

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

HARVEST ASSEMBLY - Friday saw us welcome Rev Woodward to host our Harvest Assembly alongside Mrs Stacey - thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest collection. Your donations will be making their way to North Guildford Food Bank and Guildford Action. As always, it was a delight to have Rev Woodward lead assembly. Thank you also to our wonderful parent helpers who helped sort all your donations ready for the collections Rosy has organised on Monday.

This will be our last newsletter of this half term as **Friday, 24 October 2025 is INSET DAY**. We hope you enjoy your October half term and all that you have planned, when it arrives. Just a reminder that school closes at **3.10 - 3.20pm on Thursday, 23 October 2025** and re-opens for all pupils at **8:40am on Monday, 3 November 2025**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - When we return to school after half term, please can we remind parents/carers of children in **Years 1 - 6** that all children will need to not only have their school shoes but also a pair of trainers they can change into for play/lunchtime - trainers may get dirty! Thank you.

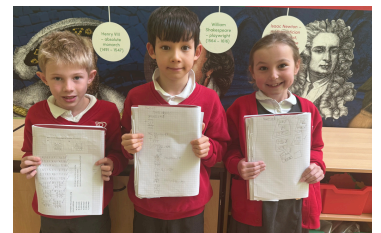
WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

YEAR 1 - This week, Year 1 took their learning about bats' amazing senses outdoors for a blindfold walk! Just like bats use echolocation to navigate in the dark, the children explored how they could rely on their other senses when sight was taken away. Working in pairs, one child was blindfolded while their partner gently guided them around obstacles using sound and touch. The activity encouraged trust, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of how bats use hearing and awareness of space to move safely in their environment. It was a wonderful, sensory-rich way to bring their topic to life in the great outdoors!

YEAR 3 - During maths the children have been learning all about 3 digit column addition. Whilst in the beginning some found it hard to align their numbers, the children quickly got to grasp with the task in hand and staff were extremely proud to see how neatly they presented their work in their books. Year 3 have also been enjoying their netball module in PE and in particular, learning how to defend and shoot!

YEAR 5 - As part of their history learning the children have been learning all about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses. They have spent time researching and developing a 'family tree'. Who would you put at the top? Please ask your child who was the first Greek God/Goddess. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Jake's mum Charlene who spent time on Thursday afternoon (British Heart Foundation Restart a Heart Day) teaching Year 5 'How to Restart a Heart'. The children had the opportunity to practise CPR and learn how a defibrillator works. Thank you so much Charlene for giving so freely of your time to share this important life skill. You can find out more on the British Heart Foundation's website by [clicking here](#).



COMING SOON...

As part of our OPAL play project we are looking to install a dedicated roadway on the playground that can be used solely for trikes and bikes! We are very excited about this project and the BPTA have been working tirelessly to raise funds to make it happen. The total cost of this 'needlepunch roadway' project is £7,250. The BPTA have kindly provided the deposit £1,812.50 and therefore our remaining **target for fundraising is £5,437.50**. If you would like to **make a donation**, however big or small, towards the playground project we would greatly appreciate your support. **DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA YOUR MCAS ACCOUNT UNDER DONATIONS.**



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Reception Phonics Meeting 9am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hampton Court Y6 Cafe B and Uniform Shop Christmas card order deadline MIDDAY Dyslexia workshop Mrs Blakeway's dig help
Thursday	
Friday	Inset day - school closed for children



NEW 100 BOOKS - BOX GROVE...

Before summer, the children were tasked with the job of reviewing our '100 Books' selection. These are sets of books that are shared across year groups to read for pleasure and enjoyment in class with the classteacher. The idea is that each class will read these over the course of two years (Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6 and for one year in Reception).

We are delighted to share with you the renewed lists which are now fully up-to-date and provide the children with a range of quality texts of different genres and cultures.

Be sure to look on your child's classroom door to see what the class are currently reading in their daily reading for pleasure time!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the BPTA for funding this project - such a worthy way to spend the money you all helped to raise. We hope you like our selections! Please visit our [school website](#) to see the full lists.

Happy reading

The Reading Team

How many of these books can you read before you leave

Reception?



How many of these books can you read before you leave year 2?



