

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Wednesday saw some of our children in Years 2 - 6 take part in a Trust Safeguarding Pupil Voice discussion alongside Mrs Thompson, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Bloom from Learning Partners Academy Trust. The children were asked a variety of questions such as "Do you know what to do if there is a fire"; "Do you know how to keep yourself safe online"; "Do you know who is responsible for keeping children safe in school" etc. Both Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bloom were extremely impressed at how articulate the children were when answering their questions and sharing their knowledge and views.

SAFER INTERNET DAY - Tuesday, 11 February 2025 was Safer Internet Day. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already shared our ICT Acceptable Use policy with their child/ren. If you are yet to do so, please follow the link below. Please can we ask that this agreement is completed and signed by all Boxgrove families by no later than **Friday, 21 February 2025**.

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CHANGE TO BROMCOM FOR ALL COMMUNICATION - Don't forget to sign-up to Bromcom's MyChildatSchool to ensure you continue to receive communication from us and you are able to communicate with us. As of **Monday, 24 February 2025** we will be transferring from Studybugs to MyChildAtSchool (MCAS). **From the 24th, Studybugs will no longer be monitored.** More information on how to sign-up can be found by [clicking here](#).

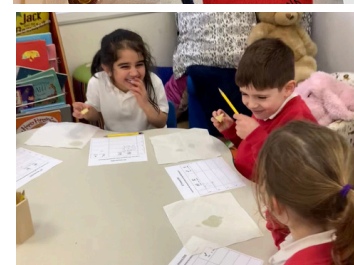
Wishing all our families and staff a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to sharing your half term break news with you when we return to school on **Monday, 24 February 2025**.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR 1 - The children have been learning all about our 'senses' and as part of this, spent an afternoon tasting sweet, savoury, sour and salty items. The lemon (sour) tasting certainly caused much laughter with some of the children loving the taste(!) and some even asking for a second helping.

YEAR 3 - This week the children have spent time completing their final piece linked to their printing unit in art. Staff have enjoyed seeing the children's creativity come to life, along with seeing their sense of design. There are definitely some budding print designers of the future in Year 3.

YEAR 5 - During art the children have been learning all about the artist Dan Fenelon and how he uses inspiration from the Mayas and the Aztecs to create his colourful artwork. After looking at his techniques and designs they have used this knowledge to create their own artwork. We can't wait to see their finished pieces.



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Zachary, Year 2 has been sharing the qualities that are required to gain a Black Belt in Martial Arts with his class. At a recent lesson his teacher awarded him the Black Belt Card for showing these qualities. Congratulations on your award Zachary.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS - Thursday, 13 February 2025 was National School Governors' Awareness Day. As a school we are so grateful for everything that our Governors do to support us. Thank you Adam, Claire, Cristina, Debra, Harriet, Holly, Richard, Steph and Tim. To find out more about their roles, please [click here](#). From all of us, to all of you - we think you are amazing.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Half Term
Tuesday	Half Term
Wednesday	Half Term
Thursday	Half Term
Friday	Half Term



BPTA



THANK YOU! - Thank you to everyone who attended our recent PTA social meeting. We had some great discussions around our events and fundraising. Mrs Fitch presented Funding Requests on behalf of the teachers, totalling just over £10,000. All attendees discussed and unanimously voted to fund the following: phonic books, a diving block, online safety talk for parents and children, outdoor reading dens, overhead projector ("visualiser") for live modelling, a poet to attend on World Book day, additional semicircle tables for each class in Reception, arts and craft materials and visual house point collectors. Additionally, a further £14,000 has been allocated for OPAL and IT equipment, but this is pending further information to be presented at the next meeting on 11 March 2025, 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.

We would also like to say **THANK YOU** to Rhianna and Tanya (who stepped in at the last minute) for such a successful Paint and Prosecco evening on the 7th. We hope you are feeling better Hayley.

Sponsored Pancake Flip - Year 1 - Monday, 3 March 2025 and Years 2-6 - Tuesday, 4 March 2025

- During school hours, we'll find out just how many times your little ones can flip a "pancake" in 60 seconds! Parents/Carers can sponsor their child per flip – it's like a pancake flipping marathon, but with less syrup and more giggles! Children should have come home on Thursday with a sponsorship form for the Pancake Flip. Parents/Carers can sponsor their child online by scanning the QR code on the sponsorship form, and clicking on the Pancake Flip event. The sponsorship form can also be filled out, and returned to the BPTA postbox, located inside the main entrance to school.
- **HELP STILL NEEDED** - The BPTA are looking for two volunteers to help out counting the flips on Tuesday, 4 March 2025 between, 9:00am -12:00 noon. If you are free, and would like to help, please [click here](#), or alternatively, let the School Office know.

