School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 19th June 2026

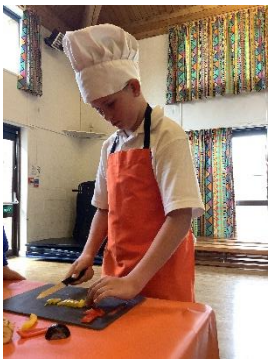
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Dear Parents/Carers

We've had another busy and enjoyable week at Bourne Abbey, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities for the children to shine.

A Taste of the Caribbean with Darren from Roots to Food!







What an absolutely fantastic end-of-year treat Year 6 enjoyed last Friday as we welcomed the incredible Darren from Roots to Food back into school for another unforgettable cooking experience! The children stepped into the role of young chefs as they learnt how to create a delicious Jamaican Jerk Chicken or Tofu with Rice and Peas (made with kidney beans) packed full of flavour, colour and wonderful Caribbean-inspired ingredients.



As always, Darren's enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for food were infectious. He expertly guided the children through every stage of the recipe, teaching them a range of important culinary skills including dicing, slicing, peeling, chopping and mixing, whilst also developing their knife safety techniques using the claw grip and bridge hold. The confidence and maturity shown by the children in handling ingredients and equipment was truly impressive. A huge thank you goes to Darren, whose energy, expertise and ability to inspire young people never fail to amaze us.





Year 5 Represent the Ivory Coast at World Cup Tournament



Last week, Year 5 had a fantastic day at the YDP World Cup Football Tournament, proudly representing the Ivory Coast. Despite persistent rain, the children showed great enthusiasm, resilience and determination, giving their best in every match. Their teamwork was excellent, with strong communication, supportive play and impressive skills in passing, dribbling, defending and shooting.

We were especially proud of their outstanding sportsmanship. Pupils showed respect by shaking hands after matches and demonstrated kindness by checking on injured players. Throughout the day, they represented both the Ivory Coast and our school with pride, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

Arts Day Celebration



On Monday, Bourne Abbey came alive with colour, creativity and music as we celebrated our whole-school Arts Day! Throughout the day, children revisited artists they had previously studied and created their own self-portraits inspired by these unique styles. From bold patterns and vibrant colours to detailed sketching and painting, the quality of artwork was truly impressive.



The day began with two lively assemblies led by Rocksteady Music School, where children enjoyed live performances and even saw some of our teachers take to the stage as part of a band. The energy and excitement set the tone for a fantastic day.

In the afternoon, pupils took part in band workshops, exploring instruments such as drums, keyboards, guitars and vocals, and experiencing what it is like to perform together. We are also delighted that from September 2026, Rocksteady will be creating 10 pupil bands across the school.



Outside, the playground became an open-air gallery, with children collaborating on large-scale artwork during break times. Arts Day was a wonderful celebration of creativity, confidence and community, with every child given the chance to shine. A huge thank you to our staff, Art Ambassadors and Rocksteady for making the day so memorable.



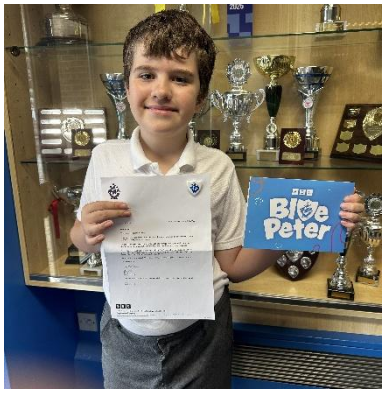








Freddie Fisher Receives a Blue Peter Badge!



We are delighted to celebrate Freddie Fisher, one of our Year 6 pupils, who has been awarded a prestigious Blue Peter Badge for his outstanding scrapbook, *A Survival Guide to Surviving Year 6*.

Freddie's creative and imaginative project impressed the Blue Peter team with its originality, humour, and practical advice. His scrapbook is packed with entertaining features, including a guide on "How to Be an Evil Scientist," helpful tips and encouragement for children preparing to enter Year 6, and his brilliantly inventive Automatic Story Maker, designed to spark creativity and storytelling.

The scrapbook combines Freddie's fantastic sense of humour with thoughtful advice for younger pupils, making it both enjoyable and useful. His hard work, creativity, and attention to detail have rightly earned him national recognition through this special award.

Everyone at school is incredibly proud of Freddie's achievement. Receiving a Blue Peter Badge is no small feat, and it reflects the enthusiasm, imagination, and dedication that Freddie brings to everything he does. Congratulations, Freddie, on this amazing accomplishment- we can't wait to see your books in classroom reading areas in the future!

Wild Learning with ZooLab!



This week, Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from ZooLab as part of our science learning about animals. The children learned lots of fascinating facts, with a particular focus on animal classification.



They met a gecko, a tarantula, a snake, a giant African snail and a tree frog, and even had the opportunity to hold the snake and stroke the gecko.

The children had a fantastic hands-on experience, which brought their learning to life and will support their future writing and science work.





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ARTICLE 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)
Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Learning About Humility with Mihaela



This week, we were delighted to welcome Mihaela from Bourne Baptist Church, who led a Collective Worship on our Christian value of humility. Through the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, she showed how Jesus led by serving others with kindness, love and compassion.

The children explored what humility means in everyday life. They learnt it's not about thinking less of ourselves, but about thinking of others, showing kindness, and recognising when we need help. Mihaela reminded us that asking for help is also a sign of humility.

She taught us a simple action to help us remember this value, and the children enjoyed reflecting on how they can show humility at school, at home and in the wider community. We are very grateful to Mihaela and Bourne Baptist Church for their continued support. Her enthusiasm and warmth made the worship truly special, and we look forward to welcoming her again soon.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 23rd June – Y4, 5 &6 sports, Manning Road Field 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday 24th June – Y3/4 tennis at Spalding Tennis Club

Thursday 25th June – ½ Y2 visit to The Bramble Patch

Friday 26th June – Training Day – School Closed.

We are very proud of all the children and grateful for your continued support. We look forward to another great week ahead.

Kindest regards,

Anna Petrie
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Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy