

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

HUGE congratulations to our BPTA Fun Run medal design winners. The calibre of entries was extremely high and choosing an overall winner was not an easy task. Sarah, Year 2 was the overall winner and her picture will be incorporated into the winning medal. Matilda and Jessica N, both Year 5 came joint second and Matilda, Year 4 was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Highly commended awards went to Sebby V, Year 6, Jessica P, Year 5 and Naomi P, Year 4. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, you should all feel extremely proud. We certainly do have some fantastic artists in our midst. We now look forward to the Fun Run on **Sunday, 12 October 2025**. For more information on how to sign up, please see the BPTA section below.



**HOW BEST TO COMMUNICATE WITH US** - We ask parents to use the email address [office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk) for any formal communication which requires the attention of the Headteachers, the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or Classteachers. These emails will be treated with full confidentiality and responses will be made by an appropriate member of staff. We will respond to emails within **5 working days** (during term time). This time frame enables the team time to investigate information shared with the school. Please [click here](#) to view a copy of our Communication policy. For all other day to day communication, please see below:

**EMAIL** - Please use [office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk) when attaching photos or sharing 'something to celebrate' news, along with communication as above.

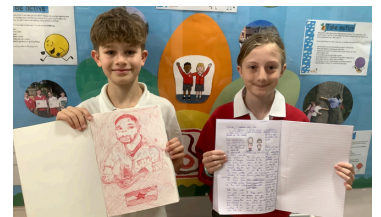
**MCAS** - Please use MCAS to advise of sickness, medical appointments, music exams etc.

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE DURING TERM TIME** - please email [absence@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:absence@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk) attaching your completed Leave of Absence [form](#). Absence in term time must be authorised by the Headteacher.

**DINNERS** - Please email [dinners@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dinners@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk) to discuss any queries relating to school meals.

**GROVERS** - Messages for Grovers regarding payments, changes to dates, pick up etc., should be sent to [grovers@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:grovers@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk). Grovers staff will check these emails after 1:00pm.

**TELEPHONE** - This would be appropriate where enquiries are deemed more urgent by the parent/carer, such as communicating particular information about their child/ren to the school. We ask parents to phone the school on 01483 563701. If the call requires a response from a member of staff, we aim to do this within 5 working days. Thank you.



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



**YEAR 1** - The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the story of 'Supertato'. They have created their own 'potato' character, visited Forest School to save the veggies from Evil Pea (who knew that a broccoli could climb a tree?) and created some fantastic potato artwork.

**YEAR 3** - Last Thursday Year 3 stepped back in time as they entered a stone age shelter to learn all about what it would have been like to have lived the Stone Age. Sitting around a fire they had an opportunity to listen to stories, handle real artifacts and thoroughly enjoyed this experience of bringing history to life.

**YEAR 6** - During history the children have been learning all about Tudor merchants and explorers. From looking at sources they were surprised by the number of connections to the rest of the world they had. Linked to their topic of The Tudors, the children have also been enjoying their visits to RGS and visiting the chained library in the Headmasters' office.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	4CH River Wey
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y4 Strings
<b>Wednesday</b>	Uniform Shop and Cafe B Open Morning for Prospective Parents
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Uniform Shop



# COMMUNITY

**BOXGROVE PRAYER GROUP** - Boxgrove Prayer group are holding their first meeting of the academic year on **Monday, 6 October 2025**. They meet at 1:45pm, venue 37 Boxgrove Lane. Everyone is welcome - pre-school children too. The prayer group meet half termly. If you would like to find out more about the group, please email [boxgroveprayer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:boxgroveprayer@yahoo.co.uk).

**HARVEST ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2025** - We will once again be holding our annual Harvest Assembly led by Mrs Stacey and Rev Woodward. As in previous years, we will be holding a collection for North Guildford Food Bank and Guildford Action. Please leave any donations outside the **Kent Hall** at drop-off. Staff, members of the Boxgrove Prayer Group and our Year 6 Leadership Team look forward to receiving your donations on the **17<sup>th</sup>**. We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting these local charities.

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 WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS, WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2025

Mrs Sarah Gearing, Year 2 class teacher at Boxgrove, is also a dyslexia specialist and she is looking forward to sharing with parents/carers how best they can support their child/ren if they have dyslexia, or you think they may show signs of dyslexia. There will be a time for questions and answers. Refreshments will be provided but please feel free to bring a cup of tea/coffee from Cafe B along with you too! The workshop will take place in the Buzz Room. To register your interest in this workshop please [click here](#).