Your next PTA Social Meeting is on Tuesday, 11 March 2025, 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.

Quiz Night - Saturday, 22 March 2025 - TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! - We still have a number of tables available so if you haven't booked, now is the time! Smaller groups of people, or individuals, can book onto one of the "Wildcard" tables - it's a great way to make new friends. Come along for an evening of quiz, chat, dinner and a great bar open throughout with a choice of quality wines, beers and soft drinks . Will one of the parents' tables beat the teachers' table this year?? **Tickets are available to purchase for the Quiz Night by clicking the BPTA Events link below.**

BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

- 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 and click on "Register" to get started.

Don't forget to enter the Super Draw Lottery! Simply click the picture to the right.



BOXGROVE PTA – “DOING MORE TOGETHER”

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Thursday saw Year 2 immerse themselves in all that is Brazil. A special highlight for everyone was their 'carnival' throughout the school. The children also heard first hand from Ruth what life in Brazil is like.



COMMUNITY



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Boxgrove Football Camps
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Park Mead, Church, Surrey GU1 1HG

TILLINGBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL
New St, Oldbarnes, Guildford, Surrey GU10 3BB

BOXGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TU

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

£30 per day or £125 for all 5 days

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JUNIOR HOCKEY CAMPS

Come and try out hockey at Guildford Hockey Club! Camps designed by division Chairman and Director of Hockey Don Fox

• DAYCAMP: Camps run every school holiday. Check the website for the most dates gulfordhockeyclub.co.uk/camps

• TRAINING: Starts - 5pm, with early drop-off from 3pm and late pick-up (until 9pm) available as an add-on.

• VENUE: Development Centre (DCC) 190m, Home of Guildford HC.

Special 10% discount with this code: **SCHOOLS**
For more info and bookings please visit: hockeyboxgrove.com



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For all levels
in Guildford and Balford

The Oaks, Balford
Monday
7:30pm - 8:30pm, Child's Yoga Free
Name: Elise, Power Yoga

The Spike Centre, Guildford
Monday and Thursday
10am - 11:30am, Yoga Free
10am - 11:30am, Yoga Free

Book a class with **Discounts for children** in early Q1 2025
www.yogabalford.co.uk



HOME START Surrey
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your available knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

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Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please call 01252 731433
Or email volunteers@homestartsurrey.org

TEAM BOXGROVE

YEAR 4 GIRLS FOOTBALL V ST THOMAS' - Tuesday afternoon saw history made as Boxgrove hosted our first ever Year 4 Girls Football match! A very excited team played their first competitive match against our neighbours St Thomas of Canterbury. The girls showed great determination, learning so much from their first competitive experience. Even though the final result 2-1 went against us, the match finished with smiles on the girls' faces. Congratulations to all the girls with a special mention to McKenzie S our goal scorer. Many thanks to Miss Watts and Mr Agombar for supporting the team.

RECEPTION SPORTSHALL - On Tuesday morning, our youngest children had their first experience of representing Boxgrove at a sporting event when our team of 12 Reception children travelled to the Spectrum. The children had the opportunity to take part in a number of events alongside teams from other local schools. The team thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of multi skill activities displaying great coordination and agility. Many thanks to Mrs Blakeway and Mrs Forde for supporting the children.

YEAR 1 SPORTSHALL - Wednesday morning was the turn of our Year 1 team to meet at the Spectrum. Both children and staff had a fabulous time enjoying the competition with team Boxgrove sprinting to overall victory. Many thanks to Miss Sherry and Mrs Kern for supporting the children.

