School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 5th December 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

As we step into the festive season, our school has been buzzing with creativity, celebration and community spirit. From joyful performances and imaginative DT projects to thoughtful reflections on peace, our pupils have shone in every endeavour. We're delighted to share just a snapshot of the wonderful learning and achievements from across Bourne Abbey this week.

Bourne Light Switch On





On Saturday 29th November, members of the Bourne Abbey Singing Squad joined pupils from all the Bourne primary schools to form a fantastic *super choir* for this year's Bourne Light Switch-On event. Together, they performed four Christmas songs on stage, filling the town with festive spirit. The performances were accompanied by excellent live music from The Bourne Academy band, whose support added extra sparkle to the occasion. It was a truly wonderful community event. Our children were amazing! They sang with confidence, joy and enthusiasm and represented our school beautifully. We are incredibly proud of every one of them.

Zooming into Year 2: Wonderful Wheel Making









In Year 2, the children had great fun designing and making their own vehicles! They learned all about axles and how wheels need to be attached so they can turn smoothly. After planning their ideas, the children built their vehicles by fixing on their own axles and wheels, then decorated them to look just like real-life cars, buses and trucks. They were very proud of their creative and colourful finished models!

Christmas Tree Festival

Our children took part in the Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church. Each tree had a theme which the children created baubles for.



The Peaceful Pine – Bourne Abbey KS1

The Peaceful Pine was lovingly decorated by our KS1 children, who explored this term's Christian Value of Peace through their artwork. The tree features beautifully crafted stars, Peace hearts, and tiny Christmas trees, each symbolising calm, hope, and togetherness. Every decoration has been thoughtfully made by the children to share their message of peace this Christmas.



The Tree of Tranquillity – Bourne Abbey KS2

Our KS2 pupils have created The Tree of Tranquillity, a celebration of peace expressed through a wonderful variety of handmade decorations. The tree is adorned with peaceful handprint hearts, snowmen, gingerbread men, and Peace baubles, all representing the children's reflections on harmony and kindness. Each decoration showcases their creativity and their shared wish for peace in our world.

Roman Recipes Come to Life: Our Delicious Year 4 DT Adventure!



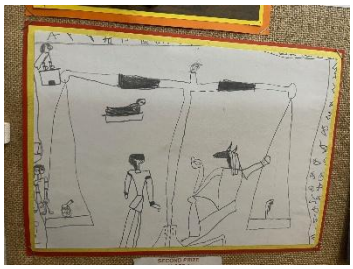
Wow! What an exciting time Year 4 had, finally getting to make the Roman Pauper's Pottage we had designed in our DT lessons. First, they tasted each of the vegetables the Romans would have eaten in their pottages, before making their choices about which to include in their own pottage. Then came the exciting part; peeling, chopping and grating the yummy veggies to cook. They carefully prepared the vegetables using the grips and techniques that we had been taught. Finally, they put it all in the 21st century version of the Roman cooking pots (AKA the trusty soup makers!) and voila - delicious pottage to taste and evaluate. Some of the children were a bit wary of eating so many vegetables, but many were pleasantly surprised at how good it was! We even had some eager testers wanting seconds and even thirds of our scrumptious, healthy soup. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about where and how our veggies grow.



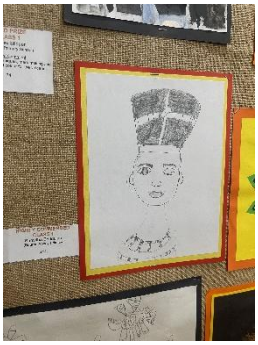




Celebrating Our Amazing Open Art Exhibition Winners!



We were absolutely delighted to celebrate our incredible Open Art Exhibition Competition winners on Friday 28th November in Corby Glen, as part of the prestigious Willoughby Memorial Trust event. The evening was filled with pride, excitement and plenty of well-deserved applause as our talented young artists saw their work displayed for the community to admire.





A huge congratulations to Hudson, Kylo, Sanvitha, Harrison, Arlo-River, Edwin and Alexia—your creativity, effort and imagination shone brightly, and your awards were truly deserved. Each piece showcased your unique style and the hard work you put into bringing your ideas to life. We are equally proud of every pupil who entered. The standard of artwork this year was incredibly high, and it was wonderful to see so many children eager to express themselves through art. What a fantastic celebration of talent, dedication and artistic passion!

Away on a Silent Night – Our 2025 Year 1, 2 & 3 Carol Service



On Thursday, Years 1, 2 and 3 came together for a truly magical performance of *Away on a Silent Night 2025*, beautifully presented in our church. Led by Father Stephen, the service was a joyful blend of music, storytelling and heartfelt performances that brought the Nativity story to life. The children reflected on the meaning of Christmas today - giving and receiving presents, travelling to loved ones, seeking joy, and remembering those who are less fortunate. Their thoughtful words reminded everyone present of the simple acts of kindness that make this season so special. We are also grateful to Father Stephen for his warm welcome and for supporting our school community during this special celebration. We would like to extend a big thank you to all parents, carers, and family members who joined us for this cherished church service. Your presence made the morning even more meaningful. It was a great way to begin our Christmas festivities at Bourne Abbey.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 11th December at 9.15am is our Reception Nativity in the Key Stage 2 hall.

Friday 12th December is 'Wear a Christmas Item' day and our Christmas Lunch.

Saturday 13th December 3pm-4pm is the Community Carol Service at Bourne Abbey Church

Thank you for sharing in another week of wonderful learning and celebrations at Bourne Abbey, we are so proud of everything our children have achieved. We hope you all enjoy a restful, happy weekend and look forward to more exciting moments ahead.

Kindest regards,



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