School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 1st May 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Following the letter sent to parents and carers yesterday from Megan Shears, our Interim CEO, I would like to share how incredibly proud I am of our whole school community. The recent Ofsted inspection was a very positive experience and reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment shown every day by our staff and pupils. As Head of School, it is a privilege to work alongside such passionate professionals and wonderful children, and I thank you all for your continued support.

Sport Ambassadors Lead Inspire+ Assembly



Our Young Sports Ambassadors led an engaging Inspire+ Legacy Tour assembly, sharing their work with the Royal Ballet and Opera and Inspire+. Children explored how stories are told through movement, learned a short dance motif and took part in an energetic warm-up promoting teamwork and collaboration.

The assembly highlighted the similarities between dance and sport, the benefits of staying active, and how working with the Royal Ballet helped build confidence. It concluded with a pledge to continue promoting a happy, healthy and active lifestyle across our school. We are proud of all the children involved and grateful to Mr Graves from Inspire+ for joining us.

Ex-tube-citing addition to our outdoor environment



We are delighted to share that our outdoor learning environment has been enhanced with the addition of a very large tube, kindly donated by Hawkes Group. This has created an amazing tunnel space that the children have been very excited to explore! This new feature will bring so many benefits to our EYFS children. As they crawl, climb, and move through the tunnel, they are developing important physical skills such as shoulder strength, coordination, and overall gross motor development. It will also encouraged curiosity, confidence, and collaborative play.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to Davis-Wright Haulage LTD for generously transporting the tubes to our school, and of course to Hawkes Group for their kind donation. Your support has made a real difference to our children's learning and play.



The photos show the children exploring the tunnel, crawling through and investigating the space together. It was lovely to see how this new addition also enhanced their enjoyment of Pirate Day, adding an extra layer of excitement to their play. Thank you again to everyone involved.

Year 4 Shine with Moving Playground Projects





Year 4 pupils had an exciting week last week, bringing their Design and Technology project to life by designing and building moving playgrounds for Lucky Ducky. Working in teams, they planned, designed and constructed imaginative models using gears to create movement, testing and refining their ideas as they progressed. A highlight of the project was adding a simple electrical circuit with a switch to light up part of the playground, challenging pupils to persevere and problem-solve. The project developed teamwork, creativity and technical skills, and the finished playgrounds are a real testament to their hard work. Well done, Year 4!






Fire Fighters Visit Abbey Ark



The children in the Jolly Giraffes room have had a wonderful time this week with a special visit from our local firefighters. They came in to talk to the children about their important role in the community and showed us the different equipment they use in an emergency. The children were fascinated to see the tools up close and enjoyed learning how firefighters help to keep everyone safe. To make the visit even more exciting, the firefighters also presented 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to the winners of our colouring competition, which was a lovely way to celebrate everyone's hard work and creativity.





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Year 3 Rock Out in Stone Age Spectacular



Year 3 wowed us in their year group assembly, 'Welcome to the Stone Age', a joyful celebration of learning across the year. Every child projected their voice with confidence, sang beautifully with actions, and delivered fantastic acting performances. The dancers were outstanding, bringing energy and rhythm to the stage. From memorable classroom hooks to rich topics and their visit to Great Wood Farm, the journey was brought to life. The children formed their own rock band, rocking out to 'We Will Rock You', and challenged adults in 'Beat the Caveman'. We are so proud of everyone and would also like to say a big thank you to the adults who joined the fun.

Migration in Motion: Ringing the 'Visdeurbel' for Fishy Friends!



This week, 3F were fascinated to follow up on a Newsround feature by watching the Netherlands' famous Fish Doorbell in action! This clever live stream helps migrating fish safely pass through a lock in the city of Utrecht. When viewers spot fish gathering at the closed gate, they can press the "doorbell" online to alert workers to open it. The children squealed with excitement as an eel swam past, and we eagerly pressed the doorbell to help alert workers to open so the eel could continue its migration. It sparked great discussions about habitats, migration, and how people can make a difference in protecting nature, even from afar!

Upcoming dates:

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 5th May – Nigel Vardy visiting Y3

Wednesday 6th May – PTFA Uniform Sale 3.15-3.45

Wishing you a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to another fantastic week ahead together.

Kindest regards,



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