YEAR 5 AND 6 SPORTSHALL - Boxgrove's 3rd Sportshall trip of the week took place on Thursday morning. Our Y5/6 team sprinted, jumped and threw their way into a well earned 2nd place. Impressively Boxgrove did not finish outside of 1st or 2nd in any of our races (obstacle, 1 lap relay, 2 lap relay, 6 lap Paarlauf, over/under relay). The team also tackled field events including the standing triple jump, long jump, javelin, chest push, vertical jump and the ever popular speed bounce. On the walk back to school Mrs Cadge was impressed to hear children discussing their plans to practise daily to ensure they can go that one step further at District Sports! Many thanks to Mr Killick, Mr Woodcock and Mrs Cadge for supporting, training and organising the Sportshall team. As half term arrives the Sports Team would like to thank all the staff and parents/carers that have supported and transported Team Boxgrove through a cold and wet 5 weeks filled with so many fabulous events and moments! Thank you!

GHS SWIM GALA - Last Tuesday we had our first swimming gala of 2025. We visited Guildford High School where we competed in a triangular gala with GHS and Bishopsgate school. These are both private schools known for their sporting excellence and Boxgrove pushed on with some amazing swimming! Well done to all the girls and boys in years 3,4,5 and 6 who competed fantastically. Thank you to Mrs Woolger for helping poolside and to our captains at this gala Ben M and Isobelle E.



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
- 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.

Reception	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 1	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 2	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 3	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 4	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 5	Our plans for the week - click here
Year 6	Our plans for the week - click here
Whole School	<p>PARENTS' CONSULTATION - Parents' consultation can be booked on MCAS starting at 4pm on Wednesday 26 February. Bookings close on Sunday 2 March at 10pm.</p> <p>BOOK TOKENS - Look out for your child's book token which will be handed out today. This entitles you to a free book from most bookstores (please check they stock them before you go) or £1 off any book over £2.99. They are valid from 13 February until 23 March. You can also use them at our book fair for £1 off any book over £2.99. The book fair does not stock the free books. This is running after school 26 February - Monday 3 March. If you have any books that your child no longer reads, remember you can donate it to your class book swap box ready for a book swap in the first week back.</p> <p>DINNERS - Please make sure you order your school dinners for the next half term. We return to school on Monday 24 February. https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk</p> <p>BPTA PANCAKE FLIP - Children should have come home today with a sponsorship form for the Pancake Flip, taking place on Monday 3 March for Year 1, and on Tuesday 4 March for Years 2-6. Parents/Carers can sponsor their child online by scanning the QR code on the sponsorship form, and clicking on the Pancake Flip event. The sponsorship form can also be filled out, and returned to the BPTA postbox, located in the Office.</p> <p>HELP STILL NEEDED - The BPTA is looking for two volunteers to help out on the day of the event, Tuesday, 4 March, 9am-12pm. If you are free, and would like to help, please sign up on pta-events.co.uk, or alternatively, let the Office know.</p> <p>A huge thank you to the Parents/Carers who have already volunteered to help. The BPTA is very grateful.</p>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025

17 Feb - 21 Feb	Half term
4 March	BPTA Sponsored Pancake Flip
25-27 February	Scholastic Book fair - Details to follow
3 & 4 March	5M Parents' Consultation (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
3 March	Reception Happy chicks arrive
4 March	Year 1 Brookland Museum
5 March	Parents' Consultations (3:30pm - 7:30pm) All classes
6 March	Parents' Consultations (3:30pm - 5:30pm) All Classes except 5M
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
24 March - 4 April	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025
26 March	5CB Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
26 March	Year 3 Spring Bonanza
28 March	Year 4 Marwell Zoo
2 April	6H Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall



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3 April	School Council Bake sale for Shooting Stars. More information to follow.
4 April	School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays
22 April	School re-opens for children
23 - 25 April	Year 4 Henley Fort Residential
30 April	5E Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
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
15 May	Reception Bocketts Farm
26 May - 30 May	Half Term
2 June	School re-opens for children
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
17 June	Sally Werry Piano Concert - More information to follow
18 June	1S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
21 June	BPTS Summer fair
25 June	6W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026	
30 June	Inset Day
2 July	3A Class assembly -9am in the Kent Hall
8 - 11 July	Year 6 Croft Farm Residential
11 July	BPTA Family BBQ
16 July	Meet the teacher 3:30pm - 5pm
18 July	School closes at 1:10pm for Summer Holidays
21 - 22 July	Inset days
2 September	Inset Day
3 September	Inset Day
4 September	School Re-opens for Pupils in Years 1 - 6 (Reception will be a staggered start)