School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 19th December 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the term, our school has been filled with the joy and warmth of the Christmas season. The children have enjoyed a range of special activities and celebrations that brought our whole school community together and reflected the true spirit of Christmas.

A Festive Christmas Dinner Full of Joy, Jumpers, and Cheer.



Our school Christmas lunch, held last week, was a truly special occasion. Our school family came together in the Key Stage 2 hall to enjoy a scrumptious Christmas dinner, with festive music filling the room with joy and cheer. Everyone looked wonderful in colourful Christmas jumpers and festive headbands, and the atmosphere was full of excitement and happiness. Together, we celebrated the Christian values of love, gratitude and togetherness as one happy school family.









The Special Celebration at Bourne Abbey This Christmas



On Tuesday, our Years 4, 5 and 6 children led a truly lovely Christmas Service at Bourne Abbey church, and it was a joy to welcome so many families and friends to join us.

The children retold the Christmas story with great confidence and reverence through readings, drama and song, reminding us of the hope, love and peace at the heart of Christmas. From Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, to the shepherds and the Wise Men, each part of the service was shared thoughtfully and beautifully. The singing, including *Come and Join the Celebration*, *Little Donkey* and *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, filled the church with warmth and joy. I was incredibly proud of the way the children supported one another and used their individual gifts to bring the story of Jesus' birth to life. It was a very special afternoon and a wonderful way to end the term together. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the service such a memorable occasion.

Final Open the Book Collective Worship of 2025



We opened the book together and retold the Bible story of the first Christmas. The *Open the Book* volunteers led the session, helping to bring the story to life as the children acted it out. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 did a wonderful job of listening to this very important story.

Reading Ambassadors

This week, our Key Stage 2 Reading Ambassadors enjoyed a fantastic visit to Bourne Library. The pupils learned about how the library supports readers of all ages, explored the wide range of books on offer, and discovered how to make the most of library services. They were excellent role models for our school, showing real enthusiasm for reading. The visit has inspired them with new ideas to share with their classes and encourage a love of reading across Key Stage 2.





Thank you to our fabulous PTFA



As part of our Christmas celebrations, every child in school was delighted to receive a festive sweet bag gift. We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for funding this lovely treat, and to The Sweet Stop, Bourne for providing the sweet bags. Their generosity helped to spread lots of smiles and Christmas cheer throughout the school.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 5th January - Training Day

Tuesday 6th January - Term 3 begins.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the kindness, encouragement and support you have shown me during my first two terms as Head of School. It has been a real privilege to work alongside such a supportive school community. I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Kindest regards,



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