

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

**ACCESS TO SCHOOL VIA OUR GATES** - This week we have been reviewing our site security before and after school and how best to preserve the resources set-up by staff for all children to use during the school day. We have noticed that a number of children and families are accessing the site at times when the site should be secure. As you know, we have Grovers, clubs, meetings and hirers and, so need your support to vacate the premises as swiftly as possible after drop-off and pick-up. From **Monday, 13 October 2025**, all gates will be locked at **8:50am** and access to and from school will need to be via the **main entrance gate**. After school all gates will be locked at **3:30pm** to ensure safeguarding of children who attend Grovers and also to ensure that after school clubs and other activities can run effectively. Access for after school club pick-up will be via the **main gate** and then the gate by Cafe B. This does mean that if you have been staying onsite whilst your child/ren attend a club you will now need to leave the site and collect them at the designated appropriate time i.e., 4:15pm. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**IMPORTANT - REPORTING ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS** - Please can we ask that, with immediate effect, parents/carers notify the School Office **daily, via MCAS**, to advise if their child/ren will not be attending school due to illness - e.g., each day of a 5 day illness absence.

**We hope you enjoy the BPTA Fun Run on Sunday.**



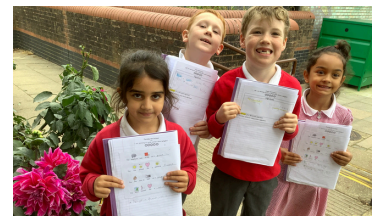
### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

**YEAR R** - Staff continue to be amazed by the children's resilience and how quickly they have settled in to the daily routines of life in Reception. This week the children have enjoyed exploring the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and even had a visit from The Little Red Hen herself! We hope the bread baking at home went well and you enjoyed sharing this tasty treat!

**YEAR 2** - During English the children have been planning how they will create their poems linked to the story of the 'Giant Arctic Jellyfish'. They have enjoyed planning their layout and are now looking forward to bring their poems to life. They have also been looking at how number bonds to 10 can help them with number related facts to 100.

**YEAR 4** - As part of their river topic in geography over the past week the children have engaged in field work. They headed off to the River Wey in Liphook to study the depth and speed of the river. Great fun was had by all when they also had the opportunity to create and sail paper boats along the river to measure its speed.

**YEAR 6** - During maths the children have excelled at Long Division. They were not daunted by the task in hand and took it all in their stride. They have also been creating and writing their very own news reports based on school events they have attended, or books they have read. We are glad to report that we have some budding journalists of the future!



### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

Huge congratulations to Isabelle in Year R who last weekend completed the 2K Guildford Junior Race. Running in her Boxgrove PE kit Isabelle finished with a PB of 13 minutes and 33 seconds. Whilst she didn't actually win, we think she rightly deserves her place on the podium. Super achievement Isabelle!



It was a double celebration for sisters Jess, Year 5 and Sophie, Year 2 who took ballet exams on the same day - Jess, Grade 3 and Sophie, Primary. Both girls did extremely well with Jess being awarded a High Distinction (top mark for her ballet school) and Sophie a Distinction (highest mark for her Grade). Well done from all of us.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	Individual school photos
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y4 Strings Individual school photos - siblings
<b>Wednesday</b>	Uniform Shop Cafe B
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Uniform Shop



# SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE CONTINUED...

**BABY NEWS** - We are delighted to share that Mrs Attenborough (nee Kelly), Assistant Headteacher/SENCO and her husband Nick are looking forward to welcoming their first child in March 2026.



We are sure you will join with us in congratulating them both and we will definitely update you when Baby Attenborough arrives.

## COMMUNITY

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2025** - Just a reminder that next Friday we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly led by Mrs Stacey and Rev Woodward. As in previous years, we will hold a collection for North Guildford Food Bank and Guildford Action. Please leave any donations outside the **Kent Hall** at drop-off on Friday morning.



Items you may wish to donate are: Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate, porridge, tins of soups, pasta, beans, tomatoes etc., tinned fish, squash (fruit), biscuits, spray cleaner, toiletries, washing up liquid, flavoured noodles, items suitable for lunch boxes and items where no cooking is required (for rough sleepers). Please [click here](#) to view a full list of items to be donated. We thank you in advance for your kind donations.

**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS AT GUILDFORD LIBRARY** - Guildford Library have asked if we could share the below information with you all:

We know from the number of children from Boxgrove School who took part in the recent Summer Reading Challenge that there are lots of keen readers in your school. However, we appreciate that reading is likely to be a struggle for the children with dyslexia that you support. At Guildford library, we'd love to help them to love reading!

For Dyslexia Awareness Week, we are:

- celebrating popular children's authors with dyslexia: Liz Pichon, Dav Pilkey and Sally Gardner;
- highlighting the achievements of other famous people with dyslexia; and



reminding our customers about the support that is available in Surrey Libraries: Please [click here](#) to find out more.

