and young people may face a wide range of traumatic or challenging events – from bereavement and illness to bullying, family breakdowns, or witnessing violence. These experiences can affect their mental health, behaviour, relationships, and academic progress. With the right support from trusted adults, children can begin to feel safe, rebuild resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. This guide offers practical and empathetic ways to provide support and promote positive outcomes.

1 A PREDICTABLE ENVIRONMENT

Children who have experienced trauma often feel unsafe or uncertain. Creating routines, setting clear expectations, and maintaining consistency can help restore a sense of security. This structure offers reassurance and helps children feel more in control of their surroundings.

2 USE LANGUAGE THAT MATCHES THEIR AGE

Speak clearly and sensitively, choosing words that are appropriate for the child's age. Avoid overwhelming them with too much information at once. Offer gentle, honest explanations and focus on reassurance, especially when talking about difficult or sensitive subjects.

3 TRAUMA AND THE BODY

Mention briefly that trauma can show up in physical ways, such as changes in sleep, appetite, concentration, or as physical aches and pains. Consider this before labelling behaviour as 'difficult' or 'lousy'. Some children may become withdrawn, while others may be more outwardly challenging. Highlight that there's no 'one-way' children respond.

4 AVOID RETELLING OR RELIVING TRAUMA

Children sometimes get asked to explain or repeat their experience multiple times. Striking a balance of when to listen and when to gently redirect can help to avoid unnecessary re-traumatisation. Acknowledge, but don't probe for detail unless safeguarding procedures require it.

5 AVOID DISMISSING OR MINIMISING FEELINGS

Seemingly well-meaning comments like "It's not that bad" or "You're okay" may shut down children's emotional expression and are often not helpful. Instead, acknowledge what they're feeling, even if it seems small. Validating a child's emotions helps them feel seen and encourages open communication in future.

6 UNDERSTAND HOW THEY'RE FEELING

Many children don't have the words to express their emotions, especially during distress. Supporting them to name what they're feeling – such as angry, scared or sad – builds emotional literacy. Tools like emotion charts, drawing, or storytelling can help externalise feelings in a safe, manageable way.

7 BE AWARE OF YOUR OWN RESPONSES

Children pick up on adult emotions and reactions, often mirroring them. Staying calm, even in challenging situations, helps children feel more secure. Practising your own self-regulation is an important way to model healthy stress management and encourages children to do the same.

8 SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

While many children benefit from everyday emotional support, some will need more specialised help. If symptoms persist, worsen, or disrupt their daily life, consult with school safeguarding leads, a GP, or a mental health professional. Early intervention can prevent long-term difficulties and support healthy recovery.

9 MAINTAIN CONNECTION

Isolation can worsen the impact of trauma. Encourage involvement in group activities, praise their efforts, and ensure they feel like a valued part of the school or family community. Meaningful connection with trusted adults and peers builds resilience and a sense of belonging.

10 BE PATIENT – HEALING TAKES TIME

There's no quick fix for emotional recovery. Children may have good days and setbacks, and progress may not always be visible or linear. Your ongoing support, patience, and presence can help them move forward at their own pace, knowing they are not alone.

Meet Our Expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school by integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture, and systems. She has been a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



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