

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

It was lovely to see so many families at our Parents' Consultations this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to speak with your child's classteacher(s) about their learning and progress. Classteachers certainly enjoyed discussing their learning with you. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Prayer Group who shared 'sweet treats' with staff on Wednesday to keep them going :).

**BOXGROVE COMMUNITY TEA PARTY, FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2025, 1:30pm - 2:45pm - HELP AND GUESTS NEEDED!** We will once again be hosting our annual Community Tea Party on the 12<sup>th</sup> and need your help. There are a variety of ways in which you can support this heartwarming event. To sign-up to help with food, lifts to and from Boxgrove or to help at the event, please [click here](#). If you have a senior neighbour or family member who would enjoy an afternoon tea, whilst being entertained by some of our pupils, please let us know by [clicking here](#). Alternatively, invites can be collected from the School Office. Please remind your guest(s) to let us know they are coming to help us plan our catering, as well as letting us know if they need transport. We thank you in advance for your support in bringing a little bit of festive cheer to senior members of our community.

**TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION** - Thank you to everyone who has entered this competition to date. Just a reminder that designs can be created in pencil, felt tip, paint, photographs, or mixed media. The deadline date for entries is **Friday, 21 November 2025**. Please leave all entries with the School Office.

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

**YEAR 1** - As part of their history topic (Toys from the Past) Year 1 welcomed a curator from Chertsey Museum this week who shared toys from the Victorian era. A particular favourite for the children were the 'pecking chickens' - no batteries were required here! Friday saw the children bring their own favourite toys from home to school to share with their peers and to compare how toys have evolved through the ages. Why not discuss your favourite childhood toy with your child at home.

**YEAR 3** - We found out that we have many budding poets in Year 3 this week. The children have been creating poems based on the current season autumn and staff have been extremely impressed by their work. The children used figurative language when composing their finished articles and staff are now looking forward to seeing how they further expand their knowledge and vocabulary over the coming weeks when they move onto winter poems.

**YEAR 5** - Year 5 have been solving problems involving equivalent fractions! The children spent time using not only 1 but 2 ways in which to work out their fractions. Please ask your child which way they found the easiest. They also quickly found out that having a sound knowledge of their times tables helped immensely. They can further enhance their skills by regularly using [TT Rockstars](#) which they are able to log into at home as well as school.



**Boxgrove Primary School**

The children and staff invite you to join them at their annual  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA PARTY**

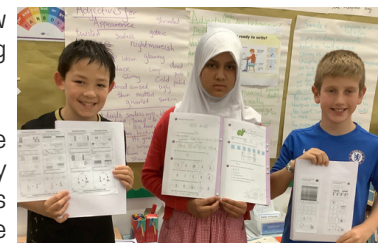
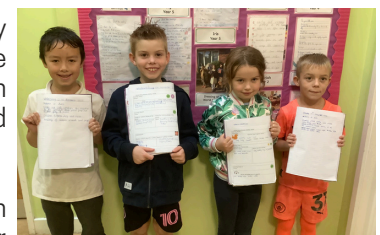
**12 DECEMBER 2025 1:30PM - 2:45PM**

We look forward to sharing an afternoon full of fun to get everyone in the spirit for Christmas. Our afternoon party promises festive decorations, delicious treats, and holiday spirit.

Transport can be arranged if required. Simply let us know when replying.

RSVP: (01483) 563701  
or email  
office@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk  
or scan the QR code

Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD



### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

Last weekend saw Archie and Emily, Year 3 represent their beavers colonies at Remembrance Sunday. They were both extremely proud to have been asked to represent 1<sup>st</sup> Merrow Beavers. We think they look extremely smart in their uniforms. What an honour Archie and Emily.



