

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

On Wednesday we welcomed our School Governors to spend the morning visiting and observing the children in their classes, as well as holding our half termly meeting with them. Governors were extremely impressed by the children's focus and learning and very much enjoyed their interactions with everyone. We are very grateful to all our Governors who give so freely of their time to support us all.

YEAR 5 MUSICAL BONANZA - Tuesday saw us welcome Year 5 parents/carers to be entertained by the children. The children shared a variety of performances including, songs, poetry and ukuleles and worked extremely hard in the lead up to the performance. The Year 5 teachers rehearsed poetry and songs to a high standard and Miss Heaton worked her musical magic to produce some outstanding ukulele performances. For those of you who were able to join the children and staff, we hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we all did.

BOXGROVE'S MINI MARATHON - The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our very own mini marathon this week as they raised funds for Shooting Star Chase. Early calculations show that we have raised £313.10 so far. It's not too late to send in your contribution. Please leave any donations with the School Office.

Enjoy the long weekend and see you all on Tuesday! Fingers crossed the sunshine stays with us.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK

YEAR R - This week the children have been learning all about the vast variety of jobs that adults undertake and how they achieve their roles. The children shared what they would like to be when they grow up and join the world of work! Why not ask your child their chosen career and put it in the memory box to see if that is what they end up doing in the years to come! Friday also saw the children immerse themselves in their class characters. The children had great fun taking part in a variety of class themed activities linked to Elmer, The Gruffalo and Paddington Bear.

YEAR 2 - This week the children have been planning their character descriptions of Mr Twit and have come up with some wonderful ideas. In DT they have been looking at likes and dislikes of pouches, ready to make their own trading card pouches at the end of half term.

YEAR 4 - In science this week Year 4 learnt about tooth decay and the effect different liquids can have on our teeth. They left hard boiled eggs in 5 different liquids (orange juice, milk, coke, vinegar and water) and observed the changes! The children were shocked to see the impact that coke and orange juice can have on our teeth if we don't brush them! Next week they will be learning how to brush their teeth effectively!

YEAR 6 - Have been getting outside and practising their athletics for Sports Day. They have been throwing farther, running faster and jumping over more hurdles as they build up their resilience and clock up more stamina ahead of the big day! They have also been pushing themselves in cross-country, achieving personal bests as they tally more laps around the school. Year 6 even had a pupil take part in the children's London marathon this week, coming 5th...out of 15,000 participants (see below)!



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

Congratulations to Arthur, Year 5 who took part in his first triathlon of the 2025 season and came away with 3rd place. Best of luck Arthur for the many others to come.



As the Rugby season comes to a close James, Year 4 has been awarded the 'Best Discipline' award for Under 9's by his club Old Guildfordians. Congratulations James on a well deserved award.



After being offered a last minute spot in the Mini Marathon on Saturday Finn, Year 6 gave it his all and came away winning his wave and joint 5th overall (15,000 children took part). What an amazing achievement Finn - we hear you loved every moment.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	
Wednesday	3L Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall Uniform Shop - Cafe B
Thursday	
Friday	Uniform Shop



BPTA

Your next PTA Social Meeting is on 7th May 2025 at 8:45am in the Buzz Room - Why not stop into Café B after drop-off, grab a coffee, and join our next meeting? Whether you work full-time, part-time, or you're a stay-at-home parent, any time you can offer will always be welcomed. How much or how little you choose to get involved really is up to you. However, it's not just about giving time - your ideas matter too! Whether you'd like to volunteer, offer your skills, or simply take part in the conversation, your presence makes a difference. We'd love to see you there!



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, 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.

Win a Luxurious City Break! - When you play the Super Draw this month, via the School Lottery, you could win a Luxury City Break, or £1,000 cash! Whether you want to hit the West End for a weekend, see the architecture and nightlife of Barcelona, sample the art and food of Florence, or soak up the culture in Paris, this prize is simply not to be missed! Not a fan of travelling? Choose £1,000 cash, or plant 1,000 trees instead! Buy your tickets before Sat 26 April 2025. Each ticket gives you a chance to win. So more tickets mean more chances to win! Visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

Turn Your Weekly Shopping into Every Day Magic!

Shop online with any of the major supermarkets? If so, you can easily raise regular free donations for us! Just sign up to [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to become one of our supporters, then shop online at your fave supermarket. Your shopping will cost the same, but we'll receive a free weekly donation. How great is that? Support us today: www.easyfundraising.org.uk.



BPTA Event Dates for Your Diary!

