





# Year 5

The summer term in Year 5 has been both incredibly busy and incredibly fun! We have thrown ourselves wholeheartedly into our main topic Space. This involved us partaking in a number of engaging and informative lessons, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We also managed to leave school and visit Leicester Space Centre, much to the excitement and enjoyment of the children, for a very informative day, which really aided our space understanding. The children were especially creative and enthusiastic with their fantastic 'Take Care' space projects, therefore I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting your child with this; your help really does make a difference to their learning. We managed to run (no pun intended!) our first KS2 sports day in a couple of years and it was great to see Year 5s participating together in their house teams, demonstrating some extremely competitive racing and more importantly, a great deal of fun. What a term and what a year it has been! The Year 5 children have continued to display the 'wow' factor and they deserve real credit for this! We have had so many exciting opportunities and fun learning along our way; the children have all made excellent progress both academically and personally. It is fair to say that they have well and truly earned their holidays, and on behalf of the Year 5 team, please may I take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing, enjoyable break and all the best for Year 6!




# Year 6

The summer term has been jam-packed for us all in Year 6. It began with us conquering our SATs, which we worked so incredibly hard towards. After that, it was time for Castlehead! During our residential, we took on a range of exciting challenges, including mountain climbing, a sea level traverse, gyhll scrambling, fire lighting, den building and low ropes. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time away, building independence and confidence ready for our move to secondary school. All children behaved fantastically and were outstanding ambassadors for Bourne Abbey. Those of us back at school, participated in a number of fun activities which included; paint a pot, God's eye weaving, creating their own alien creature and planet, baking and finishing with a special Jubilee celebration banquet! After a well-earned break, alongside covering the curriculum, Year 6 have been preparing and rehearsing for the end of year production of 'Goodbye my friend', which we hope you enjoyed watching. Additionally, the children participated in their very last sports day as well as learning to cook 'Chicken Jambalaya' when Darren from Roots to Food visited us. The children are now embarking on the transition process in preparation for their Year 7 journey. We wish them all the best of luck in their new adventures and will miss them all very much. Thank you for being Bourne Abbey Superstars – it is now time for you to spread your wings and fly the Bourne Abbey nest – Honks!



# Sports Report


This has been a very busy term for sport at Bourne Abbey. The whole school celebrated taking part in our sports days that were held from Reception through to Year 6. These are always super events with every child in the school taking part in a range of active activities including traditional races and it was so wonderful to be able to share with parents and carers again this year. The Jubilee themed race in Reception was particularly good fun! The children were incredibly supportive showing fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship. In addition to Sports Day, groups of children have participated in a variety of inter-school events such as a tennis festival, hockey tournament and the Mini Olympics where they had the opportunity to learn new skills and have a great deal of fun. It really has been a super year of sport, where we have been able to get back to participating and competing as normal, allowing the pupils the opportunities to learn and develop new skills and also compete competitively against other schools. Congratulations and thank you to all the children across school that have represented our Bourne Abbey so beautifully.



# Student Council

As the year draws to a close, we reflect once again on the impact our Student Voice has within school. Student Council have worked closely with our UNICEF ambassadors this year and it has been a privilege to see them collaborating to generate ideas for supporting mental health, both in school and in the wider community. As part of the UNICEF 'Outright' Campaign, Student Council and the UNICEF ambassadors have created a bank of ideas and initiatives to support mental health; including a really successful day of Bake Sales to raise funds for Don't lose hope! In addition to this, we have jokes, smiles, positivity posters and a mental health map of school to look forward to in September – what a fantastic legacy from this year's representatives. Our parents and carers continue to be fabulously generous and it is lovely to see our Christian value of Compassion so clearly in evidence when our children ask for your support with raising money. Our final event of the year, Nyansakia Day, was another huge success and highlighted the children's role as Agents of Change in enabling others to enjoy the rights of education, disability equality and healthy food and clean water. As well as all of our fundraising, we have given feedback on school meals, helped interview prospective teachers and deputy head teachers and also begun the exciting task of designing a new Year 3 and 4 trim trail! I would like to say a big thank you to all of the Student Council representatives and UNICEF ambassadors for their contributions to school life this year. Well done to you all for enjoying your right to: *have your voices heard and be taken seriously. (Article 12. UNCRC)*





# Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy



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Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW!! I can't believe it is already the end of this fantastic school year. I am sure you will agree that this year has been full of exciting learning for all of our children and this newsletter hopefully captures a snippet of the year for you all. Terms 5 and 6 have been as action packed as ever... One of the highlights has been Nyansakia Day just a couple of weeks ago. We saw school awash in red, black and green and the children loved taking part in enrichment activities and holding their own enterprise stalls. The children made lots of money to support the 'Friends of Nyansaki' charity, which will be put to excellent use. As a nation, we all very excitedly came together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June and school was no different. To commemorate such an important event, staff and pupils dressed splendidly for the occasion, arriving at school wearing the colours of the Union flag. Throughout the day children enjoyed a number of Jubilee themed activities, such as designing and making a party crown to wear and a flag to wave at the celebrations. It was a fabulous day to celebrate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth as our Monarch. The summer term has also been busy for sport at Bourne Abbey. The whole school celebrated taking part in sport with sports days that were held in Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. It was wonderful to welcome parents back to school for these events. A number of our Year Four children also participated in a Mini Commonwealth Games organised by Inspire+. The day had a real carnival feel, as there were parades, music and dancers all adding to the entertainment and enjoyment. We also need to congratulate our Year 4 tennis teams who showed great sportsmanship during their tournament in May. Well done to both teams who finished in a very respectable third and sixth place. Undoubtedly, a highlight of this term has been the Year 6 production of Goodbye My Friend. If you were lucky enough to see it, I am sure you will agree that the Year 6 children were amazing, putting on a professional production as always and really showing that they have the 'WOW' factor! Across school, we also continued our fabulous eco work and on the 22nd April we celebrated Earth Day and focussed on this year's theme 'Invest In Our Planet'. Across school, activities were completed to celebrate and raise awareness of how they can make changes to their lifestyle to help the planet. Our Christian Values in Terms 5 and 6 have been Hope and Humility – a perfect way to celebrate all we have achieved together. We introduce the value with a key Bible story– this term's was David and Goliath– and the Collective Worship Council have continued to give feedback on our Collective Worship, making them even more special. The children can make real links between the Christian Value, the Bible and their everyday lives. The PTFA Summer Fayre was a huge success and didn't we have a beautiful afternoon for it! A massive thank you to the PTFA committee and all those who give up their time to help at these events and all who attended; we really do appreciate it. The event raised a whopping £1700 for the PTFA school fund, which will go towards providing exciting resources and experiences for all children right across school. At this very exciting time of year, there is of course a tinge of sadness as our wonderful Year Six are about to embark on the next stage of their journey. We would like to wish all of these amazing children all the best for their fabulous future; keep flying high! No matter how long they have been at Bourne Abbey, they have all contributed greatly to our school family and we will miss them very much – 'Even those who are gone are with us as we go on, We are One'. Can we please thank all of our parents and carers for your wonderful ongoing support and for being a huge part in making Bourne Abbey so successful. Have a fabulous summer, let's hope the sun continues to shine, and we look forward to seeing you all in September when we will continue to ensure everyone achieves their personal success and greatness.

Megan Shears and Rachael Skidmore – Deputy Headteachers



### A Prayer to end the school year.

Dear God,  
Thank you for our school, for all who help us to learn, and for the friends that we meet here.  
Thank you for the opportunities that you give us.  
Now that it is holiday time, help us to rest, as you rested when you finished your work, and as you taught us to do through your son Jesus.  
Help us to be like him and his disciples, and to know the importance of rest. Amen.

### Humility

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

Dear Friends,

In the summer holidays, I love walks and board games and extra time to spend with my family. I like watching movies and being allowed to stay up a bit later because I am not getting up early for work or school. I like exploring with my friends close to home to notice things and places I had not noticed before. I like the seaside and climbing hills.

What do you like to do in your summer holidays?

I still like to learn things outside school, but in a different way. One of the things I like to do is to read stories and books about computers and machines, or books that help me make or build things. I get to choose but I keep my brain active. I don't like getting bored so I like my own projects to share with friends that I can talk about back at school in the autumn. Whatever you do, as you look at the world around you, please remember to say thank you to God for all the world around us. Particularly pray for children in Ukraine and other places where it is not safe and where it is hard to play.

Dear God, please help me to be grateful for the people who love me and the world you have made for all of us. Thank you for my home and good places to play and good friends to play with. Hear my prayer for children who are sad and hungry this summer. Give me times when I can make other people smile because I am kind and helpful. Amen.

Yours ever in Christ,  
The Rt Revd Stephen Conway  
Bishop of Ely  
Acting Bishop of Lincoln



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th September – Training Day — School Closed

Tuesday 6th September – First day of Term

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# Abbey Ark

What a fantastic term we have had here at Abbey Ark!

The children have really thrown themselves into our topic 'Sizzling Summer', where we have been exploring different aspects of Summer such as the seaside, the weather and the change in the environment all through lots of sensory play, stories and rhymes.

The children have worked hard to plant and grow flowers, strawberries, carrots and tomatoes. They have been really engrossed in caring for their crops and have worked together to water and nurture them, learning about what seeds need to help them grow. The strawberries have been delicious!

We have also been supporting our children with lots of vital transition work.

Preparing the Happy Hippos for their move up to the Jolly Giraffe room and the Jolly Giraffes have been excelling with their school readiness skills!

We would like to wish our Jolly Giraffe children all the best with their next adventure to big school. We hope everyone has an amazing summer and we cannot wait to see everyone again in September!



## Reception

Ahoy me hearties! The Reception children had a swashbuckling start to our topic, 'Would You Invite a Pirate to Tea?'