Huge congratulations to Nada, Year 6 who recently took her Grade 1 Piano exam and passed. Nada very much enjoys playing the piano. Keep up the good work Nada.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Monday</b>	Y6 Bikeability
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y4 Strings Y6 Bikeability Y6 George Abbot music trip
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cafe B and Uniform Shop Y6 Bikeability 3H class assembly 9:00am
<b>Thursday</b>	Y2 Great Fire of London Y6 Bikeability
<b>Friday</b>	Y6 Bikeability Mufti day - bottle or chocolates for the tombola NO UNIFORM SHOP



# \*\*\*PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS\*\*\*

Voting is **NOW OPEN** and can be either online following the link below, or via the School Office. Please vote for 2 candidates. Ways in which you can vote:

- Via Google Forms. Please [click here](#) to complete your vote online
- On iPads at the start and end of the day (iPads will be located outside the entrance to the School Office)
- Paper votes can be submitted at the School Office, if you prefer. These will be available from 8:00am – 3:30pm daily.
- Voting will close at 3:30pm on **Thursday, 20 November 2025**.

## BPTA ELVES ARE ALREADY GETTING READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR...

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who supported the BPTA's mufti day on Friday and shared a 'Merry Mug'. There are some real treats in store for next Saturday. Don't forget to visit the Merry Mug stall to see what you find inside yours thanks to our wonderful elves who spent the morning sorting them out ready for the Fair.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Michelle, mum to James, Year 1 who has worked tirelessly this week to ensure your Christmas Card and purchases made their way home to you all. Michelle has been in school almost every day! Thank you Michelle.



## COMMUNITY

**BOXGROVE PRAYER GROUP** - Boxgrove Prayer group will next meet at **1:45pm on Monday, 1 December 2025** at 37 Boxgrove Lane. All are welcome.

**NATIVITY FESTIVAL, ST JOHNS MERROW** - This year St Johns are hosting their first Nativity Festival from 12 - 14 December 2025. To find out more, please [click here](#).



**FREE FAMILY LEARNING ONLINE COURSES** Have a look at [Surrey Adult Learning](#) for some amazing, FREE, online courses that can benefit you and your child(ren).



They include:

- Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience
- Build Emotional Resilience with Storybooks: A Parent Workshop
- Help your Child to Develop Positive Bedtime Routines Workshop
- Building your Child's Resilience Workshop
- Developing Early Communication Through Song, Play and Stories



**FAMILY MATTERS** Please take a moment and have a read of the latest [Family Matters](#) newsletter. You'll find lots of information, advice and events aimed at family life in the local areas.



**The Festive Spirit is in the Air at Boxgrove!** - With the Christmas Fair just around the corner, preparations are in full swing and excitement is building! There'll be games, crafts, delicious treats, and of course, a visit from Father Christmas in his grotto (you may even spot his reindeer!). It's always a joy to see our school community come together to celebrate, support, and share in the fun — and we can't wait to see everyone there!

**Tombola Donations - Friday, 21 November 2025 - (Mufti Day)** - Our final mufti day before the Fair will be on **Friday, 21 November 2025**. Children can wear mufti in exchange for bringing in a box of chocolates or a bottle (wine, soft drinks, or similar) for the Tombola.



**Boxgrove Christmas Fair - Saturday, 22 November 2025, 1:00pm - 4:00pm** - The Boxgrove Christmas Fair is just over a week away, and we can't wait to welcome you for an afternoon full of festive fun. As with all PTA events, we rely on the amazing support of our parent community. If you can spare a little time to help bring the Fair to life, we'd love your support! We're looking for volunteers to help with setup and those all-important finishing touches that make the day feel extra special. Every bit of help makes a real difference. These events simply wouldn't be possible — or raise the valuable funds they do for our school — without your continued support. If you can lend a hand, please email [boxgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:boxgrovepta@gmail.com) or speak to your class rep — we'd be so grateful for your help in making the day truly magical!

**Cake Donations** - We'd be so grateful for donations of cakes, cupcakes, and bakes on the day of the Fair to stock our popular refreshment stall. Homemade or shop-bought — all are welcome! Please ensure all donations are nut-free. Cakes can be brought to the school hall on the morning of the Fair. Thank you for helping us make the event extra sweet!