7 May 2025 - BPTA Social Meeting
21 June 2025 - Summer Fair
1 July 2025 - PTA Social Meeting
11 July 2025 - Summer Family BBQ

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BOXGROVE PTA – "DOING MORE TOGETHER"

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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop has been run (brilliantly!) by Lynn, for several years. She is now in her last year here as her child is in Year 6, which means it is time for another person to take over the reins.

The Uniform Shop helps to raise money for all children in the school, and keeping it 'in house' keeps the costs as low as possible for parents.

This is a role that can be split across several parents working together, and involves helping at the shop, finding other people to help out, and basic ordering and finances.

If you feel you could spare an hour or two a week (but not every week!) for this voluntary role, please contact Mrs Willmott in the office on dinners@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk and she will pass your details on to the current shop volunteers.



COMMUNITY

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - We are delighted to welcome the new Mental Health Support Team to Boxgrove. The team supports a number of schools in the area and the flyer explains more about their roles and how they can work with parents and children. If you would like to discuss a referral for your child or you are seeking help in supporting your child's mental health please contact Nicki Woodward: hslw2@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk

GUILDFORD MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST)

Who are we?
We are a team who work within some Guildford schools to support children and young people's emotional and mental health. We hope to provide support early to prevent difficulties from becoming a problem and reduce their impact on daily life. We work within the Mindworks Surrey, School-Based Needs Service.

What can we help with?

- Low Mood**
 - Feeling sad/low/irritable
 - Withdrawing/isolated
 - Unmotivated/tired
- Anxiety**
 - Frequent worry or anxiety
 - Difficulties with social situations or separation
 - Overthinking
 - Specific phobias e.g. dogs
- Understanding and Managing Behaviour**
 - Finding it hard to get along with friends and family
 - Difficulties managing anger and frequent outbursts

How do we do this?

- 1:1 and group work with children, young people and parents
- Workshops and assemblies for students, parents and school staff
- Supporting schools in working to a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing
- Signposting to other services
- Staff training on mental health topics
- Consultations with school staff to support and advise on emotional wellbeing and behaviour

1-1 and Group Work
We work with children, young people and parents in a 1:1 or group setting. This support is accessed following a referral.

We use **evidence-based interventions** to work with young people, and parents we support. This means we provide support based on research which shows: **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy** is the most effective in supporting young people with **anxiety and low mood**. We use these approaches in the support we offer.

Sessions are usually face to face in school. We also offer online video appointments.

We set goals that you want to achieve at the start of sessions and track these weekly.

We offer around 6-8 weekly sessions lasting 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Some home practice tasks or reading are completed between sessions.

We actively welcome people of all gender, ethnicities, cultures, religions and backgrounds, and abilities to our service.

We will safely support and guide you through an intervention to develop your own coping skills.

If you or your child would like support, please come and find us at your school or speak to a teacher to ask for a request for support form.

Whole School Approach
We work with schools, including staff, students and parents to improve the whole school's emotional and mental health.

All of our work hopes to **reduce stigma** around mental health and **improve awareness** so people can **access the right support** when they need it. Below are some examples of how we do this.

Workshops for parents and/or students

Creating and sharing self-help resources

Assemblies

Surveys to find out your views

Staff training

School events and whole class activities

Supporting National Awareness Days

Participation and Focus groups

School Policies and Curriculum

We welcome any feedback and/or suggestions

PARENTING COURSES - The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment. For more information please have a look at the Families First Guildford flyer.

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY - Guildford Hockey Club will be running free rugby sessions after school. These sessions are open to state primary children in years 3 to 6 who do not already play hockey at a club and who have attended one of their primary festivals or who attend an after school club at school.

The free sessions will take place on Tuesdays from 4.30pm-5.30pm at Broadwater School from 22 April - 1 July. Parents can continue to sign up at any point this term via the link on the flyer attached.

THE ROYAL SURREY OPEN DAY - Please click the link below to take you to a poster advertising this event. The next RSFT Community Open Day is scheduled on **28 June 2025**. Please find [here](#) a link to events planned.

We have been asked to share with any pupils who are interested in a career in health or social care, as this will be a great chance to meet healthcare professionals in their workplace. There will be tours of the Theatres, Histopathology Lab and Radiology Department – book early as these tend to fill up very quickly. There are also going to be talks on medicine, nursing and midwifery, allied health professional roles (e.g. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, etc) and Health Sciences. Please share with friends and family.

