

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

On Friday we welcomed parents/carers of children in Year 1 to an information session about Phonics. If you were unable to join us, a copy of the presentation has been uploaded to the School Website. Please [click here](#) to view the information shared.

Next week we look forward to joining members of the BPTA and parent/carer volunteers at the various School Discos. Please remember that children can only attend this event if you have pre-purchased a ticket for them (no sales are allowed on the day). Please see the BPTA section below if you are yet to purchase a ticket for your child/ren.

**BIKE BUS** - Thank you to everyone who signed up to this new initiative which is being run by a group of Boxgrove parents. It's not too late to register / take the survey. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

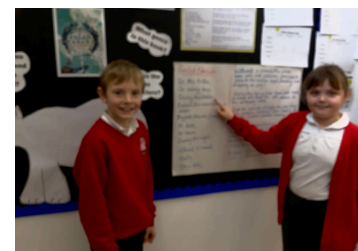
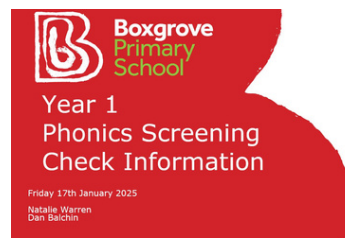
### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

**YEAR 1** - After looking at their own 'special' books this week during RE the children looked at the special book called 'The Torah'. During their learning the children enjoyed studying Hebrew writing and learning about the way it is read with a yad (yad is Hebrew for finger). The children also enjoyed creating their own Torah artwork.

**YEAR 3** - This week during science Year 3 have been testing the impact of friction on a variety of surfaces. They quickly discovered that the rougher the surface the slower the object. Why not have a go at home with items from around the home with your child/ren to see what you discover. The children and staff are also enjoying their new class reader, 'The Iron Man'.

**YEAR 5** - During English the children have been focusing on writing non chronological reports. They have enjoyed using relative clauses and fronted adverbials to tell staff all about cold climate animals. Please ask your child which animal they chose. Staff have been exceedingly impressed by their reports and look forward to seeing their finished work next week. Please pop into your child's class at the end of next week if you would like to see their finished reports.

**SWIMMING** - It is lovely to see all of the children back in the swimming pool. This term Key Stage 2 will be working on swimming a continuous distance using the neat strokes they worked hard on last term. Distance badge progress slips will be given out after May half term. In Key Stage 1 the children are developing their strokes and water confidence with most of Year 2 swimming in lengths and some of Year 1 moving into the deep end. Reception children are swimming on their fronts and backs, and getting very good at putting their faces in the water and blowing bubbles - why not get them to show you in the bath?!



### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Lewis, Year 3 recently had an exciting week of football. Lewis has been training at Chelsea's pre-academy for over a year now and was invited to a Christmas party with the men's first team. Lewis and his under 8 teammates got to meet all the players. Lewis was then invited to be a mascot at Stamford Bridge for Chelsea's UEFA Conference League fixture versus Shamrock Rovers. He was treated to a meal in the academy's hospitality suite before the game, then accompanied the players onto the pitch prior to kick off. His mum and dad told us he had a fantastic evening, but did look slightly nervous when in front of the TV camera! We think you were a natural Lewis :).



### THE WEEK AHEAD

|                  |                        |
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| <b>Monday</b>    |                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | No Teacher Led Clubs   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Cafe B<br>Uniform shop |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | No Teacher Led Clubs   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Uniform Shop           |



# COMMUNITY

**BOXGROVE PRAYER GROUP** - Boxgrove Prayer Group will be meeting on **Monday, 20 January 2025, 1:00pm - 2:45pm** at 37 Boxgrove Lane. All Boxgrove parents/carers are welcome to attend. Pre-school children too. For further information, please email [boxgroveprayer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:boxgroveprayer@yahoo.co.uk).

**PASTORAL CONFERENCE - HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD** - On **Saturday, 1 February 2025** Guildford High School (GHS) is hosting their biennial pastoral conference. The conference is pitched for parents of pupils in Key Stages 2 – 5. The day will start at 9.30am and finish by 2.30pm. GHS is an all girls school and whilst there may be a presentational slant towards girls, content will be equally valid for parents of boys. A contribution of £18 (Inc. VAT) is being asked towards the cost of the day; refreshments and lunch will be provided.

