School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Thursday 25th June 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, this week has been a hot one. Can I take this opportunity to thank staff and children for their resilience and calm this week in coping with the temperatures in school. You have all been incredible.

Year 2's Stormy Seascapes!







Year 2 have been learning about the artists J.M.W. Turner and John Constable. They created their own stormy seascapes using sponges and brushes to paint dramatic skies and rough seas. They also used oil pastels to design colourful boats. Some children chose to make their boats look as though they were riding over huge waves! We are very proud of the exciting artwork and the different effects created. The children loved walking around and looking at each other's creations - as if they were in their own Art Gallery!

A Morning Full of Music, Drama and Smiles!



Year 3 and Year 5 had a brilliant time on Tuesday morning when the talented students from Bourne Academy came to share their love of the performing arts with us.

The show began with an exciting drama performance, where the drama group used their fantastic acting skills to bring a well-known story to life. The audience was hooked from the very beginning and thoroughly enjoyed watching the characters and story unfold on stage. Next came a wonderful musical showcase featuring talented singers and musicians performing songs from *The Beatles*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Matilda*. Before long, the hall was filled with singing, clapping and plenty of smiling faces. We even had some surprise performances from the talented teachers, who couldn't resist joining in the fun!

It was a fabulous morning that reminded us all how important creativity, confidence and self-expression are. A huge thank you to everyone from Bourne Academy for sharing their talents and helping us celebrate the magic of music, drama and the arts. We loved every minute!

A Splash of Colour for in Year 6!

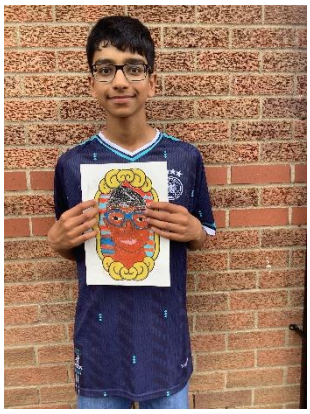






Year 6 had a fantastic time creating vibrant self-portraits inspired by the famous artist Edvard Munch. As part of their learning, the children explored Munch's use of colour, pattern and expressive backgrounds before designing and drawing their own unique portraits.





Using their self-portraits as the focal point, the children carefully created eye-catching patterned backgrounds inspired by Munch's artistic style, resulting in a collection of bold and colourful artwork that truly reflected their personalities and creativity.

Dr Ernest Drake – 'Dragonologist'



Year 4 had an inspiring start to their next writing unit, when they met the famous 'dragonologist,' Dr Ernest Drake. In role as the latest recruits to The Secret and Ancient Society of Dragonologists, they were able to listen to his fascinating stories about his travels across the world, dragon searching and they were able to ask him questions to guide them with their own dragon studies.

The children are now ready to write their own fact-filled non-chronological reports about newly discovered dragons to add to Dr Ernest's 'Field Guide To Dragons' and I can't wait to read them!







Abbey Ark







The hot weather this week has provided a wonderful learning opportunity for the children at Abbey Ark. We have been learning all about the importance of staying safe in the sun and how to look after ourselves during warm weather.

The children have explored different ways to keep cool, including enjoying lots of water play and spending time in our shaded outdoor environmental area, where they have been busy exploring all that it has to offer. We have also been making sensible choices about the activities we take part in, choosing calmer forms of play during the hottest parts of the day to avoid becoming overheated or overexerting ourselves.





We have learned about the importance of staying well hydrated, why we need to wear sun cream and sun hats, and the different ways we can keep cool and safe while enjoying the sunshine. It has been fantastic to see the children putting their new knowledge into practice and making the most of the beautiful weather!

Paddington at the Zoo



Year 1 children have enjoyed listening to our new text, *Paddington at the Zoo*. Inspired by the story, they created pictures of the animals featured in the book and used them to make a small scrapbook, just like Paddington. The children enjoyed discussing the different animals and showcasing their creativity through their artwork.

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ARTICLE 20 (children unable to live with their family)
If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child is provided with alternative care that is continuous and respects the child's culture, language and religion.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 26th June – Training Day – School Closed

Monday 29th June – BGS Y7 2026 Parents' evening (Tutor group A-D)

Tuesday 30th June – BGS Y7 2026 Parents' evening (Tutor group E-H)

Thursday 2nd July – 'Let's Talk Rubbish' workshop for YR

Thursday 2nd July – Y1, 2 & 3 Disco 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Thursday 2nd July – Y4, 5 & 6 Disco 4.40 – 5.40 p.m.

Friday 3rd July – Bourne Academy and Bourne Grammar School Taster Days for Y6

Have a great weekend. Look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kindest regards,

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