#### **CHRISTMAS FAIR PRIZE DRAW (ONLINE RAFFLE) 2025.**

Our Christmas Fair Prize Draw is now live on PTA Events! Enter here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta)  
We've got some fantastic prizes donated by local businesses, including:

- 1st Prize – £200 cash
- 2nd Prize – £100 cash
- 3rd Prize – £50 cash

...and many more exciting prizes!

Don't miss your chance to enter — every ticket sold helps raise funds for Boxgrove!



**Christmas Hamper Auction - Live until 23rd November 2025!** - With all of your fabulous donations we have been able to create 19 fabulous hampers for all tastes! These are now being auctioned until **23 November 2025 at 8:00pm**

Place a bid for a hamper here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta)

**Other Donations** - We would also be grateful for donations of unwanted gifts, cuddly toys, toys, books, and games.

Please drop items into the donation box outside the main office any time before the Fair. Your generosity is hugely appreciated and helps make our Christmas Fair a wonderful event for the whole Boxgrove community.

**Next PTA Meeting - Tuesday, 27 January 2026 at 7:30pm via Zoom** - Why not join us from the comfort of your own home? Everyone is welcome, and it's a great chance to share your ideas and meet other parents. More details to follow.

#### **Ongoing Ways to Support the PTA**

There are lots of easy ways to help raise funds for Boxgrove all year round:

- [Clothes, shoes, soft toy & bed linen recycling](#) – donate items to the collection bin, and Astra Recycling pays us per kilogram.
- [Easyfundraising](#) – Support Boxgrove PTA every time you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will donate to the PTA at no extra cost to you. Just search Boxgrove PTA on the Easyfundraising app or website to get started.
- [Match funding](#) – check if your employer can double your fundraising efforts.
- [MyNameTags](#) – order with code 29678 to support the PTA.
- [Stikins name labels](#) – order using code 2458 and part of your purchase comes to us.
- [Your School Lottery](#) – tickets cost £1/week, with a guaranteed Boxgrove winner every week.

Find out more: [Fundraising Initiatives - Boxgrove PTA](#)



**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.

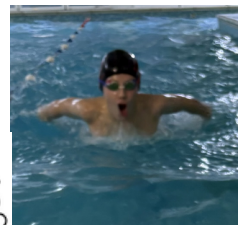
<b>Reception</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 1</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 2</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 3</b>	Our plans for the week - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>Year 4</b>	Our plans for the week - <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>THREADWORMS</b> There are a few cases of threadworm in KS2. For more information on how to stop the spread, please look at the <a href="#">NHS page</a></p> <p><b>MCAS APP</b> Please make sure you have the most recent update of MCAS as this will solve any minor glitches you may be having. Also, please have a look at your MCAS account(s) to check that you have a doctor surgery attached. You can now add this information yourself, under data collection form area. Here you will also be able to amend your home address and telephone numbers.</p>

## TEAM BOXGROVE

**SWIMMING NEWS** On Monday 10 November a team of Yr3 and 5 children visited Ripley Court for their first gala of the academic year. Our captains George A and Matilda K led the way with 1st and 2nd in the butterfly and many 1st place finishes followed. In swim squad the children have been working hard on their relay takeovers and they all rose to the challenge in competition, well done! A special congratulations to all the Yr3s and some of the Yr5 children in their first ever gala, to all those who dived when they were a little bit worried, and to all those who helped others who were feeling a bit nervous. Team Boxgrove secured the win by 14 points. Well done, swimmers!

We have also included a picture of our Yr5 relay squad who competed in the Biathlon on October 5.