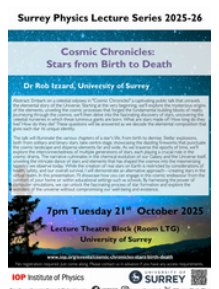
Parents/carers may also like to sign their child/ren up to the library. It's easy to do simply [click here](#). You can borrow up to 25 books for 3 weeks as well as access e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-newspapers. Children may also enjoy their regular events, such as Lego club and creative writing, as well as the special events they run. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

**GEORGE ABBOT PTA - EVENING TALK** - On **Wednesday, 15 October 2025, at 7:00pm** George Abbot PTA will be hosting an evening talk entitled "My Life on the Streets" about the work that goes on in Guildford town centre to help the most vulnerable members of our community. Full details can be found by [clicking here](#). All are welcome.

**FREE ART AND SPORT ACTIVITY MORNING AT ST CATHERINE'S, BRAMLEY, FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2025** - Parents/carers may be interested in this free session on our Inset day. The session runs from **9:30am - 1:30pm** and is open to all girls in **Years 1 - 3**. Throughout the morning there will be an opportunity to take part in sporting activities alongside seasonal, autumn-themed craft. Please [click here](#) to book a place or click on the poster to the right to find out more.



**HALF TERM** - Please click on the flyers below for more information on activities during Half Term and to find out about events in our community:



# SCHOOL PHOTOS

**INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS** - Individual school photos are taking place on Monday 13. Sibling photos are on Tuesday morning. The photographers start at 8.50am sharp, so please make sure your child(ren) are at school on time! If your child is unwell on Monday and back on Tuesday we will do our best to get their photo taken.



## BPTA

It's nearly here — the **Boxgrove Fun Run is this Sunday, 12 October 2025!** We can't wait to see so many of you there for one of the highlights of our school year.



**FUN RUN - Sunday, 12 October 2025 at Boxgrove School** - Tickets are on sale now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta).

This year's new start time has been chosen to avoid clashes with local clubs and sports, so we hope even more families can join us. It promises to be a fantastic day packed with energy, laughter, and community spirit — complete with races, stalls, food, and fun for all ages. We can't wait to see you all there **this Sunday** — don't forget to bring your trainers, water bottles, and cheering voices!

Volunteers needed: We still need more helpers on the day to marshal, run stalls, and keep things running smoothly. Even an hour of your time will make a huge difference. Please email [boxgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:boxgrovepta@gmail.com) if you can help.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS** - The BPTA Christmas Card and Gifts Project continues to be a festive favourite — and a brilliant fundraiser for the school. Order forms have now gone home with children, showcasing their wonderful designs.

Remember: the earlier you order, the more commission the PTA receives, so please get your orders in as soon as possible. The shop closes at **Midday on Wednesday, 22 October 2025**. If you have any questions, please email: [bpta.cards@gmail.com](mailto:bpta.cards@gmail.com).

### NEXT PTA MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 9:00AM IN CAFÉ B

Come along a little earlier, grab a coffee, and settle in for a relaxed and friendly catch-up. We'll be sharing updates, discussing ideas, and planning upcoming events — and we'd love to hear from you. Everyone is welcome, and every voice matters!

Other ways you can support the PTA

Here are some easy ways you can help support the PTA:

- [Clothes, shoes, soft toy & bed linen recycling](#) - donate items to the collection bin, and Astra Recycling pays us per kilogram.
- [Easyfundraising](#) - This month only, with their Free £2 Appeal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding!
- [Match funding](#) - if your employer offers match funding, you could double any money you raise for events or projects.
- [MyNameTags](#) - order name labels with code 29678 and a portion of your purchase goes to the PTA.
- [Stikins name labels](#) - order using code 2458 and part of your purchase supports the PTA.
- [Your School Lotter](#) - tickets cost £1/week, with a guaranteed Boxgrove winner every week.

### Here are the key dates for your diary this school year — more details will follow closer to each event!

- Family Fun Run 2025 - 12 October 2025
- Christmas Fair 2025 - 22 November 2025
- School Disco 2026 (Reception, Y1-Y4) - 20 January 2026
- School Disco 2026 (Y5 & Y6) - 21 January 2026
- Painting & Prosecco 2026 - 7 February 2026
- Sponsored Pancake Flip 2026 - 12 February 2026
- Quiz Night 2026 - 21 March 2026
- Summer Fair 2026 - 13 June 2026
- Summer BBQ 2026 - 3 July 2026

## BOXGROVE PTA - "DOING MORE TOGETHER"

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# 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.