How many of these books can you read before you leave year 4?



How many of these books can you read before you leave year 6?



LIBRARY DONATIONS - Thank you for all of your kind donations so far for the library. We are now (wonderfully!) full to bursting with books so can no longer accept donations from home currently (**we are still accepting Birthday books**).

COMMUNITY

HELP NEEDED! We are looking for some community help and support from you next **Wednesday, 22 October 2025 from 9:00am - 11:00am**.

Please email the [office](#) if you are willing to help Mrs Blakeway. **What you need:** A wheelbarrow and a spade.

The task: To help Mrs Blakeway move soil to create a digging patch for the children to use in their play. We have the soil. Also, we are looking for scooters for lunchtimes. Please have a look in your sheds and garages.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT A new network of local hubs is launching across Surrey. Drop-in sessions will run weekly in key neighbourhoods, offering a friendly space for people to find help, advice, and signposting to local resources. The hubs will help access mental health support from Catalyst Support, financial support from Citizens Advice and parenting and perinatal support from Home-Start in the same location in the heart of the community. The hubs are free to attend; there is no booking or referral required. Please have a look at their [website](#) for more information.

The hubs are in the following locations:

Guildford A – Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue, GU1 1NR

Mondays, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, fortnightly

Guildford B – St. Francis Church, 63 Beckingham Road, GU2 8BU

Mondays, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, fortnightly

DYSLEXIA WORKSHOP - There is still time to sign up to this workshop taking place on **Wednesday, 22 October, 9am**, here at Boxgrove. Please click [here](#) to let us know you if you would like to attend.

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT They are offering delivery of free frozen meals (eg. Cook/Tesco) on Friday 31 October during half term. There will be two meals per person per family. The delivery will take place between 9.45am and 1.45pm so someone will need to be home to receive the delivery.

The meals will be delivered to your door - please let us know if you would like to take up this offer along with dietary requirements and any allergies by Monday 19 October by completing the [Google form](#)

Any questions please email Nicki Woodward, HSLW: hslw2@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk

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:



GROVENTURE

Once again our fantastic holiday Groventure Team will be here at half term so please remember to book. As well as lots of fun arts and crafts there will also be an amazing Birds of Prey Workshop! Please email groventure@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk for more information. They can't wait for half term!



BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays after school, we once again have Douglas Wright (3 Counties Bridge) coming to Boxgrove to teach children the game of Bridge. The children have been thoroughly enjoying learning how to play the card game utilising mental arithmetic, team work, logical analysis and memory skills. Mr Hunt and Mrs Cadge have been impressed by the speed at which the children have picked up the game, rules and strategies. After half term we are excited to be invited to Tormead to play an inter-school Bridge Competition.

YEARS 5 AND 6 BRIDGE OPPORTUNITES If your Year 5 or 6 child would like to learn how to play bridge, beginners are always welcome (Please sign up via the MCAS App - Clubs). In addition or if you are unable to attend the after school club, 3 Counties Bridge will also be offering a free online bridge club starting on Thursday 23 October 5pm - 6pm. Please contact douglaswright@3countiesbridge.com for further details.

BPTA

Thank You for a Fantastic Fun Run! - What a day! It was wonderful to see the Boxgrove community out in full force on Sunday for our annual Fun Run. The weather was favourable, the children were smiling, and the atmosphere was fantastic from start to finish.



A huge thank you goes to our organisers, stall holders, marshals', and every parent and carer who lent a hand on the day — we couldn't have done it without you. Events like this are only possible because of the amazing support from our community. Now it's time to collect in the sponsorship! Sponsorship money can be donated online here: pta-events.co.uk/bpta, or dropped into the school office with your child's completed sponsorship form. Every pound raised goes directly towards projects and resources that benefit all Boxgrove children. Thank you again for your support!

BOXGROVE CHRISTMAS FAIR – Save the Date! - We're delighted to announce that the Boxgrove Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, 22 November – so please save the date! Your class reps will be in touch soon with details about collecting items for your class Christmas hamper and to let you know which stall your class has been allocated for the fair.

