

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

Wednesday and Thursday saw Key Stage 2 staff and children come together, alongside parents and carers for our annual Carol Services at St John's Stoke Church. A huge thank you to Rev Woodward for leading both services and to Mrs Wright for ensuring that the children came prepared with many carols and performances to bring Christmas cheer to all. We would also like to thank those parents/carers who helped with walking the children back to school following the services.



**COMMUNITY TEA PARTY** - What a special afternoon we had on Friday as we welcomed senior guests from our community. Thank you to everyone who provided food and drink for us to transform into a scrumptious afternoon tea, which our guests enjoyed immensely. Special thanks to Mrs Wright for entertaining our guests, Amreen, Becky, Chantelle, Chris, Gemma, Michelle, Nicci, Nicole, and Rosy who, along with our Year 6 helpers, made sure our guests received first class service. Huge thanks goes to Mrs Sharp for organising such a wonderful afternoon celebration.



**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** - On **Friday, 19 December 2025** we invite all Boxgrove families to join staff for our annual Carols on the Green (outside the Kent Hall) from **8:25am**. Classrooms will therefore not be open until 8:45am. We look forward to sharing some festive songs with you all.



As this will be our last newsletter of the Autumn term we wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our families for the support you have shown over this past term. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone every happiness over the festive season and remind you that school closes at **1:10pm on Friday, 19 December 2025** (unless attending Grovers) and will re-open for all children on **Monday, 5 January 2026**.



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

**YEAR 1** - Year 1 have been busy creating their own rain gauges and with the weather we have been having recently they have certainly been put to the test! Using a plastic bottle they created a funnel to collect rain in the allotment and then used rulers and their mathematical skills to calculate how much rain had fallen.



**YEAR 3** - This week the children have been coding during computing. They had great fun creating mazes with 'conditional events'. Please ask your child what they chose as their conditions and how they designed their maze.



**YEAR 6** - On Friday Year 6 finally got to share their fantastic Christmas stories for under 5's with our Reception children. The look of pure joy on their faces reflected how proud they were of their finished work and some of the Reception children even thought their stories should be published. Who knows, one day perhaps one of them will be a published author!

### SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

Huge congratulations to Jack P, Year 3 who last weekend ran his 100th Junior Park Run. What an amazing achievement Jack. We hear that's over 200km of running at Park Run alone.



Last weekend saw Oliver S, William K, Toby B and Orson McC, all Year 4, represent their team Surrey Nomads in Manchester. The boys were playing against Manchester City's academy team at the Etihad Training Academy and came away with a win! We hear there were some great goals scored.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

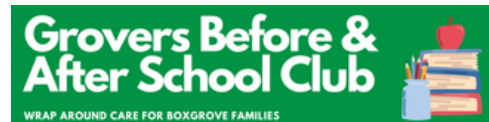
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sally Werry Piano Concert
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cafe B and Uniform Shop
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Carols on the Green 8.30am SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1.10PM Grovers (booking only) 1.10pm - 4pm



## GROVERS

**FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025, 1:10pm - 4:00pm - OPEN TO ALL BOXGROVE PUPILS**

This session is open to **ALL BOXGROVE CHILDREN**, not just those who already attend Grovers.



If you would like to take advantage of this session (priced at £14.35), places can be booked via your MCAS account. Please click on the 'Grovers, 19 December 2025' tab. All children must be collected by 4:00pm.

If you have any questions, please email [grovers@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:grovers@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk)

## CLUBS

There will be a new club timetable released next week for the Spring Term. Please keep an eye on your MCAS messages for this.

**Sign-up will be on MCAS from 6:00pm on Tuesday, 6 January 2026 and will close at mid-day on Friday, 9 January 2026.**

As ever, we are sure you will join with us in thanking our Classteachers and Teaching Assistants who give so freely of their time to run clubs during their lunchbreaks and after school!

## VOTE FOR LOTTIE...

If you head to St John's Church, Merrow this weekend to see their Lego Festival, please vote for Lottie's, (Y3) nativity scene (picture to the right) as she has entered their competition. The Festival opens on Friday, 12 December 2025 and the winner will be announced at their Carol Concert on Sunday.



Fingers crossed Lottie. We think it is truly amazing!