<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>	<b>LICE AND NITS</b> There are a few cases of lice and nits in school. Please can you make sure your child's hair is tied back if it is long enough to do so. This is the easiest way to help stop the spread. For more information, please have a look <a href="#">here</a> at the NHS for more information (and now stop scratching your head!)

## TEAM BOXGROVE

**GIRLS FOOTBALL - Y5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL v HOLY TRINITY** - Our new look Y5 and 6 girls football team had their first outing of the season at Holy Trinity after school yesterday afternoon. The new combination of last year's Y5s (now Y6) and our new Y5 footballers was deemed a success with a fabulous 8 - 0 victory at Holy Trinity. Miss Watts and Miss Apps were both impressed with how well the girls played as a team and the great sportsmanship displayed throughout. ★ player went to Jess G for an amazing performance and scoring seven goals! An additional shout out to Ella P for her outstanding resilience and excellent defence. Well done Girls!

**Y6 FULHAM FC FOUNDATION CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT** - Our Y6 team were pleased to be invited back to attend the Fulham Foundation Cup tournament once more this year. Due to the non-attendance of a team in their group, qualification out of the group stage wasn't possible after one win and a loss. Mr Hughes was proud of the boys' consistent determination and teamwork. Congratulations to Ed R for receiving the Premier League Values Certificate. The boys now begin preparation for the 1st round of the Surrey Schools FA Cup.

**IMPACT AC PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RELAYS** - An exciting day was had by all at this new Cross Country Relays event held at Bedfont Lakes Country Park. Split into girls and boys races, each relay consisted of six runners, starting with a Y6 runner, followed by Y5, then Y4 passing to another Y4, to Y5 and then another Y6 on the last leg. Competing against 10 other schools, each child ran a true Cross Country lap of 1.4km including steep inclines and uneven ground. The teams ran superbly, all encouraging each other and achieving a victory and 2nd place - amazing results!

Girls 1st : Cara J, Eliza J, Juliette N, Orla P, Matilda K, Isabel W

Boys 2nd : Bailey K, Leighton P, Luke C, Theo R, Seb R, Aaron T

Mr Woodcock and Mrs Cadge were thrilled with all the children's performances, a new trophy and a minibus full of medals for the journey home!

**SWIMMING NEWS** - Last Sunday some of our swim squad took part in a schools biathlon qualifier event. A biathlon is a timed swim and a timed run as separate events which are then converted to points. The event is part of Pentathlon GB and leads on to the national finals. We are still waiting for the results to be published but congratulations to everyone who took part we are really proud of you.

On Monday 6 October some of our Y4 and 6 swim squad members took part on our first gala of the year at Ripley Court. Our captains for the event were Cara J and Caspar A, who organised and looked after the team and led Three Cheers at the end. Ripley Court A team placed 1st, with our boys team and girls team equal 2nd and Ripley Court B team 3rd. When points were combined it finished as an overall win for Boxgrove! Well done to all who took part.



# 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 2025 - 2026	
13 October	Individual School Photos
14 October	Individual School Photos - siblings
15 October	Year 1 - Year 6 New parents coffee morning - 9:00am, meet in Cafe B
20 October	9am Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents - more details to follow
22 October	Y6 Hampton Court visit
22 October	Christmas card order deadline MIDDAY
24 October	Inset Day
27 - 31 October	Half term
3 November	Flu immunisation - deadline to sign up 28 October
5 November	Parent pop in 3.30-4pm
11 November	Parent consultations - more details to follow
12 November	Parent consultations - more details to follow
12 November	Open morning for pupils starting Reception 2026
22 November	BPTA Christmas Fair
24 November	Rocksteady Concert Yr3&4 - invitation only
26 November	Rocksteady Concert KS1 - invitation only
28 November	Rocksteady Concert Yr5&6 - invitation only
10 December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Stoke - more details to follow
11 December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Stoke - more details to follow
19 December	School Closes at 1.10 for Christmas Holidays



<b>22 Dec - 2 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>5 January</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
<b>28 January</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>16 - 20 February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>23 February</b>	<b>School re-opens for pupils</b>
<b>25 February</b>	<b>Parent pop-in 3.30-4</b>
<b>27 March</b>	<b>School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>4 March</b>	<b>Parent consultations - more details to follow</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Parent consultations - more details to follow</b>
<b>30 March - 10 April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>13 April</b>	<b>School Re-opens for Children</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>6-8 May</b>	<b>Y4 Henley Fort residential</b>
<b>25 - 29 May</b>	<b>May Half Term</b>
<b>8 - 12 June</b>	<b>Y5 Ironbridge residential</b>
<b>29 June</b>	<b>Inset day - School Closed for Children</b>
<b>7 - 10 July</b>	<b>Y6 Hindleap Warren residential</b>
<b>17 July</b>	<b>School Closes at 1:10pm for Summer Holidays</b>