School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 14th November 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear parents/carers

Each week at Bourne Abbey brings new reasons to feel proud of our children and staff. From exciting learning experiences to acts of kindness in the playground, our school community continues to shine. Here are some highlights of our week.

Remembrance Parade



On Sunday morning, our school proudly took part in the Remembrance Parade in Bourne, joining pupils, local organisations, and veterans in honouring those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We would especially like to thank our two Year 6 students, Jake and Charlene, who represented our school with great pride and respect as they laid a wreath bearing the message: *"In memory of those who have given their lives for our future."* We are incredibly proud of them for their maturity and sense of responsibility on such a meaningful occasion. It was a moving and respectful event for our community to come together in remembrance, gratitude, and hope for the generations to come.

Remembrance Collective Worship



This week, our school came together to mark Remembrance Day with thoughtful services across all year groups. Reception and Key Stage 1 held an earlier service where pupils learnt about the meaning of Remembrance and the importance of the poppy as a symbol of respect and hope. Key Stage 2 reflected on the sacrifices made by service men and women throughout history, as well as those made today by members of our armed forces who spend time away from their families to help keep us safe. The whole school then joined together to observe a two-minute silence, showing our collective gratitude and respect for all who have served.

Ancient Egyptian Adventure in Year 3



Our Year 3 children looked amazing as they arrived in school in their white tunics, the classroom was instantly transformed into Ancient Egypt. The day began with crafting colourful collar necklaces before the children ventured into a dark, mysterious tomb filled with real artefacts and even ancient organs! When Pharaoh Rameses' chilling message echoed through the room, our brave explorers had just one day to lift his curse. Taking on roles as scribes, farmers, craftspeople, pyramid builders, and servants, the children created magnificent offerings of artwork, pyramids, shadufs, bread, and even a sacred Book of the Dead. A dramatic burial ceremony followed, complete with prayers, gifts, and Egyptian dancing.

To everyone's relief, the curse was lifted! What a memorable day full of creativity, teamwork, and ancient wonder.

Bright Ideas in Action for Year 6



Our Year 6 pupils have been putting their creativity and their circuits to the test! Building on their learning from last term's electricity topic, they used copper tape, a battery, and an LED light to design and make their own light-up cards. They combined their design skills with their scientific understanding to create colourful, vibrant cards that truly *shine*. Each pupil carefully considered the purpose and audience of their design, resulting in a wonderful variety of ideas and styles. With the festive season just around the corner, many pupils chose to make winter or celebration-themed cards, while others designed cards for occasions such as birthdays or Eid. The classroom was full of excitement (and a few glowing LEDs!) as they brought their imaginative designs to life.

Starbucks Seasonal Stars

Thank you to our art team for coordinating the Starbucks Autumnal Colouring Competition. Our talented winners were absolutely thrilled to receive their delicious prizes! From tasty cake pops and creamy Frappuccinos to a special golden chocolate coin, their creativity truly shone. A huge well done to all who entered!



Father Stephen Visits



Last week, Father Stephen led our worship service and reflected on the theme of peace, which is our Christian value for this term. He encouraged us to consider how we can all strive to be peacemakers in our daily lives. Father Stephen reminded us of the significance of Remembrance Sunday, noting that many people in the past have given their lives to secure the freedom and peace we enjoy today. He also highlighted that, in parts of the world, conflict continues to affect communities, underlining the ongoing importance of working towards peace.

Year 5's Immersive Visit to Southwell Workhouse



Year 5 stepped back in time this week with a fascinating visit to Southwell Workhouse, arriving in full Victorian costume to experience what life was really like for a pauper in the 19th century. The children explored every corner of the workhouse, from the dark cellars where meat was prepared, to the kitchen, the separate dormitories, and the exercise yards. They even took part in a strict schoolroom lesson under the watchful eye of the Matron, who made sure everyone toed the line!

In the afternoon, roles were reversed as the children became gentleman guardians, making important decisions about how the workhouse should be run. This shift in perspective helped them understand both sides of Victorian society, those who lived in poverty and those who governed the system.

The day was an incredible opportunity to bring their Victorian topic to life and deepen their understanding of this key period in history. Year 5 showed fantastic enthusiasm and curiosity throughout, a true credit to our school!

EYFS Open Events Success at Bourne Abbey!



We were thrilled to welcome so many families to our EYFS Open Evening and Morning at Bourne Abbey this week. It was wonderful to see parents and children exploring our amazing Early Years provision and experiencing the warm, nurturing environment our school offers. A special thank you to our fantastic Year 6 pupils, who gave tours to our visitors and spoke so proudly about life at Bourne Abbey. Their enthusiasm and confidence truly showcased what makes our school community so special.

It was a joyful celebration of all that makes Bourne Abbey Primary Academy a wonderful place to begin a child's learning journey.

Congratulations!

Please join us in celebrating the wonderful news of the arrival of baby Zachary, born on 26th October. We are thrilled for Mrs. Gould and her husband as they welcome their newest family member into the world. We wish them all the joy, love, and special moments that come with this exciting new chapter.

Upcoming dates:

Week beginning **17th November** we'll be celebrating **Road Safety Week**, a time to learn how to stay safe when walking, cycling, or travelling near roads.

Wednesday 19th November is our **Year 4 Assembly**. A wonderful opportunity for our Year 4 pupils to share and celebrate their learning with their families.

On **Wednesday 19th November**, the **PTFA Preloved Uniform Sale** will take place in the KS2 Hall from 3:15 to 3:45pm. All proceeds will go directly to supporting the PTFA's work for our school community.

Thursday 20th November is our **flu vaccination mop-up**. The free children's flu vaccine helps protect your child from serious illness and stops them passing flu to others, such as younger siblings or grandparents.

Friday 21st November, our school will hold a special whole-school **Shabbat afternoon**, giving pupils the chance to experience the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and explore shared values such as peace, gratitude, and kindness.

I am continually inspired by the wonderful learning and kindness shown across Bourne Abbey each day. Your support means so much, and together we create a truly special school community for our children.

Kindest regards,



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