**SESSIONS COVERED** - Broadening Horizons - readying the flightpath to independence; Helping children to manage worry; Helping children develop happy and positive relationships; Supporting better sleep. These sessions are suited to parents/carers of children in Key Stage 2. Should you wish to attend, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EIGB> for a full schedule and booking details. The deadline for purchasing tickets is **Friday, 24 January 2025**.

**RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH** - Across the UK, over 600,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2024, counting a whopping 9.7 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give The RSPB a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring. Spend an hour watching the birds in your garden between **24 and 26 January 2025** and record the birds that land. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

**MINDWORKS ANXIETY WORKSHOP** - CAMHS/Mindworks Anxiety Talk at Boxgrove Primary School, **Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 9:00m**. We are looking forward to welcoming Holly Bloom, Primary Mental Health Worker from Mindworks to Boxgrove. We will be meeting at 9:00am for a talk and a chance to ask questions with Holly who will share her expertise in supporting children with anxiety. This is a great opportunity and if you have a child who experiences some anxiety we would encourage you to attend. The session will last around an hour, tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you would like to attend.

**ASD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP INFORMATION** - Please see the flyer attached: Cygnet in Surrey a support programme for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are autistic. Parents of autistic children face the usual positives and challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

**MEAL DISTRIBUTION** - St John's Stoke Community Support's next free meal distribution will be during half-term on **Friday, 21 February, between 10.30am and 2.30pm**. These meals will be delivered to your door. This offer is available to any families who would find it helpful. If you would like to be referred for 2 frozen meals per person per family on the date above e.g., Cook meals please click [HERE](#) and complete the details:

**FAMILY PANTOMIME** - We thought you might be interested in attending a Family Pantomime called **Alice in Pantoland** at Merrow Village Hall. There are a few tickets left. The play has a few of our ex-Boxgrove children and also our one and only Christina Mason, Grovers Co-Manager!

## PLANET SOCCER HOLIDAY CAMP

[Click here](#) to book.

## PLANET SOCCER INSET DAY CAMP

[Click here](#) to book.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Multi-Sports Day Camp at Sunfield Primary School on **Wednesday, 20th January 2025**. This promises to be an engaging and active day for children, with a wide variety of sports and activities designed to keep them entertained and energised.

This camp is **COVID-19** compliant, meaning you can use childcare vouchers towards the cost.

**Event Details:**

- Date: Wednesday, 20th January 2025
- Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm
- Location: Sunfield Primary School
- Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EIGB>

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to secure your booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to providing your children with a fun-filled day of sports and activities!

Best regards,  
The Planet Soccer Team

**Planet Soccer Holiday Camp**

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st February**

**PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Park Drive, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2HE

**TILLINGBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
New Rd, Chiswell, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 9BB

**BOXGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1TQ

**£30 per day or £125 for all 5 days**

Drop off @ 8:30am - 9:30am, Pick up @ 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Visit our Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/planet.soccer>

<http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>

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07912 553896 Email: [parent@planet-soccer.info](mailto:parent@planet-soccer.info)

**NETBALL SURREY JUNIOR COURSES**

COME JOIN US FOR JUNIOR NETBALL COURSES

Whether you are brand new to the sport and want to enjoy your first experience, or have played before - Our courses are designed for all children to benefit. Allowing them to enjoy and develop their skills in a fun and enjoyable environment.

**Runs Saturday mornings:**  
Year 2 - 4: 9 - 10am  
Year 5 - 7: 10:30 - 12pm

**BOOK NOW**

Scan the QR code to download the Surrey SP app for free.

**AN MDS FAMILY PANTOMIME**

**Alice in PANTOLAND**

**23rd - 25th January 2025**

**7:30PM / MATINEE 2:30PM**

**Tickets: Adults £14 | Child £12.50**

Merrow Village Hall, 177 Epsom Road, Guildford GU1 2QY

Tickets available from: <https://tickets.benefice.com/merrow-panat/>

# Mindworks Surrey

**BARNARDOS** Supporting Children's Progress

**Cygnet in Surrey**

A support programme for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are autistic.

Parents of autistic children face the usual positives and challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

**When and where is Cygnet delivered?**  
Cygnet will be delivered at our Surrey sites at a range of times and locations. Some courses will be delivered online. When you complete the application form, tell us when you would prefer and we will contact you when a suitable course becomes available.

**Who can attend Cygnet sessions?**  
Parents, carers or other family members who have responsibility for your child. You child must be in the age range of 5-18 and live in Surrey. They may have a diagnosis of autism, or be waiting for one.

