# School Update

**Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy**

Friday 28th November 2025

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

Each week at Bourne Elsea Park brings new reasons to feel proud of our children and staff. From exciting learning experiences to acts of kindness in the playground, our school community continues to shine. Here are some highlights of our week.

## Year 3 visit the Mandir



Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Peterborough Mandir last week as part of their learning about different worldviews and religions.

The children took part in an Arti ceremony, ringing bells and listening to beautiful prayers and songs. They explored the Mandir and learned about important Hindu deities such as Ganesh, Rama, and Hanuman, discovering what each one represents.

It was a special and respectful day, giving everyone the chance to appreciate and understand more about the beliefs and traditions of others. The visit helped bring our classroom learning to life — and the children were full of thoughtful reflections on the way home.

## Year 4 Assembly Triumph!



Last week our Year 4 pupils delivered an incredible assembly, taking parents, carers and families on a vivid journey back to Roman times. Their knowledge and understanding shone through in every part of the performance, from confident explanations of Roman life to lively reenactments that truly brought history to life. The children showcased their learning brilliantly demonstrating not only what they've discovered in class, but also how enthusiastically they've embraced this fascinating topic. Their hard work, teamwork, and excitement were clear for all to see.

The performance was fantastic from start to finish, and the song at the end was a real highlight—full of energy, smiles, and unmistakable enjoyment.

## England Rocks: Our Top TTRS Scorers Revealed



This week, children from Year 3 to Year 6 took part in the exciting TTRS England Rocks competition. Throughout the event, pupils could play in any game mode, with every correct multiplication or division answer earning a point for themselves, their class, and the school.

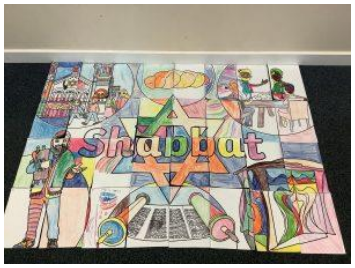
The Times Tables Rock Stars platform works out each class's average score based on the number of correct answers per pupil who plays during the competition hours, with a daily 60-minute limit in place to support wellbeing. The winning classes—both within our school and nationally—are those with the highest class average.

During Collective Worship, we celebrated everyone's hard work by announcing:

- The **top three Most Valuable Players** from each class
- The **top three highest-scoring classes**
- The **top three classes with the highest average scores**

A special congratulations goes to **Demid, Zuzanna and Georgia**, who were our **top three Most Valuable Players across the whole school**—an incredible achievement!

## Shabbat Shalom: Coming Together as a School Community




On Friday 21st November, our whole school came together to enjoy a peaceful and reflective **Shabbat afternoon**. Shabbat is a special time traditionally set aside for **rest**, **connection**, and **peace**—a break from work, screens, and electricity so we can focus on **people, food, and togetherness**.

Mrs Bradley led a thoughtful Collective Worship exploring the meaning of Shabbat and why it is such an important time for rest and community. Following this, children were able to choose from a range of calming and creative activities linked to our key themes for the afternoon such as rest and mindfulness and communication and conversation.

t was wonderful to see the whole school coming together as a community, sharing moments of calm, kindness and creativity. The atmosphere was warm and reflective, and the children embraced the Shabbat values beautifully. A truly special afternoon for everyone involved.

## Upcoming dates:

Thursday 4th December PTFA Christmas Fayre 3:15 – 5:30pm non-uniform in return for Christmas Fayre donations

I am constantly inspired by the fantastic learning and genuine kindness shown every day at Bourne Elsea Park. Your support truly makes a difference, and together we are building a school community that is both nurturing and inspiring for our children.

Kindest regards,



**Louise Jordan**
*Headteacher*
Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy