School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 6th March 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

From pancake-flipping fun to inspiring author visits and brilliant sporting achievements, it's been an action-packed week of learning and laughter across the school.

Flipping Fantastic Worship! Pancakes, Laughter and Lent





Last Friday, children across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enjoyed a fun and thoughtful collective worship exploring Pancake Day and the beginning of Lent.

To bring the story of Shrove Tuesday to life, some of our teachers bravely took part in a pancake flipping challenge. In Key Stage 1, Mrs Petrie and Miss Fleming stepped up to the challenge, while in Key Stage 2, Mrs Morgan and Mr Gombault showed off their flipping skills. The hall was filled with excitement and cheers as the children watched to see who could successfully flip their pancake! Followed by some blind taste tests, to guess which flavour they were tasting.





Alongside the fun, the worship helped the children think about the deeper meaning behind Pancake Day and Lent. We explored how Shrove Tuesday has traditionally been a time for Christians to prepare for Lent, a season when people reflect on their actions and think about how they can grow to be kinder, more patient and more generous. The children were encouraged to think about what is "inside our hearts" and how, during the season of Lent, we can all try to make positive changes by showing kindness, helping others and putting our faith into action.

Virtual Author in Year 1



On Wednesday, Year 1 were lucky enough to begin their World Book Day celebrations early with a very special virtual author visit from children's writer Kael Tudor. He read his delightful picture book, *Ten Little Squirrels*, to the children before demonstrating how to draw the story's main character.

It was a wonderful opportunity to be part of such an exciting event, with schools from all over the world joining in and creating a real sense of community. Kael also took the time to answer the children's thoughtful questions about his books and what it is like to be an author, making the experience even more memorable.

Year 3 and 4 Shine at Wheelchair Basketball Event





Our Year 3 and 4 pupils recently enjoyed an inspiring morning of wheelchair basketball at Bourne Academy. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved, trying something new, and embracing the challenge with enthusiasm. They showed great determination as they learned to manoeuvre the wheelchairs and develop their basketball skills, growing in confidence with every drill and game. Teamwork and encouragement were evident throughout, with pupils supporting one another and celebrating each success. The group represented the school brilliantly! Their behaviour, effort and positivity were a real credit to our community, and they should be very proud of what they achieved.

Busy boots: Signs of Spring

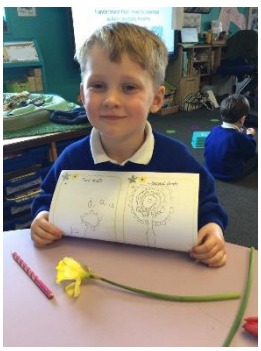


Reception looked at signs of Spring in Busy Boots last week. They

talked about the changes the new season brings and how flowers such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and snowdrops begin to grow between February and May.



The children enjoyed sharing what they have already noticed about the changing season, including brighter days, new buds on trees and flowers beginning to bloom. During the independent learning time, the children explored the environmental area with clipboards. They each chose a plant, flower or tree to observe closely and draw. Later in the week, the children redrew their chosen flower and were excited to notice even more detail the second time. This activity supported the development of their observation skills, resilience and understanding of the natural world. It has been lovely to see their curiosity grow as they explore the signs of Spring around them.







Virtual Author – Michael Rosen



Year 3 experienced a virtual author visit with Michael Rosen, which was packed with laughter from start to finish! The moment he showed them the titles of his books, the room erupted in giggles - especially at cheeky names like Wouldn't You Like to Know and Mind Your Business. The children loved how playful and mischievous the titles sounded, and it set the tone for a wonderfully funny session. Michael shared how he comes up with his ideas and shared with the children a brilliant piece of advice: poems don't always have to be written down. Sometimes, it's even better to make them up in your head! He explained that when we create poems in our minds, it can actually make them easier for us and others to remember.

Year 3 didn't just listen, they joined in! The children enthusiastically helped create rhyming couplets, calling out ideas and laughing at the silly combinations we invented together. It was a joyful celebration of imagination, creativity and the power of words. What a memorable experience for everyone involved!

Abbey Ark



The Jolly Giraffes have been enjoying the story The Colour Monster using it as a wonderful way to explore feelings and emotions. We talked about different emotions such as happiness, sadness and anger, and discussed times when we might feel these emotions. The children then expressed their understanding creatively by painting their own colourful 'Emotion Monsters,' supporting their emotional literacy, communication and expressive arts skills. There has also been continued excitement around Pancake Day, with the children making their own playdough pancakes and practising flipping them in the pan, a fun activity that encouraged imaginative play, turn-taking, hand–eye coordination and physical development.





In the Happy Hippos, the focus has been on developing both large and fine motor skills. For large motor development, the children have been busy building big constructions and creating their own vehicles, strengthening core muscles, coordination, teamwork and problem-solving skills. For fine motor development, they have been using tongs to carefully pick up coloured pom poms, helping to build hand strength, control and precision, all important foundations for early writing skills. It has been a busy and engaging week full of valuable learning through play!





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ARTICLE 7 (birth registration, name, nationality, care)
Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Reminder:

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by phone or email our absence reporting address at **BAP.absence@abbeyacademies.co.uk**. All absences should be reported by **9:10am**. Thank you.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 9th March – Y3 LCC 'Let's Talk Rubbish' Workshop

Tuesday 10th March – Year 5 Starbooks Reading Café 8.45-9.15

Tuesday 10th March – Reception visit to Greatwood Farm (RC & ½ RF)

Wednesday 11th March – PTFA Uniform Sale 8.45-9.15

Wednesday 11th March – Reception visit to Greatwood Farm (RD & ½ RF)

Wednesday 11th March – Y2 Multiskills at Bourne Grammar School

Wednesday 11th March – Y5/6 Netball at Spalding High School

Thursday 12th March – Mother's Day Sale

World Book Day was a brilliant success yesterday, and we look forward to sharing photos in next week's newsletter. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards,



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