

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Staff are very much looking forward to catching up with Parents/Carers at Parents' Consultation on 11 and 12 November 2025, as well as sharing the many exciting events we have coming up. Please check our 'Dates for your Diary' below so as not to miss out. Just a reminder, due to Parents' Consultations there will be **NO TEACHER RUN CLUBS NEXT WEEK**. Grovers will, of course, remain open.

HERITAGE SCHOOLS AWARD - We are delighted to share some exciting news with you all. On Friday we welcomed Heidi from Historic England. Heidi presented Mrs Hind, Mr Hunt (our history leads) and some of our pupils with a special Heritage Schools award. We received this award for our excellence in local history and cultural teaching. At Boxgrove children are inspired every day by the broad, exciting and informative curriculum taught by staff.

TRUST CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION - The countdown to Christmas has officially begun - it is therefore time for Boxgrove pupils to enter our Trust Christmas Card competition. 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**. Our CEO, Jack Mayhew and his team will then decide on the winning designs for Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. These designs will then be transformed into an official Learning Partners Academy Trust Christmas card. Winners will also receive a prize. Happy crafting!

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

YEAR R - This week the children have enjoyed learning all about Guy Fawkes and how he is linked to 5 November. Reception have also started 'Drawing Club' (a writing lesson that encourages children to use their imagination). Their focus book was Superworm and the children thoroughly enjoyed writing and 'drawing codes' to share their stories.

YEAR 2 - The children have been busy immersing themselves in the book Vlad and The Great Fire of London and are currently making a story map to take them on a journey into what it would have been like to have lived during the Great Fire of London. This story also links with their History topic and everyone is looking forward to their workshop day in a couple of weeks time.

YEAR 4 - Who knew that maths could be so much fun! Instead of being in the classroom this week, Year 4 took their learning outdoors. The children have been learning all about 'area' and spent time drawing shapes on the playground to calculate how much space they were taking up. They are also really enjoying their class reader 'Song of the Dolphin Boy'.

YEAR 6 - Using Roald Dahl's story 'Boy' the children collected lots of excellent vocabulary to make their writing fizz with energy and make their characters leap out of their story books! During PE they have also begun their rugby unit and are enjoying learning how to pass the ball and play as a team.



SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

Congratulations to Sally Werry's pupils, all of whom gained a Merit in their ABRSM Piano exams at the end of the Summer term:
Grade 1: Alana H Y4, Emilia K Y5
Grade 2: Sophie H Y6, Curtis N Y6, Arthur D Y6
Grade 3: Katie H Y6.

Huge congratulations to Lydia, Year 4 who is a published author! Lydia entered a writing competition in the summer and we are delighted to share that her entry was included in a published book of stories which can be purchased by the general public. We can't wait to read it Lydia!



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Odd Socks Day Y6 Bikeability Y1 Museum experience No teacher run clubs all week
Tuesday	Y4 Strings Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday	Cafe B and Uniform Shop Y6 Bikeability
Thursday	Y6 Bikeability
Friday	Y6 Bikeability Uniform Shop

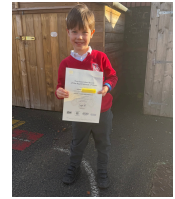


SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

Last Sunday saw a group of our Year 2 pupils represent their club, Old Guildfordians at a rugby festival in Farnham. Annabelle, Finn, Harvey, Jack, Joe and Shreeya thoroughly enjoyed the festival and had great fun using their skills of 'tagging and try scoring'. They were also very proud to receive their medals, which some of them took great pride in sharing with their peers.



Congratulations to Henry, Year 1 who was recently awarded a Grade 1 certificate for his piano performance. Henry passed with Distinction and is extremely proud of his achievement. Well done Henry. We look forward to hearing all about how you get on over the coming years.



ODD SOCKS DAY

As part of Anti-Bullying week on **Monday, 10 November 2025**, children are invited to come into school wearing odd socks, to raise awareness for Anti Bullying Week. Of course, if your child does not want to wear odd socks, that is absolutely fine! For more information on the campaign, please click [here](#).