**Yr5&6 MINIBRIDGE** Thirteen members of our bridge club took the opportunity to take part in a minibridge competition at Tormead last Friday afternoon. For the majority of children this was their first bridge competition having joined the club in September. Mr Hunt was very impressed by all the children who showed great minibridge skills and excellent concentration throughout the afternoon. Huge congratulations go to all our players. Even though it was a Lancing Prep pair that claimed victory, we are very proud that two Boxgrove teams claimed joint 3rd place. Congratulations to Teetat S & David C and James P, Miles S & Olivia P on your fantastic achievement. Many thanks to Mr Hunt for supporting the children and Douglas Wright (3 Counties Bridge) for organising and directing the competition. New members are always welcome at bridge club, sign up on MCAS if you would like to join in.



**Yr6 GUILDFORD SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT** Battling a wet Friday afternoon our Yr6 football team attended George Abbot School for the Guildford Schools Football Tournament. In soaking conditions the boys played well only conceding one goal in the group stages. Mr Agombar and Mr Hughes were pleased to see a number of different members of the team scoring in short, 7-a-side matches. Finishing 2nd in our group placed us in the 3rd/4th play off which ended as a draw seeing Boxgrove finish 4th due to goal difference!



# 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	
17 November	Y6 Bikeability all week
18 November	Y6 Scots Guards at George Abbot
<b>19 November</b>	<b>3H Class assembly 9am</b>
20 November	Y2 Great Fire of London experience
21 November	Mufti in exchange for a bottle or box of chocolates
22 November	BPTA Christmas Fair 1-4pm
24 November	Rocksteady Concert Yr3&4 - invitation only
24 November	Deadline to order Christmas lunch via iPay
26 November	Rocksteady Concert KS1 - invitation only
28 November	Rocksteady Concert Yr5&6 - invitation only
1 December	Y1 Christmas performance 2pm
2 December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
3 December	Y1 Christmas performance 9.15am
3 December	Christmas lunch for all school
4 December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am
4 December	Y2 Christmas performance 2pm
5 December	Y2 Christmas performance 9.15am
9 December	Y4 Strings concert 2pm
10 December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Stoke - Hamilton and Earps
11 December	KS2 Carol Concert at St John's Stoke - Storey and Murray



<b>19 December</b>	<b>School closes at 1.10pm for the Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>22 Dec - 2 Jan 2026</b>	<b>Christmas holidays</b>
<b>5 January</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
<b>14 January</b>	<b>6H Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>21 January</b>	<b>5W Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>22 January</b>	<b>2SC Class assembly 2.20pm</b>
<b>27 January</b>	<b>BPTA meeting 7.30pm via Zoom</b>
<b>28 January</b>	<b>Inset day</b>
<b>16-20 February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>29 January</b>	<b>2GG Class assembly 2.20pm</b>
<b>4 February</b>	<b>5E Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>5 February</b>	<b>4CH Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>11 February</b>	<b>6W Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>23 February</b>	<b>School reopens for pupils</b>
<b>25 February</b>	<b>Parent pop-in 3.30-4pm</b>
<b>26 February</b>	<b>1B Class assembly 2.15pm</b>
<b>4 March</b>	<b>Parent consultations</b>
<b>5 March</b>	<b>Parent consultations</b>
<b>11 March</b>	<b>5CB Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>19 March</b>	<b>4A Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>27 March</b>	<b>School closes at 1.10pm for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>30 March - 10 April</b>	<b>Easter holiday</b>



<b>13 April</b>	<b>School reopens for children</b>
<b>22 April</b>	<b>3L Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>13 April</b>	<b>School reopens for children</b>
<b>30 April</b>	<b>1LP Class assembly 1.15pm</b>
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>6-8 May</b>	<b>Y4 Henley Fort residential</b>
<b>25-19 May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>4 June</b>	<b>4F Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>10 June</b>	<b>3P Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>8-12 June</b>	<b>Y5 Ironbridge residential</b>
<b>17 June</b>	<b>6B Class assembly 9am</b>
<b>18 June</b>	<b>2W Class assembly 2.20pm</b>
<b>25 June</b>	<b>1A Class assembly 2.15pm</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 1.10pm for Summer Holidays</b>