School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 6th February 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been another wonderfully vibrant week in our school, filled with curiosity, creativity and community spirit. From early number exploration in Reception to cultural celebrations, sporting achievements and inspiring encounters with authors and artists, our pupils have continued to shine. I'm delighted to share just a few highlights with you.

Making numbers come alive!



This week in Reception, the children immersed themselves in exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8. They enjoyed representing these numbers in a variety of ways, using their fingers, ten-frames and counters to deepen their understanding. During the bucket activity, the children counted how many beanbags were inside the bucket and how many had fallen onto the floor. They then discussed how these two groups could be combined to make the total. This hands-on exploration helped them see that numbers can be composed in different ways, strengthening their early number sense and confidence.

Burns Night Assembly



Last Wednesday, KS2 enjoyed a lively assembly celebrating Burns Night and the life of Scottish poet Robert Burns. Pupils explored Scottish traditions, from kilts and music to dancing and food. The children were especially intrigued by the famous dish, haggis!

A highlight was seeing Evie in Year 6 dressed in full Scottish dance-wear. With Mrs Leafe's help, she learned some traditional steps, and soon the whole hall joined in with energetic hand actions. We finished by watching an exciting video of skilled Scottish dancers. It was a wonderful celebration of Scotland's rich culture.

Painting With Scissors: Our Matisse Circus Creations!



This week, Year 4 have been studying the work of Matisse and his unique way of 'painting with scissors' to create collages. Using 'Les Codomas' as our inspiration, we've created our own collages to show circus trapeze artists flying through the air, high above the thrilled audience.

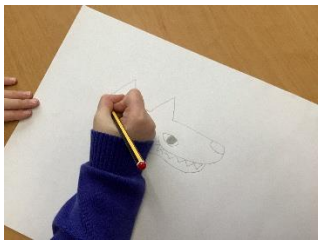
Celebrating Equal Access to Football for Girls

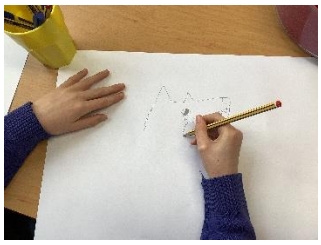


We are incredibly proud to share that our school has been officially recognised in both 2024 and 2025 for our commitment to providing equal access to football for girls. This recognition, awarded in association with England Football, reflects not only our dedication as a school but also the enthusiasm, confidence, and determination shown by our pupils. Over the past two years, girls across the school have had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of football experiences. They have represented the school in clubs, local tournaments, and football festivals, developing their skills, teamwork, and love for the game. These events have given our children the chance to play competitively, celebrate success together, and enjoy football in a supportive and inclusive environment.

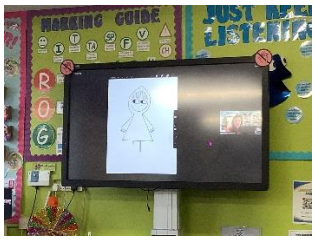
As a school, we strongly believe that every child deserves equal access to sporting opportunities. We take great pride in offering a wide range of sporting activities that are accessible to all children, ensuring everyone can participate, progress, and feel valued. We were especially honoured to receive a trophy recognising our commitment to girls' equal access to football. We look forward to continuing to build on this success and ensuring that sport remains an inclusive, empowering, and enjoyable experience for everyone in our school community.

A Magical Virtual Visit with Bethan Woollvin!

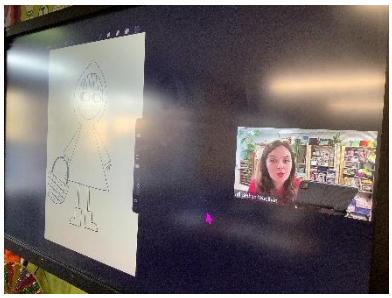


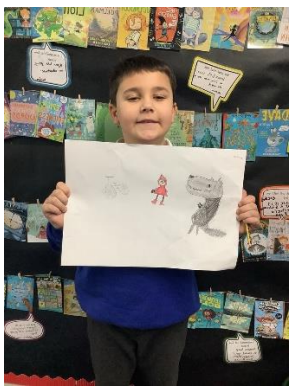




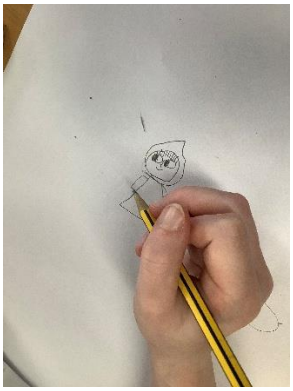


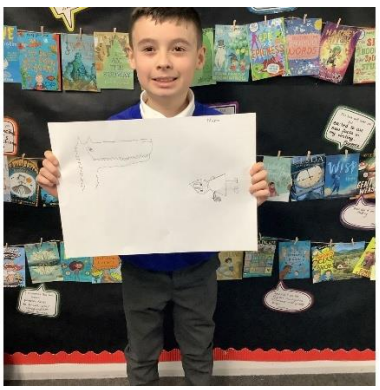
On Monday, Year 3 enjoyed an exciting virtual author visit with the talented Bethan Woollvin. She gave us a tour of her studio, which was filled with her original artwork and colourful illustrations. The children were amazed to see where her creative ideas come to life. Bethan answered questions about becoming an author and what inspires her stories. The children also loved her live reading of *Little Red*, which brought the characters to life in a whole new way. Their favourite part was the live drawing session. Bethan showed us how to draw the Big Bad Wolf and Little Red, and the children added their own fruits to the basket to make each picture unique. Year 3 are now inspired to continue their masterpieces in Computing and DT and begin planning their own Little Red sequel!











Reception Busy Boots






In their Busy Boots sessions this week, Reception have been learning about local birds. Using bird-spotting cards, the children identified some of the species that visit the school's environmental area and created a tally of those they found. They were particularly excited to spot blackbirds and woodpigeons.

The children also made bird feeders by mixing mud and spreading it onto log slices before sprinkling on bird seed. Reception are looking forward to returning soon to see which birds they can spot next time.






Year 1 'Starbooks' Reading Cafe



Our Year 1 *Star Books Reading Café* brought families together to share stories, smiles and special reading moments. It was a wonderful opportunity to promote reading for pleasure, with a fantastic turnout and lots of happy readers.

Unicef



ARTICLE 4 (implementation of the Convention)
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 9th February – Children's Mental Health Week begins

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11th February 9.15am-9.45am – Year 2 Assembly in KS2 Hall

Thursday 12th February – Reception Royal Tea Party

Friday 13th February – Term ends 3.15pm

It's been a joy to see the children's enthusiasm throughout the week. Wishing you all a relaxing and refreshing weekend ahead.

Kindest regards,



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