Collective Worship

Newsletter

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OUR VISION

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

BE AN AGENT OF CHANGE!

Being an Agent of Change is a key part of our Christian nature at Bourne Abbey and sounds like an amazing job doesn't it?
It is an incredibly important job and absolutely anyone can become an Agent of Change! Changing just one thing that can have a positive impact on the people and environment around us is all it takes!
We want to hear from you! What have you been up to? How have you been an Agent of Change? We want to hear about all of the amazing changes you are making!
Please email in any information/ photos/ updates to:
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WOW!

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES

During this term, we have been exploring the Christian Values of Courage, Compassion, Perseverance and Forgiveness. The children have reflected deeply on how these values can guide their actions, relationships and attitudes in everyday life.
Through discussion and reflection, pupils considered how courage helps us to stand up for what is right, even when it feels difficult; how compassion encourages us to care for others with kindness and empathy; how perseverance helps us to keep going when things feel challenging; and how forgiveness allows us to move forward with understanding and grace.
Some of their thoughtful reflections included:
"Courage is doing the right thing, even when you feel nervous or unsure." — Emily
We also explored these values through stories from the Bible, including moments where individuals showed great courage, continued with perseverance through hardship, and demonstrated forgiveness and compassion in their actions. These stories helped the children to see how these values are lived out in real life.
As one child reflected,
"Perseverance is not giving up, even when something feels really hard, because you know you can get through it." — Max
Through these discussions and reflective questions in collective worship, the children have been thinking carefully about how they can live out these values in school each day—by supporting one another, showing understanding, and making positive choices that help everyone to flourish.

BAPA Bonnets & Egg-ceptional Easter Creations

We have been absolutely blown away by the incredible bonnets and egg designs created by our children for this year's Eggstravaganza! They beautifully reflect Easter, with thoughtful links to Jesus, our Christian values and what makes our church school so special. We are so proud of the creativity, care and love that has gone into every single entry—what a wonderful reflection of our church school community.

THE GREAT PANCAKE FLIP-OFF!



THIS TERM, CHILDREN IN BOTH KS1 AND KS2 ENJOYED A FUN AND THOUGHTFUL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP EXPLORING PANCAKE DAY AND THE START OF LENT.

TO BRING SHROVE TUESDAY TO LIFE, SOME OF OUR TEACHERS TOOK ON A PANCAKE FLIPPING CHALLENGE! IN KS1, MRS PETRIE AND MISS FLEMING STEPPED UP, WHILE IN KS2, MRS MORGAN AND MR GOMBAULT GAVE IT THEIR BEST FLIP—MUCH TO THE CHILDREN'S EXCITEMENT AND CHEERS!

THERE WAS ALSO A PANCAKE TASTE TEST, WHERE ADULTS SAMPLED DIFFERENT TOPPINGS WHILE THE CHILDREN GUESSED THE FLAVOURS—LOTS OF LAUGHS ALL ROUND!

ALONGSIDE THE FUN, CHILDREN EXPLORED THE MEANING BEHIND PANCAKE DAY AND LENT, REFLECTING ON HOW THIS SEASON IS A TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR ACTIONS AND HOW WE CAN SHOW KINDNESS, PATIENCE AND GENEROSITY TO OTHERS.











Choosing KINDNESS



This term, we were delighted to welcome Father Stephen into school to lead Collective Worship for both KS1 and KS2, introducing our new Christian value: Compassion.

He shared that we are now in the season of Lent — a special time in the Christian calendar. While Lent is often thought of as giving something up, Father Stephen encouraged us to think about what we can give instead: kindness, care and love to others.

Through the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the children explored what compassion really means. They reflected on how the Samaritan chose to help someone in need, showing that true compassion is about caring for others, even when it isn't easy or expected.

The children were encouraged to think about how they can show compassion in everyday moments — through kind words, helping others and making positive choices both in school and beyond.



AT HOME, YOU MIGHT TALK TOGETHER ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU SHOWED COURAGE OR HAD TO FORGIVE SOMEONE.

Hopping Over to The Cedars

OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP COUNCIL RECENTLY ENJOYED A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE CEDARS CARE HOME, SPREADING EASTER JOY AND KINDNESS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

DURING THE VISIT, WE TOOK OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, WHERE THE CHILDREN LED A LIVE WORSHIP FOR THE RESIDENTS. THEY SHARED THE EASTER STORY AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN, LINKING BEAUTIFULLY TO OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE OF COMPASSION AND REMINDING US ALL HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO CARE FOR OTHERS.

AFTERWARDS, THE CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS CREATED EASTER CARDS TOGETHER, SHARING SMILES, CONVERSATIONS AND CREATIVITY. IT WAS A TRULY HEARTWARMING TIME FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND CONNECTION.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN FOR LIVING OUT OUR VISION—SHOWING KINDNESS, COMPASSION AND HELPING OTHERS FEEL VALUED. THEY MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE AND BROUGHT SO MUCH JOY TO EVERYONE INVOLVED.

