School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 21st November 2025

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Dear parents/carers

It's been a vibrant and inspiring week here at school, full of colour, creativity, and curiosity! From thoughtful reflections at the Peterborough Mandir to rainbow celebrations for Children in Need, our pupils have truly shone in every way. Read on to find out more about all the wonderful things our children have been up to!

Year 3 Visit to Peterborough Mandir



Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Peterborough Mandir as part of their learning about different worldviews and religions. The children took part in an Arti ceremony, ringing bells and listening to beautiful prayers and songs. They explored the Mandir and learned about important Hindu deities such as Ganesha, Rama, and Hanuman, discovering what each one represents. It was a special and respectful day, giving everyone the chance to appreciate and understand more about the beliefs and traditions of others. The visit helped bring our classroom learning to life and the children were full of thoughtful reflections on the way home!

Children in Need



Wow, what a fantastic Friday we had last week, all in support of *Children in Need*! Despite the soggy weather, the school was bursting with colour, energy, and smiles. The children looked brilliant in their rainbow outfits and Pudsey-themed accessories, spreading joy throughout the day. Year 3 got their 25 Challenge off to a lively start with a Joe Wicks workout to get hearts pumping and spirits high. Meanwhile, over in Year 4, things were a little calmer as pupils spent their 25 minutes creating beautiful Pudsey crafts and colouring with care. That said, some of our energetic 4A stars turned up the volume with a Just Dance-a-thon—phew, what a workout!



Children in Need is a cause close to our hearts. It helps children across the UK access their rights, to play, to rest, to join clubs and groups, to thrive despite disabilities, and to be supported even when life is tough, like for young carers. Every penny raised helps make that possible. A huge well done to everyone who took part, we're so proud of you! We hope you had fun with your 25 Challenge. We'll share the grand total raised just as soon as we've finished counting all those pennies.







Year 4 Assembly Triumph!

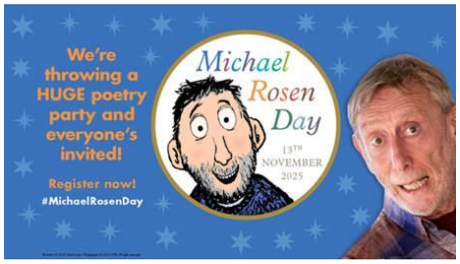




Our Year 4 pupils delivered an incredible assembly this week, taking parents, carers and families on a vivid journey back to Roman times. Their knowledge and understanding shone through in every part of the performance, from confident explanations of Roman life to lively reenactments that truly brought history to life. The children showcased their learning brilliantly demonstrating not only what they've discovered in class, but also how enthusiastically they've embraced this fascinating topic. Their hard work, teamwork, and excitement were clear for all to see.

The performance was fantastic from start to finish, and the song at the end was a real highlight—full of energy, smiles, and unmistakable Year 4 spirit. We couldn't be more proud of each and every one of them. A huge well done to Year 4!

Virtual Author Event in Year 2



This week, Year 2 enjoyed a virtual author event with Michael Rosen himself! He performed some of his favourite food-inspired poems during an online poetry party to celebrate Michael Rosen Day. The children were captivated by his humour, and he certainly made us all feel hungry with his descriptions of delicious chocolate cake! Inspired by his performance, the children then wrote their own fantastic poems, brimming with creativity and fun.

Year 3 Shine with Their Fantastic Take Care Homework!







Our Year 3 children have already impressed us this term with their wonderful Take Care homework pieces. Following on from our Egyptian topic, the children have produced some absolutely fantastic pyramids using a wide range of materials and techniques. Their amazing creations have made our classroom feel like a mini-Egyptian museum!

Not only have the children shown outstanding creativity, but they have also demonstrated great care and attention to detail. Their homework has been beautifully presented, clearly showing how much time and pride they have put into their work.

Year 5 Cross Country



Despite a chilly breeze and a light sprinkle of rain, our Year 5 pupils showed incredible determination and spirit during this week's House Cross Country competition. Every single child took part, giving their very best and demonstrating the Christian value of perseverance throughout the event. We were so proud to see fabulous character traits come to life on the field, motivation, self-belief and the drive to be the best they can be, were evident in every runner. Even after crossing the finish line, children continued to support one another, cheering loudly for their friends and teammates. Dojos were awarded to the top finishers from each house, and every participant should feel proud of their achievements and positive attitudes.



A huge thank you to Miss Handley, our fantastic sports apprentice, who organised the event so brilliantly. Her hard work ensured the competition ran smoothly and that the children had a memorable, enjoyable experience. Well done, Year 5, you were amazing!

Attendance

When is a child too poorly for school?

Good attendance is really important for children's learning, progress and confidence. Now that the weather is getting colder, we're seeing more seasonal illnesses such as coughs and colds, but children don't always need to stay off school when they're unwell. For clear guidance on when a child should stay at home and when they can still attend, please see the NHS advice on childhood illnesses, Is my child too ill for school? - NHS.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 25th November is Year 6's visit to Beaumanor Hall where the children will experience what life might have been like for children evacuated during the war.

Wednesday 26th November is Starbooks Café in Year 2. Come and join your child in a reading session in school.

Saturday 29th November is Bourne Light Switch on where our singing squad will be performing at 2.30pm.

As always, thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm, it makes all the difference. We're so proud of everything the children have achieved this week. Have a restful and joyful weekend!

Kindest regards,



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