School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 22nd May 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It has been a very busy but incredibly successful term, and we are so proud of everything our children have achieved. Enjoy some of the highlights from this week:

Hokusai-Inspired Wave Art



Last week, our Reception children explored the famous artwork *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* by the Japanese artist Hokusai. We discussed the colours, shapes, and movement we could see in the sea, encouraging the children to share their thoughts and observations.

The children then created their own wave-inspired pictures using a range of materials, including paint, sponges, and collage resources. They experimented with different shades of blue and added texture to represent crashing waves and sea foam.

Throughout the activity, the children demonstrated great creativity and curiosity, making independent choices about how to develop their artwork. They also confidently shared their ideas, using vocabulary such as "wave," "crash," and "foam."









Year 4 Boys Football Tournament at Bourne Westfield



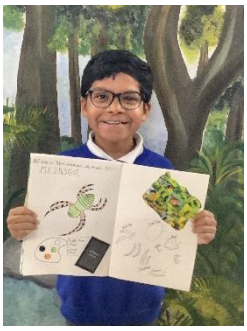
The Year 4 boys recently took part in a football tournament at Bourne Westfield and represented the school brilliantly. They showed excellent sportsmanship throughout, demonstrating respect and maturity both on and off the pitch. The team worked well together, supporting and encouraging one another in every match. Their determination and teamwork were clear to see, with great effort, strong defending, and some excellent passing on display.



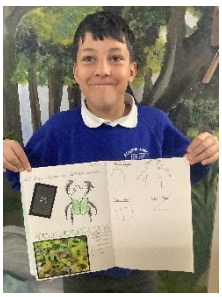
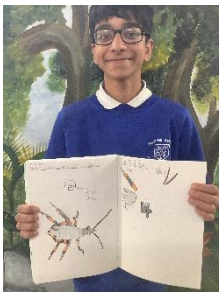
The boys played with confidence, energy, and passion, and should be very proud of their performance and positive attitude. Well done, boys!

Year 6 Explore West African Art Through Layered Insect Designs

Year 6 continued their West African Art unit, exploring patterns, colour and symbolism inspired by nature. They created detailed insect sketches, focusing on shape, symmetry and texture, before planning how to turn their designs into layered cardboard sculptures. The children showed great creativity and concentration, experimenting with bold ideas and thoughtful designs. We are proud of their artistic effort so far and look forward to seeing their finished 3D sculptures next week.



Ready, Steady, Go! Reception Sports Day






The forecast rain held off just in time for an incredible Reception Sports Day! The children showed fantastic enthusiasm, determination and teamwork throughout the afternoon, with plenty of smiles and cheering from families and staff alike. The races included the ever-popular egg and spoon race, a speedy sprint race, a colourful fancy dress race and the fun-filled fruit basket race. Every child took part brilliantly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by encouraging one another and trying their very best. A huge well done to all our Reception children for making the d suaych a success and thank you to everyone who came along to support and cheer them on. It was a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by all.






Pirate Adventures with Captain Steve!

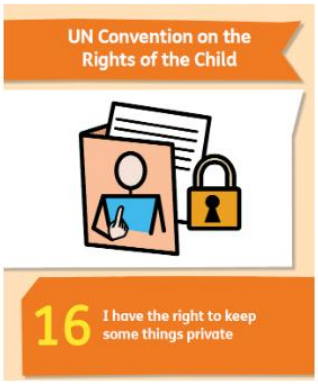






The Reception shipmates were delighted to have a visit from Captain Steve of Partake Theatre Company for an excellent 'Pirate Island' workshop. The crew danced, acted and scrubbed the decks as they travelled to Polynesia, Antarctica, volcano islands and through storms before finding the buried treasure. Luckily, we made it back to school in time for lunch!

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Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 1st June – Term begins

Tuesday 2nd June – Y4, 5, 6 Sports Manning Road Field 1.15 p.m. (Parents/carers invited)

Thursday 4th June - Y6 girls' cricket at Bourne Cricket Club

w/c Monday 8th June - Y1 Phonics Screening begins (statutory assessment)

Thank you to you all for your continued support this term. It truly makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. We are incredibly proud of our school community and everything our children have achieved.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon!

Kindest regards,

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