**What does Cygnet involve?**  
This open Cygnet programme is delivered over six to ten and a half to three-hour sessions which include:

- Introduction session
- An overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Theory & Science
- Social Interaction & Communication
- Understanding and accepting behaviour
- Activity sessions

**Who will deliver our Cygnet courses?**  
Surrey's Cygnet offer is coordinated through the Autism Outreach team, based at Frimley Health. Our team of trainers are made up from professionals working across Surrey in education, health and charity organisations.

**How do I sign up?**  
Complete the application form and we will get in contact when a suitable course becomes available for you. You can download the form from: <https://www.autismandmentalhealth.org.uk/Cygnet-Parent-Programme/>

**Can I have more questions?**  
Email us at [parent@autismandmentalhealth.org.uk](mailto:parent@autismandmentalhealth.org.uk)

**Healthy Parent Carer Programme**

**FREE**

Starting Friday 31st January

Running for 6 weeks (not running Friday 2nd February)

Come along from 9.45am for a 10am start. Finishes at 12.30pm

Farnham Play Centre, St James Avenue, GU10 9DF

Parent carers often put the needs of their children before their own wellbeing. The Healthy Parent Carer programme is designed to help you focus on your own health and wellbeing. The programme promotes empowerment, confidence and resilience, and gives you some time to focus on your own needs in a realistic way.

Sessions are delivered by Maddie and Becky, who are both parent carers and have attended the workshop themselves.

If you're interested and want to know more, please get in touch. <https://thehubdisability-challengers.org/> to book your place

Scan or visit <https://thehubdisability-challengers.org/>

Email: [thehubdisability-challengers.org](mailto:thehubdisability-challengers.org) or call 01483 901962

**Parent Workshops**

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Positive Family Relationships               | Mon 3rd February - Farnham                     |
| Toilet Training                             | Tues 25th January - Guildford                  |
| Education - How to get what you need        | Thurs 27th March - Farnham                     |
| Sleep                                       | Weds 12th March - Farnham                      |
| Supporting Parents of Children with Anxiety | Weds 12th February - Guildford                 |
| Healthy Parent Carer                        | Tues 4th March - Farnham                       |
|                                             | From Friday 31st January for 6 weeks - Farnham |

For more information and to book on to our sessions, head to our website or scan the QR code

[www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)

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# TEAM BOXGROVE

## DODGEBALL COMPETITION

On Thursday a selection of children from Year 5 and 6 went to a dodgeball tournament in the Spectrum Sports Centre. They played against other local schools. The atmosphere was electric! The children had a fantastic time and battled valiantly against some stiff opposition. All of them said they really enjoyed the experience.



# BPTA



## The School Disco's - Tuesday, 21 January 2025 and Thursday, 23 January 2025 - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Reception Disco will take place during school hours, so no ticket is required; however, voluntary donations are welcome. For all other year groups, the events will be held over two days, and tickets are required if you haven't purchased one yet.

**Your Next PTA Social Meeting** - No ticket needed just come along! Come and join us on **Tuesday, 28 January 2025**, in the Buzz Room at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, so please pop along. This is your chance to make a meaningful impact on our school community — whether by volunteering, sharing your skills, or simply participating in discussions. Together, parents and teachers can help shape a supportive and enriching environment for all children.

## Painting and Prosecco - Friday, 7 February 2025 - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Come and create a masterpiece while enjoying a glass of bubbly, whilst catching up with friends, and mingling with other Boxgrove parents. Tickets include your first glass of Prosecco or a soft drink!

Tickets are available now to purchase for the School Disco's and our Painting and Prosecco evening via: [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta).

## BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

- 21 and 23 January 2025 - School Disco
- 7 February 2025 - Painting & Prosecco
- 3 and 4 March 2025 - Sponsored Pancake Flip
- 22 March 2025 - Quiz Night
- 21 June 2025 - Summer Fair
- 11 July 2025 - Summer Family BBQ



**PTA Events - Register Now!** - We use the PTA Events website throughout the year to simplify ticketing and payments for our events, auctions, and raffles. To purchase tickets, merchandise, or even make a donation to the PTA, you'll need to create an account. Simply visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta) and click on "Register" to get started.

