School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 13th March 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Enjoy reading about all the incredible events in school this last week.

What an AMAZING World Book Day…

What a wonderful day we had celebrating the joy of reading on World Book Day! Our school was full of colour, imagination and excitement as children and adults dressed as their favourite book characters. The playground was filled with familiar faces from stories, including Harry Potter, Matilda, Horrid Henry and even some Marvel superheroes.

We began the morning in cosy Starbook Cafés, where children enjoyed sharing and reading books together. Later, the whole school gathered for our exciting Masked Reader assemblies. Mysterious characters including Tutu the Unicorn, Jungle Boss, Poopy Dinosaur and Rocky the Raccoon had everyone guessing before the big reveals…. Mrs Ross, Mrs Skidmore, Ms Finn and Mrs Leafe!

The celebrations continued with a fantastic costume parade and buddy reading, where different year groups paired up to share stories and enjoy reading together. It was a brilliant day that reminded us how books bring us together, spark imagination and fill our school with joy. A huge thank you to all the children, staff and families who helped make it so special.



Keep reading, keep imagining and keep enjoying the wonderful world of books!

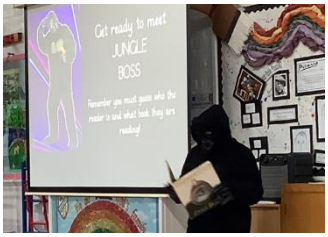


























Please head to our school website to see more photos from our magical day!

T1 Rugby Festival





A group of enthusiastic Year 5 and Year 6 pupils recently attended a fantastic T1 Rugby Festival at Bourne Rugby Club, hosted by School Games. The event was designed to introduce new players to the sport and give everyone a fun and positive first experience of T1 Rugby.

The day began with a morning of skill development, where the children rotated around eight activity stations practising key skills such as passing, evasion, teamwork, movement and quick decision-making. Supportive leaders encouraged everyone to get involved, try their best and build confidence with the ball. In the afternoon, pupils put their new skills into action through a series of small-sided games. It was great to see so much teamwork, determination and encouragement between players.



A highlight of the day was the chance for all the children to see and take a photograph with the Women's Rugby World Cup trophy. They loved getting up close to such an important piece of sporting history. The festival was a brilliant experience and a great introduction to rugby. All the children represented the school superbly with their enthusiasm, teamwork and positive attitudes. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 2 Become Pizza Chefs!






Year 2 had a fantastic time during their Design and Technology cooking unit, where they learned how to make their very own pizzas. The children began by learning about the different ingredients needed to make pizza dough and then practised kneading the dough to prepare it for their bases.

Once the dough was ready, each child designed their own pizza by selecting a range of tasty toppings. After assembling their creations, the pizzas were baked and the class enjoyed the best part… taste testing them together. The children thought their pizzas were delicious and were very proud of what they had created.

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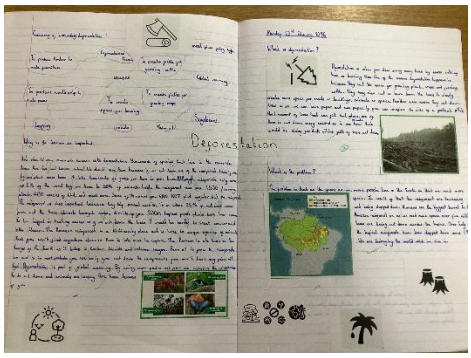
Year 6 Investigate Deforestation

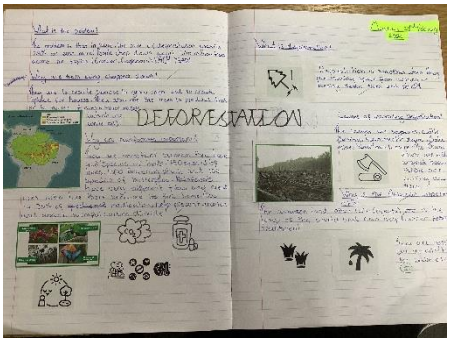
Year 6 have been learning about deforestation, exploring what it is, why it happens and the impact it has on our planet. They discovered how important rainforests such as the Amazon are for wildlife, people and the Earth's climate.

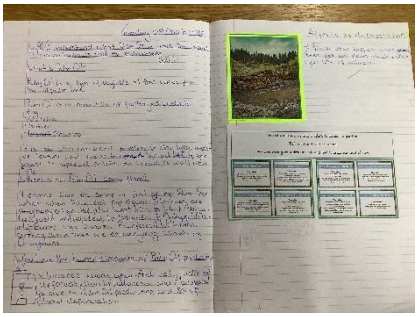
The children investigated the causes of deforestation, including cattle farming, growing crops like soybeans, mining and logging. They also learned about palm oil, a vegetable oil found in many everyday products and discussed how its production can lead to rainforest destruction and threaten animals such as orangutans. To conclude their learning, the class took part in a debate around the question: **"Should deforestation be banned?"** Taking on roles such as farmers, conservationists, scientists and government officials, the children shared different viewpoints and considered the balance between human needs and protecting the environment.



Year 6 showed great maturity, listening respectfully and presenting thoughtful arguments while developing their understanding of global environmental challenges.







Year 2 Multiskills Festival



Year 2 had a fantastic time visiting Bourne Grammar School for a Multiskills Event! The children were split into groups and rotated around different activity stations. Some took part in a range of fun sports challenges, while others learnt and performed exciting dance routines.

All of the activities were planned and led by the Year 10 students, who did a brilliant job explaining the games and encouraging the children. Year 2 had a wonderful time and showed great enthusiasm throughout the morning!

A big thank you to Bourne Grammar School and the Year 10 students for organising such an enjoyable event.









Vincent van Gogh Art in Reception



The Reception children have explored the colourful world of Vincent van Gogh this week. They looked at his Sunflowers and talked about the shapes and colours they could see. They helped create a class sunflower collage, choosing materials like tissue paper, magazine pieces, and buttons, and explaining their choices. They showed creativity and teamwork while tearing, cutting, and sticking materials. Later, they each made their own sunflower collage with a partner or small group, proudly combining different textures and colours to bring their ideas to life







Upcoming dates:

Monday 16th March – Happy Chicks arrive in Reception.

Monday 16th March – Fire Safety Workshop – Year 5

Tuesday 17th March – 11+ Information meeting for Y4/5 parents and carers

Wednesday 18th March – 9.15am - Year 1 Assembly.

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief.

Monday 23rd March – Oundle Festival of Music.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to another great week of learning ahead.

Kindest regards,

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