School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 24th April 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. It has been lovely to see all of our children return this week, and we hope you all enjoyed a happy and restful Easter break. We are delighted to begin the new term together.

Our Christian Value



This term, our Christian value is **hope**, and we will be exploring this through the story of Noah's Ark. In the story, Noah trusts in God even when the future is uncertain, showing great faith and hope as he builds the ark and waits for the flood to pass. The moment the dove returns with an olive leaf is a powerful symbol of new beginnings and the promise of brighter days ahead. Through this, the children will learn that hope helps us to stay positive, trust in what is to come, and support one another during challenging times. We will encourage the children to reflect on how they can show hope in their own lives, both in school and at home.



Year 3's Stone Age Adventure at Great Wood Farm





Just before we finished for Easter break, our Year 3 enjoyed a fun-filled couple of days at Great Wood Farm, where they were launched straight into life in the Stone Age. The children had an unforgettable time whittling sticks, baking dough over an open fire pit, climbing trees, and building shelters. They also collected water from a pond, jumped over a shallow stream to gather mud, and worked together to build a wall using wattle and daub. Smiles never left their faces as they fully embraced each challenge. Throughout the visit, the children proudly shared their history learning with the adults and deepened their understanding of Neolithic life through hands-on experiences. It was an exciting, memorable, and enriching adventure for all.









Book Fair Success



Thank you to everyone who supported our book fair during the February parent consultation evenings. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to allocate £75 per year group to spend on new picture books and graphic novels. These new books will help us continue to develop a love of reading across the school and provide exciting, engaging texts for all our pupils. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Pedal Power! Year 5 Ride to Success with Bikeability



Our Year 5 pupils proudly completed their Bikeability training this week, gaining vital cycling skills and road safety awareness. With expert guidance, pupils built confidence, mastered road techniques, and embraced independence. We celebrated their achievement and commitment to staying safe while enjoying active, healthy lifestyles on two wheels.

The programme included practical on-road sessions, teaching pupils how to signal, position themselves safely, and respond to traffic. Delivered by qualified instructors, the training supports lifelong safety skills. Staff praised pupils' enthusiasm and resilience, while parents welcomed the opportunity for children to cycle more confidently in their communities.

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ARTICLE 12 (respect for the views of the child)
Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Sparking Smiles and Creativity in Year 1



The Year 1 children have been absolutely delighted this week as they explored the fantastic new toys kindly funded by our PTFA! The new role play area equipment has already inspired imaginative storytelling and collaborative play, with children eagerly taking on different roles and creating their own little worlds. Meanwhile, the letter and number formation boards have been a big hit during learning time, helping the children to practise their writing skills in a fun and engaging way.



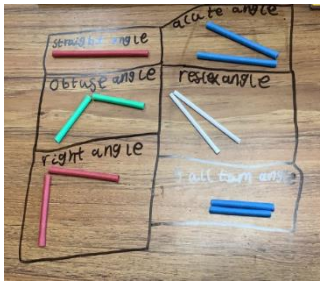


One of the standout favourites has certainly been the magnetic tiles, which have sparked creativity and curiosity as the children design and build all sorts of wonderful structures. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they experiment, explore and learn through play.

We are incredibly grateful to the PTFA for their generosity and support. These resources are making a real difference to the children's learning experiences, and we cannot thank them enough for providing such exciting opportunities for our Year 1 classes.

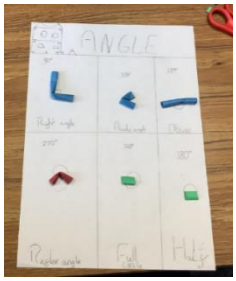


Angles in Year 5



Year 5 have been exploring angles through practical, hands-on activities.

Using straws and whiteboard pens, pupils investigated how angles change and identified acute, right and obtuse angles. They then created colourful posters to consolidate their learning and key vocabulary. The practical approach helped build confidence and deepen understanding.



Environmental Area



Our outdoor environmental area continues to evolve, providing rich opportunities for open-ended exploration during Reception's weekly Busy Boots sessions. Children are now able to use tyres and planks to create their own obstacle courses, developing balance, coordination, and problem-solving skills through active play.

The pallet train inspires imaginative role play and encourages social interaction, while wooden sculptures placed throughout the area spark curiosity and creativity.





The addition of a tunnel will further support physical development, promoting movement, spatial awareness, and growing confidence.

These experiences support all areas of the EYFS, fostering active, engaged learning and enabling children to explore, take risks, and develop independence within a meaningful outdoor environment.







Upcoming dates:

Monday 27th April – Father Stephen visiting to lead Collective Worship

Tuesday 28th April – 9.15am Y3 Assembly KS2 Hall

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

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

Kindest regards,



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