School Update

Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy

Friday 10th July 2026

Abbey Academies Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and rewarding week here at Bourne Elsea Park, filled with exciting learning opportunities and moments to celebrate.

Baking Brilliance!



Year 3 had a wonderful time in DT making their own bread and butter from scratch. We carefully measured the ingredients, kneaded the dough, left it to proof, shaped it into loaves and baked it until it was golden brown.

Whilst the bread was baking, we made our own butter by shaking cream in jars. It took lots of perseverance, but it was worth the effort!





The best part was tasting our homemade bread with our freshly made butter. We also evaluated our creations, thinking about what had gone well and what we would be differently next times There was even enough bread left over for everyone to take some home!

Year 5 Sharing the Joy of Reading



There was a wonderful atmosphere in Year 5 as we welcomed parents and carers into school to end the day with something very special – sharing the joy of reading together.



Children were invited to choose a favourite book before finding a cosy spot outside, complete with cushions and pillows, if they wished, where they could relax and enjoy quality reading time with those closest to them. It was heartwarming to see families reading side by side, chatting about stories and creating precious memories through books.



The afternoon was a fantastic celebration of our love of reading. Whether children were exploring a new adventure, laughing together over a funny story or revisiting a well-loved favourite, every page turned was a reminder of the importance of reading for pleasure.

Reading together not only helps children to develop confidence and fluency but also nurtures imagination, curiosity and a lifelong love of books. It was wonderful to see so many families taking the time to share stories and inspire one another.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special. We hope everyone left with happy memories, new stories to talk about and an even greater love of reading.

What a perfect way to end the school day – together, with a good book in hand!

A Day of Colour, Creativity and Community



Our school was transformed into a vibrant celebration of creativity during our annual Whole School Art Day. This year's inspiring theme, **'Be Colourful… Be Bright,'** encouraged every child to let their imagination flourish.

Throughout the day, children enjoyed a range of exciting artistic experiences. Each year group explored the work of famous artists, creating stunning self-portraits inspired by Frida Kahlo, Andy Warhol and Paul Klee. Their finished artwork was proudly displayed in a whole-school outdoor gallery, transforming our school grounds into a colourful exhibition. At the end of the day, parents and carers were invited to admire the displays and purchase their child's masterpiece as a treasured keepsake.



Children also explored colour theory, colouring activities and graffiti-style lettering, creating bold and eye-catching name designs. At lunchtime, the playground became a hub of creativity as pupils transformed simple dots into imaginative pictures and messages, while others produced vibrant chalk drawings and colourful chalk paint creations.

The celebrations ended with a fantastic Talent Spot, organised by our Art Ambassadors. Pupils confidently showcased their talents through dance, singing, drama and other performances, creating a wonderful atmosphere of encouragement, confidence and creativity.



A huge thank you goes to our dedicated Art Ambassadors, who began the day by leading collective worship before helping Mrs Greenwood to organise activities, support younger children and ensure everything ran smoothly. Their enthusiasm and leadership helped make the day such a success.

Thank you to everyone who helped create such an inspiring day and well done to every child for embracing the theme with such imagination and enthusiasm. Our Whole School Art Day truly lived up to **'Be Colourful… Be Bright'**, celebrating creativity, community and the incredible talents of our pupils. We hope you enjoy looking through our photographs, which capture just a glimpse of this unforgettable day.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 15th July – Class change over morning 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

Friday 17th July – Year 5 and 6 End of Year Church Service 10 a.m.

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

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this week. We look forward to another great week ahead!

Kindest regards,



Executive Headteacher
Bourne Elsea Park C of E Primary Academy