School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 7th November 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear parents/carers

I hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break. It's wonderful to see the school full of energy again as we begin another exciting term together.

Before we look ahead, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the fantastic experiences from Term 1. From coastal adventures and creative projects to scientific discoveries and moments of spiritual reflection, it truly was a term to remember. Our pupils have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness throughout, and we couldn't be prouder of all they've achieved.

Harvest Celebrations

We celebrated Harvest with two joyful services, one for Years 5 and 6, and another for Years 1 to 4. During the joint Elsea Park and Bourne Abbey service at Abbey Church, Father Stephen encouraged us to appreciate the work, technology, and nature behind every meal and to give thanks.



In school, the hall was filled with cheerful singing of *"Cauliflowers Fluffy"* and *"We Are One,"* and the children were delighted to discover that a pumpkin is actually a fruit! Thank you to all families for your generous donations to the Bourne Food Bank. Your kindness is truly making a difference in our community.

Year 6 Residential to Whitby



Our Year 6 children returned from an unforgettable four-day residential trip to Whitby, brimming with stories and smiles. From the top of the iconic 199 steps, they explored the winding lanes of the East Cliff, walked through Dracula's tunnel, and stood beneath the famous whale bone arch.

The children took part in a fascinating jet-polishing workshop led by a local specialist, learning how this unique gemstone is crafted into jewellery and even had a go at polishing their own piece. They also visited the lobster hatchery, lifeboat station, enjoyed scenic coastal walks, and tucked into traditional fish and chips on the beach. Their behaviour was impeccable, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school. It was truly a magical experience where new friendships were formed and lifelong memories made.



Art Club – Celebrating Fashion Heritage

A huge well done to our talented Art Club, made up of 28 children from Years 4 and 5, who have been working hard on a beautiful tribute to Bourne-born fashion icon, Charles Frederick Worth. Guided by Miss Durno and Miss Glover, the children designed and decorated a magnificent dress silhouette, which was displayed at The Red Hall Fashion Heritage Celebration. Their creativity and teamwork have been nothing short of inspiring!

Rock Steady



The end of last term we were excited to welcome Rock Steady to our school. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic Collective Worship to kick start the morning. It was wonderful to see pupils singing along to electric instruments, embracing their inner Swifties, and laughing together. The atmosphere was full of energy and joy. Rock Steady is a national in-school music programme that helps children form real rock bands, learn instruments such as guitar, keyboard, drums, and vocals, and build confidence, teamwork, and wellbeing through music. A special shout-out to our very own legends, Mr Gombault, Mrs Dickinson, and Mrs Millar for bravely taking the stage and making the morning unforgettable! Year 3 and 4 then enjoyed a workshop, all getting to explore the instruments. We're thrilled that Aaron will be returning next term to lead sessions for Reception, Key Stage 1, and Years 5 and 6.

Spectacular Fireworks



The annual Bourne Fireworks 2025, hosted by the Bourne Round Table and the Bourne Abbey Primary Academy PTFA at Wellhead Park, brought our community together in spectacular fashion. Families gathered from across Bourne to enjoy a children-friendly fireworks display early on, followed by a professionally choreographed main show by Illuminatus Pyrotechnics that lit up the autumn sky with dazzling colours and booming effects. The rest of evening was filled with live music, fairground rides and plenty of food and drink stalls for everyone to enjoy.

Thanks to the generous support of our volunteers and attendees, the event will raise funds to support local causes via Bourne Round Table and the school's PTFA.

Fireworks Art



This week in our KS1 Theme of the Week Club, the children let their creativity sparkle as they used glitter to design their very own fireworks display artwork. Their dazzling masterpieces beautifully capture the excitement and magic of Bonfire Night!

New developments

At our school, we deeply value positive and respectful communication with families. To support this, we have developed a document titled *Working Together*, which outlines our framework and expectations for constructive and collaborative communication between school and home. We believe that strong

partnerships with parents are key to supporting every child's success, and this document reflects our commitment to working together in a positive and proactive way.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November Year 5 are looking forward to an exciting trip to Southwell Workhouse, where they'll step back in time to experience what life was like in Victorian England. Pupils will explore the historic building, take part in hands-on activities, and discover what daily life was like for children and families during the Victorian era.

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November Year 3 are looking forward to their trip to the Mandir as part of our Religious Education learning, pupils will be able to observe the Aarti Ceremony and listen to a talk about Hinduism of which they will have the opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

Get ready — Switch-Off Fortnight is nearly here! Over the next two weeks, we'll be learning how to save energy and help protect our planet by remembering to switch off lights, computers, and equipment when they're not in use.

A parental survey will be coming shortly to give you the opportunity to share your views on our school, your child's learning, and the support we provide. Your feedback helps us improve teaching, learning, and the school experience for all children. Please keep an eye out, we look forward to hearing from you!

As always, I am incredibly proud of the wonderful things happening each and every day at Bourne Abbey. Thank you for your continued support, we are truly blessed to share such a rich and vibrant school life with your children.

Kindest regards,



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