Families First Guildford

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a free and tested support programme to help you think about what you do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

8.30am - 10.30am
at Guildford Nursery School, GU1 1NH

Monday 12th May
Monday 19th May
Monday 26th May
Monday 2nd June
Monday 9th June
Monday 16th June
Monday 23rd June
Monday 30th June
Monday 7th July
Monday 14th July
Monday 21st July

9.30am - 11.30am
at The Walsh Junior School, GU1 6ET

Thursday 12th September
Thursday 19th September
Thursday 26th September
Thursday 3rd October
Thursday 10th October
Thursday 17th October
Thursday 24th October
Thursday 31st October
Thursday 7th November
Thursday 14th November
Thursday 21st November

This 10-week group course takes place face to face.

Book your place on our website or speak to us on 01483 505576 for more details.

familiesfirstguildford.com/events

FREE AFTER-SCHOOL HOCKEY
for Primary School players (Years 3-6)

Join us for outdoor fun this summer term!

> WHEN: Tuesday evenings from 4.30 to 5.30pm, 10 weeks from 22nd April - 1st July 2025 (no session half term)

> WHERE: Guildford Hockey Club, Broadwater School, Summers Road, GU1 3BB

> WHO: Open to Primary after school club children, children who have attended a hockey festival with their school, or who attend a GHS State Primary partner school.

(Note that this course is aimed at children who are not already members of Guildford Hockey Club)

> HOW: Easy - just scan the QR code or click the booking link [HERE](#) to sign up!

Who hasn't always wanted to play hockey?

guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk

TEAM BOXGROVE

Y3/4 Boys Football Tournament - Last week, a team of Y3/4 Boys attended their first football tournament hosted by Weyfield School. Our team, predominantly Year 3 children (with many Year 4's at Henley Fort) played brilliantly against a wide range of opponents, experiencing the highs and lows of football! Many thanks to Mr Hughes & Mr Woodcock for supporting the team.

Y5 Boys Football Tournament - The sun shone down upon our Year 5's taking part in the football tournament held at Holy Trinity on Tuesday afternoon. Mr Agombar & Mr Hughes were both very impressed by the boys' performances. The team reached the final without conceding a goal, clocking up numerous wins on the way. The final was a tight affair versus St Joseph's. An unlucky deflection went against us in the final minutes sealing a 2nd place result. Well done boys - a great effort!

Y3/4 Cross Country - Yesterday, Boxgrove hosted a large number of schools in our annual Year 3/4 Cross Country races. Team Boxgrove coped brilliantly with the hot weather and achieved a medal in each category. The Sports Team were very impressed by all the runners with a special shout out for our medalists Orla P (Y3 Girls 1st), Matilda K (Y4 Girls 2nd), Theo R (Y3 Boys 3rd), Seb R (Y4 Boys 3rd) however, all our runners need to be congratulated, every member of the team putting in a wonderful performance.



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>GROVENTURE SUMMER HOLIDAY BOOKINGS - GroVenture Summer booking will be live this evening at 6pm. You can book this via MCAS under Clubs. This booking form will be open until the 18 July.</p> <p>LONDON MARATHON - Mrs Sheath would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored her as she took part in last weekend's London Marathon. It clearly was an early start for her!</p> <p>CYCLING AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUND - We would like to remind parents, carers and children NOT to ride scooters and bicycles on school property for safety reasons.</p> <p>LOST PROPERTY - This is the amount of jumpers we have on the trolley in the playground already. Please can you ensure all items are named as otherwise we have no idea who to get them back to.</p>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025	
5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
7 May	3L Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
7 May	Year 2 Painshill Trip
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
19 - 23 May	Sports Week
21 May	Sports Day (Details to follow)
19 - 23 May	Living Streets Walk to School Week
26 May - 30 May	Half Term
2 June	School re-opens for children
4 June	Back up Sports Day if required
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
13 June	Mufti in exchange for £1
17 June	Sally Werry Piano Concert - More information to follow
18 June	1S Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
20 June	Mufi in exchange for a bottle for the Summer fair Tombola



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 2025 / 2025 - 2026	
21 June	BPTS Summer fair
25 June	6W Class assembly - 9am in the Kent Hall
30 June	Inset Day
2 July	3A Class assembly -9am in the Kent Hall
3 July	Year 5 - 6 Strings Concert
7 July	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
7 July	Year 5 and 6 Rocksteady Concert (Rocksteady will inform parents)
8 - 11 July	Year 6 Croft Farm Residential
9 July	Year 3 and 4 Rocksteady Concert (Rocksteady will inform parents)
11 July	BPTA Family BBQ
11 July	Year 1 and 2 Rocksteady Concert (Rocksteady will inform parents)
14-18 July	Transition Week
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)
24 October	Inset Day
27 - 31 October	Half term