School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 10th July 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move ever closer to the end of another fantastic school year, it has been wonderful to see our children continuing to learn, achieve and make the most of every opportunity. This week has been packed with inspiring visitors, exciting learning experiences and memorable moments across the school.

Instagram!

We have a new school Instagram account! Please give us a follow: **bourneabbeyprimary**

Follow Your Dreams: An Inspiring Visit from Luke Steele and YDP



Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome former professional footballer Luke Steele and the team from YDP to Bourne Abbey.

Luke shared highlights of his football journey, from playing local football and signing for Manchester United as a teenager, to overcoming a serious back injury that many believed would end his career. Through determination, resilience, hard work and self-belief, Luke returned to professional football and enjoyed a career spanning almost two decades.

The key message from Luke's visit was simple but powerful: follow your dreams. The children reflected on the qualities Luke needed throughout his journey and identified many of our Christian values, including courage, hope, perseverance, humility, resilience and dedication. They impressed Luke with their thoughtful responses and insightful contributions. The children also enjoyed asking Luke questions about his career and learning more about how his experiences inspired him to create YDP. Dan from YDP then introduced the children to the exciting opportunities available through the organisation and led a fun activity that everyone enjoyed.



We are excited that YDP will be supporting Bourne Abbey next academic year through a range of sports clubs, competitions and enrichment opportunities.

We would like to thank Luke and the YDP team for such an inspiring visit.



Let’s talk Rubbish Workshop



Our Reception children recently took part in a fantastic Let's Talk Rubbish workshop, delivered by a member of Lincolnshire County Council. During the session, the children learnt about the importance of looking after our environment and the effects that littering can have on wildlife and our local communities.



They also discovered how to sort waste correctly by meeting three fun recycling characters: Reggie the Recycler, General Waste and Purple Pauline. The children especially enjoyed taking part in an interactive waste sorting game, where they practised putting different items into the correct bins. It was a fun and engaging way to reinforce their learning.





At the end of the workshop, every child received a pencil and a bookmark to take home as a reminder of how they can help care for the environment. A big thank you to the members of Lincolnshire County Council for delivering such an informative and enjoyable session. We hope our Reception children will continue to use what they have learnt to help keep our environment clean and tidy.

Perfect Penguin Enclosures!

As part of our Build a Structure DT unit, Year 1 designed and made sturdy penguin enclosures for the clay penguins they created in Art. The children explored different joining techniques and tested a range of materials to discover which were the strongest and most stable, before proudly building their own penguin enclosures inspired by our class story, Paddington at the Zoo.







The Cedars Join Us for a Spectacular Dress Rehearsal



Year 6 absolutely wowed us this week with their fantastic dress rehearsal performance of *Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits*! Performing to the rest of Key Stage 2 for the very first time, the children truly shone on stage, showcasing their confidence, talent and all of the hard work they have put into preparing for this production.

We were also delighted to welcome some of our friends from The Cedars Care Home to join us in the audience. It is always so special to spend time together, and we love the opportunities we have to grow, connect and build relationships within our wider community.

The residents thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and it was wonderful to see the children sharing their talents with others and bringing so much joy to those around them. We are so grateful to our visitors from The Cedars for coming along to support the children during their first performance in front of an audience.

The children's energy, enthusiasm and professionalism were evident throughout the show, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. Well done, Year 6 – you were outstanding!



Common Noun and Proper Noun Match-Up!



Our Year 1 children have been learning about the difference between common nouns and proper nouns. They enjoyed matching common nouns with their corresponding proper nouns, such as *mouse* with *Mickey Mouse* and *car* with *Lightning McQueen*.

The children did a fantastic job and showed great understanding throughout the activity. Well done, Year 1!

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ARTICLE 23 (children with a disability)
A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.



Upcoming dates:

Monday 13th July – Y6 Celebration Day

Monday 13th July – Y5 Rocket Workshops

Tuesday 14th July – Y5 Rocket Workshops

Tuesday 14th July – Collective Worship Council visit The Cedars

Wednesday 15th July – Class Change Over – 9.30-11.30am – *children spend time with their new teacher*

Wednesday 15th July – Annual Reports shared with parents/carers (Reception – Year 5)

Wednesday 15th July – Virtual Meet the Teacher/Curriculum info for 2026/2027 on website

Thursday 16th July – Abbey Ark Stay and Play 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 17th July – Y5/Y6 End of Year Church Service 10.00am (Pupils only)

Friday 17th July – Annual Reports shared with parents/carers (Year 6)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. We hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights from this week and wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kindest regards,



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