COMMUNITY

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



IS YOUR CHILD STRUGGLING TO COME TO SCHOOL? The Family Centre is running a course for families to come along with or without their child to discuss and provide support. The course starts on Tuesday 4 November and runs for four weeks until Tuesday 25. It doesn't matter if you can come to one, or all sessions. If you need support, please have a look for further information [here](#).



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 Countdown to Christmas at Boxgrove Has Begun!

The festive season is fast approaching, and preparations are in full swing for our much-loved Boxgrove Christmas Fair. It's one of the highlights of the school calendar — bringing together families, friends, and our wider community for a magical afternoon of fun, food, and festive cheer.

Boxgrove Christmas Fair – Saturday, 22 November 2025, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

The Boxgrove Christmas Fair is only a few weeks away, and we can't wait to see many of you there as we come together to celebrate the festive season! As with all PTA events, we rely heavily on our wonderful parent community. Please consider signing up to help on your class stall — even an hour of your time makes a huge difference. These events simply wouldn't be possible, nor raise the valuable funds they do for our school, without your support. There'll be plenty of festive fun on the day, including games, crafts, delicious treats, and of course, a visit from Father Christmas in his grotto!

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

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!

**Merry Mugs – Friday, 14 November 2025 - (Mufti Day)**

Next Friday sees the return of Boxgrove Merry Mugs! Children are invited to wear mufti in exchange for bringing in a Merry Mug — a festive mug filled with wrapped sweets, small toys, or treats (see photo for inspiration). Please bring your mug to school on the 14th and drop it off at the main school gate, where the Christmas Fair team will be waiting to collect them. Thank you for helping us make this one of our most popular stalls!

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.

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](#)

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YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

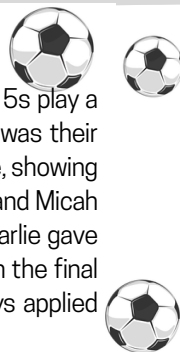
Below you will find all the latest events, information and letters from each year group for this week:

- 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>SAFEGUARDING As mentioned in a previous newsletter, please can we ask all parents and carers to leave the school site at the end of the day as gates are locked at 3.30pm. If your child is in a club, please can you return to collect them and not wait on site. We appreciate your support with this. In the morning, gates are locked at 8.50. Registration is 8.45.</p> <p>TERM DATES UNTIL SUMMER 2027 Please have a look at our website here for term dates for the next academic year.</p>

TEAM BOXGROVE

YEAR 5 BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH V ST THOMAS' Tuesday saw some of our Yr 5s play a football fixture at home, against St Thomas'. For the majority of the team this was their first opportunity to represent Boxgrove. The boys played with a fantastic attitude, showing great teamwork and skill! Yousof made some excellent saves in goal, James B and Micah created a lot of chances and we hit the post a number of times. Ethan and Charlie gave their all and it was wonderful to see the boys working with each other. Although the final result was a loss, Mr Agombar and Mr Hughes were very proud of how the boys applied themselves, especially given it was their first ever match together as a team!



SWIMMING NEWS Last half term we told you about a schools biathlon qualifier event some of our children took part in on 5 October. We are pleased to be able to tell you about the fantastic results that have now been published.

Our individual medalists were Sacha H and Seb R placing 1st, Matilda K 2nd and Toby B, Ella G and Cara J all 3rd place in their year groups.

Team Boxgrove also had success in the team events with Yr3 boys and girls and Yr4 boys coming 1st, Yr4 girls, Yr5 and Yr6 boys 2nd, Yr5 girls 3rd and Yr6 girls 4th.

At the end of the year all the results from qualifier events across the country will be collated into a national rankings list, from this the national finalists will be named. We are so proud of all the children who took part. Well done!



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	
10 November	Odd Socks Day
10 November	Y1 Chertsey Museum experience
10 November	Y6 Bikeability all week
11 November	Parent consultations 3.30-5pm
12 November	Parent consultations 3.30-7pm
12 November	Open morning for pupils starting Reception 2026
14 November	Mufti in exchange for a Merry Mug
17 November	Y6 Bikeability all week
18 November	Y6 Scots Guards at George Abbot
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 - 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
27 January	BPTA meeting 7.30pm via Zoom
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	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