**ADULT COURSES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD** - Please see these courses available through **Surrey Adult Learning**. For more information and to book, please [click here](#)

### Family Learning – sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

- Start date: 13 October 2025
- Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

### Family Learning – sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

- Start date: 1 December 2025
- Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

### Family Learning – cooking ideas for you and your child (ADHD, Autism & Neurodivergent) (online)

- Start date: 11 November 2025
- Time: 4pm to 5:30pm

### Family Learning – first steps to understand My Neurodivergent child (ADHD, Autism) (online)

- Start date: 27 November 2025
- Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

**AUTISM FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE** - Parents/carers may be interested in a monthly online event being hosted by this service. From **Tuesday, 7 October 2025** they will be running free monthly online drop-ins for parents and carers. Please click on the leaflet to the right to find out more about the event. These sessions will take place online every first Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 8.30pm. To visit their website, please [click here](#).

**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:



As we are now in October excitement is building for the Boxgrove Fun Run — one of our most loved community events! Please see below for this week's PTA updates.

## **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 we've adjusted the start time to avoid clashes with weekend clubs and sports, so we hope even more families can join in. However, ticket sales are currently lower than usual — so please do grab yours soon and encourage friends and family to come along! It's a brilliant day out for everyone, with running, cheering, food stalls, and activities for all ages.

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 annual BPTA Christmas Card and Gifts Project is underway! Each child has created their own design, and an order form will be coming home with them shortly. There's a wonderful range of products available — from cards and gift tags to bags, teddy bears, and baubles. These make excellent keepsakes and thoughtful gifts, while also raising funds for the school.

Order early if you can! Early orders mean the PTA receives extra commission, so the sooner your order is placed, the more money we raise for our children. The shop officially closes on Wednesday 15th October 2025, so please don't miss out. Questions? 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 early, 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>	<p><b>LEAVING THE PREMISES</b> If you leave the site during the school day, please can we remind you that the gate DOES NOT open automatically when you press the green button. It rings a bell in the office and then it is opened by the staff. Please only ring it once.</p> <p><b>LOST PROPERTY</b> Once again we have had a huge amount of unnamed items left in the office. Please name all items. We do our best to get forgotten PE kits, swim bags and packed lunches to the children but if they are not named it sometimes doesn't happen.</p> <p><b>SWIMMING</b> Children are expected to swim each week. If they are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to swim. If they do not have a swim kit they will be given a spare swim kit to use.</p>

## TEAM BOXGROVE

**YEAR 5 & 6 HOCKEY SKILLS & DRILLS - BY ISAAC M (6H)** - On Friday, Year 5 and 6 players went to Tormead School's newly re-opened hockey ground (the Urnfield) to train and meet an Irish Olympic Hockey Player! We practised passing, dribbling and shooting. Afterwards we met Paris 2024 Olympian Nick Page for a question and answer session. He told us about his journey throughout his career and inspired us to use one of our school values; 'resilience', when learning to play.

Did you know the Paris 2024 Olympians were each given their own set of Olympic Stamps with their picture on?

**YEAR 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY - RACE 2 RYDES HILL** - Yesterday afternoon saw the completion of Race 2 in the Guildford Schools cross country season. Set at Rydes Hill, the runners faced a challenging course that Mr Woodcock described as 'a tricky course that many adults would struggle to do well on.' The Sports Team were once again amazed by all of the performances with many Boxgrove runners improving their positions on the previous race. Special shout outs to Cara J and Seb R for leading the way for Team Boxgrove and Aaron T, Leighton P, Matilda K and Orla P making up places on the final sprint. We are hugely proud of you all!

**CALLING ALL YEAR 5 & 6 GYMNASTS** - Boxgrove has an opportunity to take part in a competitive gymnastics event at Tormead in January 2026. If you regularly attend a gymnastics club outside of school and would be interested in representing Team Boxgrove - please sign up for our Gymnastics Club to run on Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Bailey up until half term. This is currently for children in Year 5 and Year 6 with experience of gymnastics. If you would like to take part in this club, there will be an opportunity to sign up on MCAS from 4pm today.



# 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	
6 October	4CH River Wey
8 October	RH New parent coffee morning - 9:00am, Meet in Cafe B
<b>8 October</b>	<b>Open morning for pupils starting Reception 2026</b>
13 October	Individual School Photos - more details to follow
14 October	Individual School Photos - more details to follow
15 October	Year 1 - Year 6 New parents coffee morning - 9:00am, Meet in Cafe B
24 October	Inset Day
27 - 31 October	Half term
3 November	Flu immunisation
5 November	Parent pop in 3.30-4pm
<b>12 November</b>	<b>Open morning for pupils starting Reception 2026</b>
<b>20 November</b>	<b>9am Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents - more details to follow</b>
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



<b>11 December</b>	<b>KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Stoke - more details to follow</b>
<b>19 December</b>	<b>School Closes at 1.10 for Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>22 Dec - 2 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>5 January</b>	<b>School Re-opens for Children</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>