School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 27th March 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

What a joyful and inspiring week it has been at Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy, as our pupils came together to celebrate, learn and shine both in and beyond the classroom.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day 2026



What a fantastic day we had last Friday, celebrating and raising money for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. Crazy hair was the order of the day, and the children of Bourne Abbey did not disappoint! The highlight of the day was the Red Nose Sports, organised by Mrs Levett and the Sports Ambassadors. Everyone had fun, taking part in games wearing their House colours and collecting points for their house as they played. What a fun way to boost the House points totals!



We didn't forget the reasons for our fundraising, though. In the morning, collective worships were based around the reasons Comic Relief exists and related to the UN Rights of the Child. Supporting Comic Relief by joining in the Red Nose Day fun helps us to ensure that all children, whatever their circumstances, have the right to relax and play, the right to join clubs and groups and the right to be protected from things that harm them. We know that these are just a few of the rights that all children have, and that disabled people have these rights too. Comic Relief works tirelessly to uphold these rights for children, and we are proud to be able to act as Agents of Change and contribute to their work by fundraising for this worthy charity.

Many thanks to our lovely families for their generous donations and the tremendous efforts with crazy hair!











In Safe Hands: Year 6 Become First Aid Ready



Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in a fantastic First Aid workshop led by Paige from Inspire+. It was a really valuable session where the children learned important skills in a practical and engaging way.

During the workshop, pupils were introduced to CPR and learned why it is so important. They also explored the difference between signs and symptoms, helping them to understand how to recognise when someone may need help.



The children learned how to respond to allergic reactions, including the use of an EpiPen, and practised treating injuries such as fractures and sprains using bandages and slings.

It was great to see how focused and sensible the pupils were throughout the session. They should be very proud of how they approached such important learning. Thank you to Paige from Inspire+ for delivering such an informative and enjoyable workshop.

Singing Squad and Rock Band Shine at Oundle Festival!



I am delighted to share some wonderful news from this week's Oundle Festival of Music & Drama. Our Bourne Abbey C of E Primary Academy Singing Squad and Rock Band represented our school brilliantly on Monday 23rd March and returned as award-winners!

Our Singing Squad impressed the judges with beautiful performances of *Away in a Manger* and *Fear Not*, earning 1st place in the Choir (Year 6 & Under) category. The judges praised the children's angelic harmonies, confidence and musicality, and it was clear just how much dedication they brought to their performance.

Our talented Rock Band also delivered a fantastic rendition of *Mad World* by Tears for Fears, securing 2nd place in their category. The judges commented on the powerful drumming, clear vocals and the excellent use of percussion that brought real energy to their performance.

A huge well done to all our performers! They represented our school with pride, passion and professionalism, and we are thrilled to celebrate their achievements with our school community.

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Abbey Ark



The Jolly Giraffes have been developing their team building, sharing, and turn-taking skills through a variety of group games such as Dominoes, Connect 4, and Jenga. These activities have been supporting their ability to co-operate, communicate effectively, and build positive relationships with their peers. All excellent skills to be learning!





The Happy Hippos have been embracing the arrival of spring by exploring new life and growth. They have been enjoying farm-themed activities, learning how vegetables grow as they prepare to plant their own crops in the garden. They have also been fascinated by the life cycle of frogs, observing how tadpoles change and grow.



Year 6 Starbooks Café – Brewing a Love of Reading!



On Thursday, our Year 6 classrooms were transformed into a warm and welcoming *Starbooks Café*. Tables were set out café-style, inviting families to sit, relax and enjoy quality reading time together. Children, alongside their parents and carers, shared a range of books, reading aloud, discussing characters and exploring stories in a calm and purposeful atmosphere.

After enjoying their chosen texts, both children and adults had the opportunity to complete book reviews together. It was wonderful to see children confidently talking about books they love, as well as listening to the views of others. Equally, it was lovely to see parents and carers fully involved, reading, discussing and modelling a genuine enjoyment of books.

At Bourne Abbey, we are passionate about promoting *reading for pleasure*, and events like our Starbooks Café help to bring this to life in a meaningful and memorable way. A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us this morning, your support makes such a difference.

We look forward to welcoming you back for more reading events in the future… until then, happy reading!









Upcoming dates:

Monday 30th March – 'Easter Eggstravaganza'

Tuesday 31st March – 3L visit to Greatwood Farm.

Wednesday 1st April – 3F and 3H visit to Greatwood Farm.

Wednesday 1st April – Year 4, 5 & 6 Easter Church Service-*please note this is for pupils and staff only.*

Thursday 2nd April – Term ends 3.15pm

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to another fantastic week ahead together.

Kindest regards,



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