After half term, we'll also be looking for donations such as unused toys, books, and fancy dress or Christmas jumpers. So, if you're having a clear-out over the break, please keep these items aside – they'll be greatly appreciated! As always, these wonderful events can't run without your support, and we're so thankful for the time, effort, and generosity of our amazing school community. Let's make this year's Christmas Fair the most magical one yet!

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS - 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.

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 Lottery** – tickets cost £1/week, with a guaranteed Boxgrove winner every week.

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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
- 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>MCAS PAYMENTS Please check your MCAS account for any outstanding payments, and as a reminder all day trips and events need to be paid two weeks before they take place.</p> <p>BIKE RACKS Please ensure that when you are taking your bike or scooter home, you are not accidentally picking up other people's items - seat covers, helmets etc.</p> <p>CODE CAMP CLUB Code Camp will be here for KS1 after half term! For more information, click on the poster to take advantage of a new price of £8 per session.</p>



TEAM BOXGROVE

YEAR 5 & 6 GUILDFORDIANS TOUCH RUGBY FESTIVAL

Mr Woodcock and Mrs Cadge enjoyed taking two Year 5 and 6 teams to the Guildfordians Touch Rugby Festival at Stoke Park on Thursday after school. Our more experienced team remained undefeated, achieving three wins and a draw, displaying some great movement. The inexperienced Boxgrove 2nd team, although not achieving a win, showed great resilience and determination improving their gameplay skills with each match. Well done to all our players with shout outs to beginner George B for fitting straight into a space in our experienced team and Lucas F leading the way for the 2nd team. Enjoy your medals boys!

YEAR 6 A & B BOYS FOOTBALL DOUBLE HEADER

After school on Tuesday saw two of our Year 6 Football teams take the trip to Holy Trinity Junior School to take part in a 'double header' with HT and our neighbours St Thomas'. Mr Agombar and Mr Hughes were pleased with our A and B team performances with both teams achieving a victory and a draw.

U11 GHC HOCKEY FESTIVAL

On Monday, two Year 6 hockey teams had the opportunity to attend Guildford Hockey Club's first hockey festival of the year at Charterhouse School. Supported by Mr Woodcock and Mr Hunt, the children were able to put into practice the skills learnt in their PE lessons this term. Both teams took part in the 'novice' pool producing some great results with one of our teams remaining unbeaten. Congratulations to all our players with special mentions for stand out players Athena Y, Ed R and Isaac S.

SWIMMING NEWS On Friday 26 September some of our girls swim squad in Years 3-6 took part in an Aquathlon at Guildford High School, an event that sees a swim followed by a transition into a run. This is always a great event and the girls did brilliantly. Special mentions for Matilda K in Year 5 who won her event as well our Year 6s, Isabel W who finished 3rd and Cara J who placed 2nd. Well done girls! In assembly today we were able to present some team medals. The team is made up from the fastest three children in each event per school. Our Bronze category team of Ella G, Belle D and Freya B came 3rd and our Silver category team of Matilda K, Eliza J and Felicie Y came 2nd. We are really proud of everyone's determination at this event and for representing the school so well.



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	
20 October	9am Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
22 October	Mrs Blakeway's dig help 9-11am
22 October	Y6 Hampton Court visit
22 October	Christmas card order deadline MIDDAY
23 October	Parent consultation bookings open 3.30pm
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
6 November	Parent consultations bookings closes midday
10 November	Odd Socks Day - more information to follow
11 November	Parent consultations 3.30-5pm
12 November	Parent consultations 3.30-7pm
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
9 December	Y4 Strings concert 2pm
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 1.10pm for the Christmas Holidays
22 Dec - 2 Jan 2026	Christmas holidays
5 January	School reopens
28 January	Inset day
16-20 February	Half term
23 February	School reopens for pupils
25 February	Parent pop-in 3.30-4pm
4 March	Parent consultations
5 March	Parent consultations
27 March	School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays
30 March - 10 April	Easter holiday
13 April	School reopens for children
4 May	Bank Holiday
6-8 May	Y4 Henley Fort residential
25-19 May	May Half Term
8-12 June	Y5 Ironbridge residential
29 June	Inset day - School closed for children
7-10 July	Y6 Hindleap Warren residential
17 July	School closes 1.10pm for Summer Holidays