School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 12th December 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

As we race toward the end of term, our school has been buzzing with creativity, excitement and festive cheer. From magical performances in Reception to artistic adventures and inspiring author visits across the school, the children have thrown themselves into every opportunity with enthusiasm.

Reception Nativity



Yesterday, our Reception children treated us to the most wonderful performance of A Wriggly Nativity. What a joyful celebration it was! From the very first “We’re very excited!” to the final cheerful wriggle, the children shone with confidence, enthusiasm, and festive spirit. Every child played their part beautifully. Their singing, acting and wonderfully wriggly dancing filled the hall with smiles, laughter and plenty of Christmas magic. We were incredibly proud watching them bring the Nativity story to life. For many of our Reception children, this was their very first time on stage and they were amazing! Their hard work in learning lines, songs and actions truly paid off. A huge well done to all of the children for an unforgettable performance and thank you to the staff who supported them along the way.



Magical Lines with Miro



Year 1 children learnt about the artist Joan Miró and his imaginative use of line in his artwork. They explored how Miró combined bold, flowing lines with playful shapes to create a sense of movement and expression. Inspired by his style, the children then created their own Miró-influenced pieces, experimenting with a variety of different lines such as wavy, zigzag, spiral and dotted patterns. They approached the activity with enthusiasm and curiosity, carefully considering how to arrange their lines to produce eye-catching designs. The children did a fantastic job and showed great creativity in their compositions, proudly sharing their unique and vibrant artwork with one another. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as young artists.

A *Hair-Raising* Adventure at the Panto!



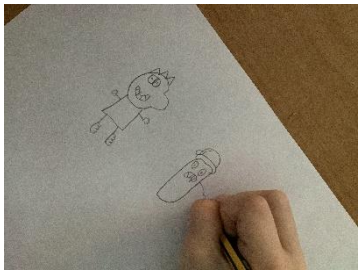
On Tuesday, Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the South Holland Centre in Spalding to watch this year's pantomime, *Rapunzel*. The performance linked brilliantly to our *Once Upon a Time* topic, helping the children deepen their understanding of traditional tales, including characters, settings, story structure and key storytelling features. The children were highly engaged throughout, showing excellent listening skills, enthusiasm and confidence as they joined in with the interactive elements. It was a memorable and enriching learning experience for everyone.



A Totally Poo-tastic Virtual Visit with Author Jim Smith!







This week, Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic virtual author visit with Jim Smith, the creator of My Big Fat Christmas Poo Diary. The session was filled with laughter, creativity, and brilliant storytelling as Jim introduced us to the wonderfully quirky main characters — the Poopies gang and their unforgettable poo-themed friend whose festive adventures bring the story to life.



Jim showed the children how he develops his characters, and we even had a go at drawing the Poopies gang ourselves. The children loved learning how simple shapes can grow into expressive, funny characters full of personality.

Tomato Mummies Made in 3F



This week, 3F stepped back in time to Ancient Egypt as they followed instruction writing to mummify tomatoes! Using the lyrics from our *"Making a Mummy"* song, the children carefully ordered each stage of the mummification process before becoming embalmers themselves. Working in great partner pairs, they began by washing their "bodies" to prepare them for preservation. Next came the round incision, made with impressive precision, allowing them to scoop out the soft inside of the tomato just like Egyptian embalmers once removed organs. Once hollow, the tomatoes were filled with natron, ready to begin the drying process. Now our young embalmers will wait patiently to observe the effects of dehydration over time.







Christingles Within the Community



Our Collective Worship Council visited The Cedars Care Home in Bourne to make Christingles with the residents. Christingles are a special tradition that remind us of Jesus as the light of the world, and our council shared this meaning as they crafted the oranges, sweets, and candles together.

We ended the afternoon singing Christmas carols and celebrating the true Christian meaning of Christmas, a joyful way to spread festive cheer and kindness within our community!







Upcoming dates:

Monday 15th December is Key Stage 1 Christmas parties (children to wear party wear for the day)

Tuesday 16th December is Reception Christmas parties (children to wear party wear for the day)

Tuesday 16th December 1.30pm Y4, 5, 6 Carol Service at Bourne Abbey Church (parent/carers invited)

Wednesday 17th December is Y4 & Y5 Christmas parties (children to bring party clothes in to get changed into during the afternoon).

Thursday 18th December is Y3 & Y6 Christmas parties (children to bring party clothes in to get changed into during the afternoon).

Friday 19th December term ends **at 3.15pm.**

As we look ahead to the final week of term, the excitement is building for all the festive activities still to come. It's been a wonderful term so far, and we're incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. We hope everyone enjoys the last few days of learning, celebrations and togetherness before a well-deserved break.

Kindest regards,



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