EASTER

Our Easter Service at Bourne Abbey was a truly special occasion, bringing our school community together to reflect on the story of Holy Week. Through thoughtful readings, acting and uplifting songs, the children retold the journey from Palm Sunday to the joy of the resurrection. It was a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate the message of hope, love and new life at the heart of Easter.



Hope





Next term, our Christian Value will be HOPE, explored through the story of Noah's Ark (Genesis 6:9–9:17).

Christian hope is rooted in God's love. It reminds us that God is always with us, cares deeply for us and provides for us, even in difficult times. Christians believe that, whatever we face, there is always a future filled with promise because God never leaves us.

Throughout the Christian story, we see hope in action—from the rainbow after the flood as a sign of God's promise, to stories of healing, rescue and new beginnings, and ultimately in the resurrection of Jesus, which brings hope for the future.

At our school, we hold high hopes for every child and our whole community. We encourage our pupils to look forward with confidence, to keep going when things are hard and to find light in challenging moments, knowing they are valued, supported and never alone.

God's Special Promise

In the story of Noah, the world had become a place where people were not making good choices or caring for one another. God wanted a fresh start and chose Noah, who listened to Him and tried to do what was right.

God asked Noah to build a large ark. Even though Noah didn't fully understand, he trusted God and kept going. When the ark was ready, Noah brought his family and the animals inside, and the rain fell for forty days and nights.

When the rain finally stopped, God placed a rainbow in the sky—a beautiful sign of His promise to always love and care for the world.

This story reminds us that even when things feel difficult, there is always hope, and new beginnings are possible.

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."
Psalm 31:24

Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent struggle of wildlife to survive. His **hope** is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.





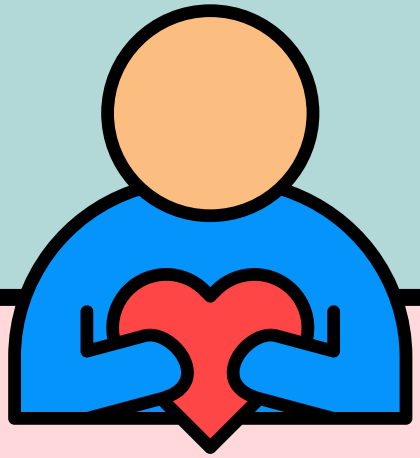
HOME-GROWN HOPES

BEGIN WITH A CIRCLE, DRAW A SWIRLING SPIRAL AND FILL IT WITH YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE WORLD. THEN CAREFULLY CUT ALONG THE SPIRAL TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL HANGING PIECE.

BRING YOUR SPIRAL BACK TO SCHOOL SO WE CAN SHARE AND CELEBRATE EACH OTHER'S HOPES.

Humility





HUMILITY IS AN IMPORTANT CHRISTIAN VALUE THAT SHAPES HOW WE TREAT ONE ANOTHER. IN THE BIBLE, JESUS SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TRULY HUMBLE THROUGH HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS. CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THEY CAN SERVE GOD BY SHOWING HUMILITY IN THE WAY THEY THINK AND BEHAVE.

IN A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ATTENTION AND RECOGNITION, HUMILITY REMINDS US THAT TRUE STRENGTH IS SHOWN THROUGH KINDNESS, CARE AND PUTTING OTHERS FIRST. OFTEN, THE REAL 'HEROES' ARE THOSE WHO QUIETLY HELP AND SUPPORT OTHERS WITHOUT NEEDING PRAISE.

AT OUR SCHOOL, WE TEACH CHILDREN THAT BEING HUMBLE MEANS HAVING A BALANCED VIEW OF OURSELVES—CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES, LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES AND BEING WILLING TO ASK FOR AND ACCEPT HELP. WE ALSO ENCOURAGE OUR PUPILS TO RECOGNISE AND CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, SUCH AS THROUGH OUR 'GOLDEN BOOK' COLLECTIVE WORSHIP, WHILE REMAINING THOUGHTFUL AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS.

A story of Humility

Flavius was a Roman centurion in Capernaum—a powerful and important man. But he was also humble. He cared deeply for his servant, who became very ill and close to death.

Flavius had heard about Jesus and believed He could help. Even though he was important, Flavius knew Jesus had a greater power. He sent a message to Jesus, saying, "I do not deserve to have you come to my house… just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

Jesus was amazed at his faith and humility. When the message was received, the servant was healed. This story shows us that true humility is recognising others before ourselves and trusting in something greater.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
Ephesians 4:2

A Slice of History:

Humble Pie!

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE SAYING "EAT HUMBLE PIE"? IT MEANS ADMITTING YOU WERE WRONG AND SOMETIMES SAYING SORRY.

THIS SAYING IS OVER 600 YEARS OLD! IN THE PAST, RICH PEOPLE ATE THE BEST CUTS OF MEAT, WHILE POORER PEOPLE ATE THE LEFTOVER PARTS, CALLED "UMBLES", WHICH WERE OFTEN MADE INTO PIES.

OVER TIME, "UMBLE PIE" BECAME KNOWN AS "HUMBLE PIE"—AND THE SAYING STAYED WITH US!