Our learning began by going on an exciting adventure with Pirate Steve from the amazing Partake Theatre Company. We all climbed aboard the pirate ship and set sail to find the buried treasure, visiting the beautiful island of Polynesia where we wore flower garlands and danced on the white sands. After that we visited the penguins, monkeys and exotic birds, however the scariest of all was Volcano Island where the flames shot out of the volcano. At last we found the buried

treasure and returned to school in time for lunch! What an amazing adventure around the world!

From treasure island to under the sea we found the beautiful Rainbow Fish and we talked about humility, our Christian Value for this term. We learnt how to share Rainbow Fish's scales as part of our maths learning, leading to many problem-solving activities such as doubling, halving, subitising and using number bonds to ten.

A real highlight was Pirate Day where the children came dressed as a pirate, learned to talk like a pirate, make maps, instruct the Bee-bot around treasure island and much more!

It was lovely to see family and friends attend the Reception Sports afternoon after such a long time not being able to come into school. The children were real sporting heroes taking part in all the races, cheering each other on and proudly showing off their ribbons and taking part medals.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support this year and wish the children continued success in the next step of their learning journey. Have a fantastic Summer!



## Year 1

Wow! What an exciting year we have had in Year One this year; it has absolutely flown by! Your children have blown us away with their determination, hard work and enthusiasm for all of our topics. Throughout Terms 5 and 6, we have thoroughly enjoyed travelling along with Paddington on all of his adventures, learning about a town in Peru, showcasing our fabulous geography skills and visiting the seaside town of Skegness. Your children really do have the 'WOW' factor and did a truly tremendous job of showing the staff at Natureland, and the general public, how amazing Year One are here at Bourne Abbey. We would like to take

this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer.



## Year 2



Wow! We have had two more tremendous terms in Year 2! We were over the moon when Sunny the Meerkat from the book 'Meerkat Mail' came to visit us! We helped him to write a postcard home to his family, telling them about all the wonderful activities he completed at Bourne Abbey Primary Academy. In science, we thought about why he was not suited to our environment as it was very different from his natural habitat! We have been exploring our outdoor area to identify whether things are alive, dead or never alive as well as finding different microhabitats! We have been so excited to welcome our visitors from Zoolab to learn about the magnificent large creatures found in Africa and even handle some smaller ones too! We have also enjoyed using our outdoor areas to consolidate our knowledge of telling the time, challenging our friends to face o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to on drawn clocks. In R.E, we have learnt about

Salvation and the Easter story, thinking about how people show forgiveness and thankfulness. We continue to think carefully about keeping ourselves safe online and in computing we have been coding using the programme ScratchJnr. We had a fantastic time at our first ever Key Stage 1 Sports Day in front of the grownups! It was lovely to showcase our athletic abilities and show good sportsmanship to our friends. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your children this year and thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday!



## Year 3

What a whizzpopping, splendiferous term we have had in Year 3! The children have blown us away with their enthusiasm for the topic 'Don't Gobblefunk Around With Words' and our two key authors; David Walliams and Roald Dahl. They really do have the WOW factor! Firstly, the children went on a tour of the darksome world of The Twits, where they planned catasterous tricks to play on those grunions and turned it into an extra chapter for the book. Their writing was amazing! Then, David Walliams wrote to Year 3 and asked them to help him create an extra character for his new story 'World's Worst Pets' and the children wrote superb character descriptions about the worst pet ever! They thoroughly enjoyed our David Walliams vs Roald Dahl enrichment day where they got to dress up and their favourite activity was entering the invention room and creating a new sweet for Willy Wonka. Sports Day was a hit this year and the children were superb at cheering on their friends in the sprint races and taking part in endurance and throwing events. The Year 3 team would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing support this year. We wish you all a fantastic summer!



## Year 4



It is unbelievable how quickly this term has flown by and what an amazing year we have had celebrating all the successes. As always, the children in Year 4 have worked exceptionally hard and it has been wonderful to see every child striving to reach their goals and flourish into the fabulous individuals that we see before us. Our learning has taken us on some amazing journeys: we have travelled back in time to the enthralling period of the Anglo-Saxons, where we have revealed the 'greatness' of King Alfred the Great; discovered the link between the Saxons heroic code and our Christian values; been fascinated by the historical treasures unearthed at Sutton Hoo and we have enjoyed creating our own Bayeux Tapestry to mark the end of the Anglo-Saxon period. What a lot of amazing history! As writers, we have been inspired by the books *Beowulf* and *How to Train Your Dragon*, and have written captivating dragon poems, created our own

exciting alternative ending to Beowulf and used our science circuit investigations to help us design a working torch to help dragonologists seek dragons. It is not only the enthusiasm which the children have shown in their learning that has amazed the staff this year, but their courage and drive to take on new challenges. We have seen great teamwork with thriving individuals. Watch out Year 5 teachers, here they come!

