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Dear Parents and Carers,

GOLD ARTSMARK AWARD

We are thrilled to share that Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy has been awarded the prestigious **Gold Artsmark Award** by Arts Council England.

This recognition celebrates our commitment to creativity and the arts across the curriculum, and the way our whole school community—staff, pupils, and families—has worked together to embed the arts in all aspects of learning.

A key message from our pupils has inspired us throughout:

"Art is as important as English and maths because not everyone is talented at those, but everyone is good at art, and it is time when we can relax and be creative."

This belief underpins our work to create a nurturing, inclusive and creative environment for every child.

We've strengthened our arts curriculum by building staff confidence, listening to pupil voice, and creating powerful cross-curricular links. One pupil summed it up beautifully:

"Today has just been the best. Everything was about art and we learned that art is a way of expressing ourselves. There is no right or wrong."

With Mr Gombault's enthusiasm and dedication, music continues to thrive—through Singing Squad, Rock Band Club, Young Voices and our award-winning performance at the Oundle Festival. Now, we're excited to build similar success in drama, dance and visual art.

The Artsmark team praised our values, creative curriculum, and pupil leadership through Arts Ambassadors. As we look ahead, we aim to expand opportunities even further with new partnerships and pupil-led events.

Miss Fleming and Miss Durno, Arts Leads, said:

"Creativity isn't just an activity at Bourne Abbey—it's part of our identity. This journey has highlighted just how deeply the arts are embedded in our school, and we couldn't be prouder of everything our community has accomplished."

Thank you for your continued support in making the arts flourish at Bourne Abbey.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fleming & Miss Durno
Arts Leads