School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 27th February 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

This week at Bourne Abbey, our pupils have truly embraced every opportunity, from reflecting on how we can show kindness during Lent, to travelling back to the Stone Age, and even stepping into the shoes of scientists. We're delighted to share just a few of the wonderful moments that have made this week so special.

Learning to Love Our Neighbour



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Father Stephen into school to lead our Collective Worship for both KS1 and KS2. His visit marked the beginning of our new Christian value for this term: **Compassion.**

Father Stephen reminded us that we are currently in the season of Lent, a special time in the Christian calendar. Traditionally, Lent is known as a time of *giving up* something. However, he gently challenged us to think differently. While Lent can be about giving something up, our focus this term is about giving - giving kindness, giving care, and giving love to others.

To help us understand compassion more deeply, Father Stephen shared the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In the story, a man is hurt and left by the roadside. Several people pass by without helping. Yet it is the Samaritan, someone from a group who historically did not get along with the injured man's people, who stops, cares for him, and ensures he is safe.

Through this powerful parable, Father Stephen reminded us that:



- Compassion means caring.
- Compassion means being kind, even when it's not easy.
- Compassion means doing good without seeking recognition.
- Compassion is about being humble in our actions.
- Compassion is about loving others and putting them first.

He encouraged us to remember that compassion can be shown in small acts, such as inviting someone to play, helping a friend with their work, using gentle words and in greater acts that make a difference in our wider community.

As we journey through Lent, we are challenged not only to give something up, but to give more of ourselves to others. How can we show compassion in our school community? How can we extend it to our local community? How can we think about the wider world?

At Bourne Abbey, as we continue to live out our vision of flourishing together, we look forward to seeing compassion in action, in our classrooms, on the playground, and beyond.

Let us be neighbours.
Let us be humble.
Let us give. 💜

Year 3 Time-Travel Adventure: We've Landed in the Stone Age!

Something VERY strange happened in Year 3…



The children walked into class and found berries, rocks, stones, soil and photos of a mysterious settlement waiting on their tables. Then came the leopard-print headbands and wrist wraps. They were officially confused! Suddenly, an unusual (and very scruffy!) man appeared on their screen. He claimed he was from the Stone Age and had fallen through time. Before they knew it, they were crawling into a dark, mysterious cave to find his home.

Inside, they spotted a glowing fire and incredible cave paintings covering the walls. It felt like real-life time travel! Then it was their turn. They discovered when the Stone Age began, sketched animals, and created their own cave art using mud and berries (yes… it was VERY messy!). They even read about prehistoric beasts that once roamed the Earth.





What a day! Year 3 can't wait to keep digging into the past and uncover more Stone Age secrets this term.

Year 5 Dive into Their Explosive New Topic



Year 5 have launched their exciting new topic on volcanoes by casting their minds back to their prior learning in Year 3. They began by creating detailed and informative fact files, showcasing everything they could already remember about these powerful natural phenomena.



Building on this foundation, some of the children took their learning outdoors into the glorious sunshine, where they worked collaboratively to create engaging videos explaining their current knowledge about volcanoes.

As part of their discussions, the class explored the layers of the Earth, tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and confident in sharing their understanding. We can't wait to see how their knowledge erupts and develops as the topic continues!







Year 6 Beak Investigation: Survival of the Fittest!

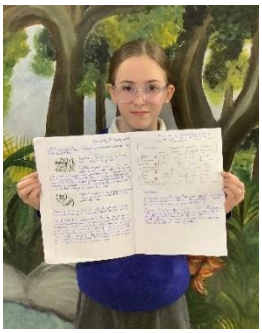
Year 6 have been exploring adaptation, inheritance and evolution, inspired by Charles Darwin's discovery of finches on the Galápagos Islands. Darwin observed that different beak shapes helped birds survive by allowing them to eat different types of food.

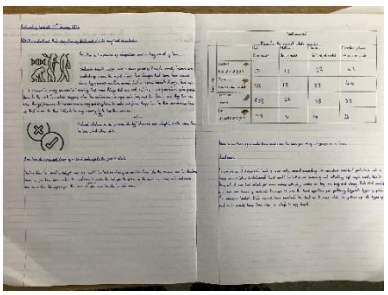
To bring this learning to life, the children carried out their own Beak Investigation, using pegs, tweezers, spoons and scissors to represent different beaks. They tested these on a range of “foods,” including strawberry laces (worms) and Maltesers (large seeds), carefully recording their results.

The children discovered that some beaks were better suited to certain foods than others, helping them understand that animals with the most useful adaptations have the best chance of survival.

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their fantastic scientific thinking, teamwork and enthusiasm. They truly stepped into Darwin’s shoes and experienced evolution in action!







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ARTICLE 6 (life, survival and development)
Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 2nd March – National Offer Day Year 7 September 2026

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 3 Virtual Author session – Michael Rosen

Wednesday 4th March – Friday 6th March - Year 4 residential to Caythorpe.

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Thursday 5th March – Year 5/6 rugby at Bourne Rugby Club

Thank you for sharing another inspiring week with us, we can’t wait to see what next week brings.

Kindest regards,

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