## BOXGROVE PTA – “DOING MORE TOGETHER”

E: [boxgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:boxgrovepta@gmail.com) F: [facebook.com/boxgrovepta](https://facebook.com/boxgrovepta) W: [www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk/bpta/](http://www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk/bpta/)



## Support for Parents

Please click on any of the posters to the right to find out more.




## YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

Below you will find all the latest events, information and letters from each year group for this week:

- All the letters are available on our school's website [www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk)
- The links highlighted below will take you straight to the location where you can view, download and print the letters that are relevant to your child's year group
- Please be advised that all letters are available under the Parent tab, Parent Hub in the event you are unable to open the link.

### Year group Activity / news /trips

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| <b>Reception</b>    | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 1</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 2</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 3</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 4</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Year 6</b>       | Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <p><b>TEACHER LED CLUBS</b> - There will be no clubs on 21 and 23 January 2025 due to the BPTA School Disco</p> <p><b>ABSENCE AND ATTENDANCE</b> - <a href="#">Click here</a> to have a read through the Surrey County Council guide for school absences and attendances.</p>  |



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IF DATES ARE IN **RED** THEY ARE NEW DATES. IF DATES ARE IN **BLUE** THEY ARE AMENDED DATES.

| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025</b> |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 January                                              | Reception, Year 1,2,3 and 4 PTA School Disco                  |
| 22 January                                              | 5M Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                      |
| 23 January                                              | Year 5 and 6 BPTA School Disco                                |
| 27, 28 & 30 January                                     | Year 3 Feet First Road Safety Training                        |
| <b>29 January</b>                                       | <b>Inset day</b>                                              |
| 5 February                                              | 6K Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                      |
| 5 February                                              | Year 2 Bug Man Visit                                          |
| 6 February                                              | Year 3 Woking Mosque visit                                    |
| 7 February                                              | BPTA Painting and Prosecco                                    |
| 12 February                                             | 1B Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                      |
| <b>17 Feb - 21 Feb</b>                                  | <b>Half term</b>                                              |
| 4 March                                                 | BPTA Sponsored Pancake Flip                                   |
| 5-6 March                                               | Parents' Consultations                                        |
| 10 - 17 March                                           | Year 4 - Level 1 Bikeability                                  |
| 12 March                                                | 2W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                      |
| 17 March                                                | Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady) |
| 19 March                                                | Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady) |
| 20 March                                                | 4CH Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                     |
| 21 March                                                | Rocksteady Concert (Invitation to be sent out via Rocksteady) |
| 22 March                                                | BPTA Quiz Night                                               |



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| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025</b> |                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 24 March - 4 April                                      | Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025                   |
| 26 March                                                | 5CB Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall          |
| 2 April                                                 | 6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| <b>4 April</b>                                          | <b>School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays</b> |
| <b>22 April</b>                                         | <b>School re-opens for children</b>                |
| 23 - 25 April                                           | Year 4 Henley Fort Residential                     |
| 30 April                                                | 5E Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| <b>5 May</b>                                            | <b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>                        |
| 7 May                                                   | 3L Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| 12 - 16 May                                             | Year 5 Ironbridge Residential                      |
| 12 - 15 May                                             | Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs week                |
| 14 May                                                  | 1LP Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall          |
| <b>26 May - 30 May</b>                                  | <b>Half Term</b>                                   |
| <b>2 June</b>                                           | <b>School re-opens for children</b>                |
| 5 June                                                  | 4A Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| 11 June                                                 | 2S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| 12 June                                                 | 2T Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| 10 - 13 June                                            | Year 6 Ross-on-Wye Residential                     |
| 18 June                                                 | 1S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall           |
| 21 June                                                 | BPTS Summer fair                                   |



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| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026</b> |                                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25 June                                                 | 6W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall                                               |
| <b>30 June</b>                                          | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                       |
| 2 July                                                  | 3A Class assembly -9am in the Kent Hall                                                |
| 11 July                                                 | BPTA Family BBQ                                                                        |
| 16 July                                                 | Meet the teacher 3:30pm - 5pm                                                          |
| <b>18 July</b>                                          | <b>School closes at 1:10pm for Summer Holidays</b>                                     |
| <b>21 - 22 July</b>                                     | <b>Inset days</b>                                                                      |
| <b>2 September</b>                                      | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                       |
| <b>3 September</b>                                      | <b>Inset Day</b>                                                                       |
| <b>4 September</b>                                      | <b>School Re-opens for Pupils in Years 1 - 6 (Reception will be a staggered start)</b> |