Collective Worship Council

Welcome to our Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Our School Vision

We are a community in which everyone is offered the opportunity to fulfil their full potential, to understand themselves and be valued for who they are. Through a stimulating and challenging learning environment, we pursue academic excellence and seek the flourishing for all. This is because we are all God's children.

Harvest





Last term, we visited the church to celebrate our Harvest Festival alongside our friends from Bourne Abbey School. It was a meaningful time of reflection and thanksgiving for everyone involved. Father Stephen reminded us of the importance of understanding where our food comes from, explaining that even something as simple as a can of soup represents the work of many people, the benefits of technology, and the gifts of nature.

One of the highlights of the festival was the food collection. The generosity shown by our school community was truly heartwarming, and it was wonderful to be able to support those less fortunate within our local area. While the Harvest Festival is a celebration of abundance, it also gave us an opportunity to reflect on the needs of others and to offer a helping hand to those who may be facing challenges.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this celebration so special, from the growers and donors to all those who helped along the way. Together, we believe we made a real difference.

"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us." Psalm 67:6



Find out more about Bourne Abbey Church at: www.bourneabbey.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

The Mindful Club created the most beautiful decorations for our 'Peace on Earth' Christmas Tree at Bourne Methodist Church's Christmas Tree festival. Inspired by the Christmas story, the decorations reflected the message first shared on a quiet night in Bethlehem, when the birth of Jesus was announced with the words *"Peace on Earth."* Since then, Christmas has been a time for people around the world to pause and reflect on the hope and peace this special season brings. This year, our tree was designed to remind us that, wherever we live, we all share a deep longing for harmony, understanding, and goodwill. For Christians, peace lies at the very heart of the Christmas story. Through their thoughtful creations, the Mindful Club hoped to offer a gentle reminder to pause, breathe, and look for ways to bring peace into our homes, our community and our wider world. we hope our tree brings a moment of peace to everyone who sees it.





Throughout December, we have been celebrating our Advent Collective Worships, helping pupils to explore the meaning and importance of Advent. Advent is the season when Christians prepare for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus. To support our countdown to Christmas, we have been using an Advent wreath. Similar to an Advent calendar, the wreath marks the four Sundays of Advent. Its circular shape symbolises the infinite nature of God's love, reminding us that it has no beginning or end. The evergreen branches represent eternal life, as they remain green even throughout the winter months, while the red berries symbolise the blood of Jesus, shed so that sins could be forgiven. The four outer candles, three purple and one pink, represent each Sunday in Advent and are linked to important Christian themes: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. At the centre of the wreath is the white candle, known as the Christ candle, which is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. These worships have provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection and helped pupils deepen their understanding of the Advent season as we prepare to celebrate Christmas together.



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We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.