School Update

Bourne Abbey CofE Primary Academy

Friday 17th July 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another school year, and as this is the final newsletter of the year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic year at Bourne Abbey.

I am incredibly proud to be the Head of such a special school. Throughout the year, our children have impressed us with their enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and determination. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage or through the many enrichment opportunities they have embraced, they have achieved so much and represented our school wonderfully. They should all be very proud of themselves. As we look ahead, I am excited to see Bourne Abbey continue to flourish, building on the many successes we have celebrated this year.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your support throughout my first year as Head. Your encouragement, trust and partnership have meant a great deal to me, and I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the Bourne Abbey community.

Finally, I would like to recognise our incredible staff team. Their dedication, care and commitment to ensuring every child thrives is remarkable. They work tirelessly behind the scenes and consistently go above and beyond for our children, and I am enormously proud to lead such a talented and caring team.

Year 5 Blast Off with an Exciting STEM Rocket Workshop!



Year 5 had a fantastic time on Monday taking part in an exciting rocket workshop led by Augy and Tanis, exploring the world of STEM and the forces that affect how objects move.



The children began by investigating gravity before designing and creating parachutes using tissue paper, string and ping pong balls. They were amazed to see how air resistance slowed the descent of their parachutes.

Next, they learned about rocket design, discovering how a rocket's shape helps it travel efficiently through the air and into space. The highlight of the workshop was designing, building and launching their own rockets, testing how different designs affected performance.





It was a brilliant hands-on morning full of curiosity, creativity and scientific discovery. A huge thank you to Augy and Tanis for delivering such an engaging and inspiring experience for our Year 5 pupils!

A New Home for Our Feathered Friends



A few weeks ago, the Student Council discussed a suggestion from several classes to install a bird table in our environmental area to encourage local wildlife.

After writing to request support, we were delighted to receive a generous donation from Waterside Garden Centre. The owner was so impressed by the beautifully written letter from Student Council Secretary Lucie McKay that he kindly agreed to donate a lovely bird table to our school.

We are excited to see it installed and are already thinking about how to attract plenty of feathered visitors!

A huge well done to Lucie for her fantastic letter, and thank you to Waterside Garden Centre for their kindness and support

Student Council Donations Make a Big Difference



The local charity chosen by Student Council to support this year was Don't Lose Hope. Rather than raising money, the charity asked us to collect donations to help keep visitors to their community shed supplied with tea, coffee and treats.

Our councillors designed eye-catching posters and worked hard to spread the word, encouraging everyone to donate what they could. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were delighted to present five huge bags filled to the brim with goodies.



Dom Brister, who runs the charity alongside his wife, Nicola, told us that members of the Grandaddy Daycare group were quick to enjoy some of the treats and were extremely grateful for the donations. Over the coming weeks, the items will be shared across the various groups that meet at the shed, helping to reduce everyday costs and allowing more of the charity's funds to be directed towards its vital counselling services.

To find out more about this wonderful charity and the community shed that received the donations, visit **dontlosehope.co.uk**

UNICEF



ARTICLE 24 (health and health services)
Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Year 6 Enterprise Day: Creativity with a Purpose







Last week, Year 6 pupils took part in our annual Nyansakia Enterprise Project, using just £1 each to create fundraising stalls for our partner school in Nyansakia.

From water balloon games to handmade keyrings, toys and 3D-printed fidgets, the children showed incredible creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork. The hall was buzzing as pupils from across the school enjoyed the activities and supported the fundraising efforts.

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 for their hard work, enterprise skills and generosity. While the final total is still being counted, we know their efforts will make a real difference. Well done, Year 6.









A Magical Afternoon at Bourne Grammar School



Last week, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to Bourne Grammar School to watch their *Disney Magical Choir* performance.

With a live orchestra, talented singers, dancers and soloists, the show brought Disney favourites to life and kept our children entertained throughout. They loved singing along to familiar songs and watching the impressive performances.

A big thank you to Bourne Grammar School for inviting us to such a memorable afternoon.

Friendship, Faith and Growing Together at The Cedars







On Tuesday, our Collective Worship Council enjoyed another wonderful visit to The Cedars Care Home, where we spent time celebrating our Christian value of Friendship. Together, the children and residents shared the Bible story of Ruth and Naomi, reflecting on the importance of loyalty, kindness and standing by one another through every season of life.

A highlight of the afternoon was making friendship bracelets together, creating not only beautiful keepsakes but also lasting memories. We also spent time sharing memories from the many events we have enjoyed together throughout the year, celebrating the special friendships that have grown between our children and the residents.

These visits are a wonderful example of growing faith through relationships, community and shared experiences. By spending time together, listening to one another's stories and reflecting on Christian values, both children and residents are able to learn from one another and deepen their understanding of what it means to live out their faith in everyday life.

Our partnership with The Cedars is something we truly treasure. Through friendship, love, compassion, respect and community, we continue to create meaningful connections across generations, and we are so grateful for the warm welcome we always receive. We cannot wait for more visits, more memories and more opportunities to grow together in friendship and faith during the next academic year.







Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am – Parents/carers invited

Wednesday 22nd July –Attendance Assemblies

Wednesday 22nd July – Term ends 3.15pm

Thank you all for helping to make this such a successful year. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kindest regards,

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