## COMMUNITY

**ST JOHN'S STOKE COMMUNITY SUPPORT MEAL DISTRIBUTION** On Friday 2 January 2026 between 10am and 2pm, St John's is delivering high quality frozen meals to families in need. If you feel you need this support, please complete the [Google form](#) including the number of adults and children in your family, any dietary requirements or allergies and your contact details, phone and email. Each member of the family will be given two frozen meals per person.

Any questions please email Mrs Woodward on [hslw2@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw2@boxgrove.surrey.sch.uk).

**FAMILY MATTERS** Christmas can be an exciting time, but we know it can also bring challenges for some families. In the latest edition of Family Matters, there is a range of services that can offer support. You'll also find helpful information on school admissions and details of local activities and events. For more, click [here](#).

**LA JOLIE RONDE** Booking has opened for French club next term, starting the week commencing January 5. The club follows the La Jolie Ronde programme.

Years 2, 4 and 6 on Monday lunchtimes

Years 1, 3 and 5 on Wednesday lunchtimes

Please contact Ruth on [r\\_rayment@yahoo.com](mailto:r_rayment@yahoo.com) for more information or click [here](#) for the website.



### GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

GHC are open for bookings for their spring term afterschool club here at Boxgrove on Monday afternoons. For more information click [here](#)





## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PTA COMMITTEE

As we reach the end of another busy and joyful term at Boxgrove, the PTA Committee would like to wish every child, parent, carer, teacher and member of staff a very Merry Christmas and a happy, restful holiday season.

This term has been full of wonderful moments of community spirit, from the Fun Run to the Christmas Fair. Thank you for the time, enthusiasm and generosity you have shared along the way. Every raffle ticket bought, cake baked, stall supported or idea offered has made a real difference to our school. We are so grateful for everything you do to support the PTA and the children of Boxgrove.

We hope you all enjoy a peaceful break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Looking Ahead to January: School Discos!

Get ready to start the new year with a sparkle. The Boxgrove School Discos are back on Tuesday, 20 January 2026 (Years R - 4) and Wednesday 21 January 2026 (Years 5 and 6) and they are the perfect way to shake off the winter blues.

Children can look forward to music, dancing, lights and laughter as they reconnect with friends after the Christmas break. It is always one of the most talked-about events of the year, and we cannot wait to see the dance floor come alive again.

We also know that not every child enjoys the noise and excitement of a busy disco, so there will be quiet zones available for anyone who needs a calmer space to take a break or recharge before heading back in to join the fun.

Full details, including timings and ticket information, can be found here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta). Tickets usually sell quickly, so we encourage families to book early to avoid missing out.

We hope to see many happy faces ready to dance their way into 2026.

## ONGOING WAYS TO SUPPORT THE BPTA

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](#)

## HERE ARE THE KEY BPTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS SCHOOL YEAR — MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW CLOSER TO EACH EVENT!

- 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



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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>SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA</b> If your child has had sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea they must remain off of school for 48 hours after the last bout. This is in line with <a href="#">NHS</a> guidelines to help stop the spread of these illnesses. Can you let the office know via MCAS <b>each day</b> your child is off sick, and also via MCAS for future appointments, medical, school visits etc.</p> <p><b>END OF THE SCHOOL DAY</b> Please can we remind all parents and carers that you must leave the school site at the end of the day so that we can lock the gates promptly at 3.30pm to enable clubs and Grovers to have full access to the playgrounds.</p>

## SPORTS NEWS

**SANTA SPLASH** On Friday 5 December a team of 16 girls went to GHS for their annual Santa Splash gala. The event started with a Christmas parade where our fantastic reindeer Eliza got a special prize for her costume. The girls then competed against eight other schools in the pool. Boxgrove had some brilliant swims and lots of girls placed in the top three of their event. Well done to Amalia, Lyra and Matilda who all finished 2nd in their events as well as Agnes, Juliette and Isabel who took 3rd place finishes. Mrs Gurney would like to give an extra special well done to Juliette who stepped up to do the Y4 butterfly event, 25m of butterfly is a long way, we are very proud of you! Swims from Ella, Eliza, Freya B, Freya H, Jess, Cara, Belle, Irini, Jennifer and Zoe all added to the scores with their individual swims as well as the relay results. Out of nine schools Boxgrove came 3rd overall, a fantastic finish to this calendar year of swimming! A big thank you to Mrs Keating for accompanying the girls and also to all the parents of swim squad children for enabling them to represent the school at galas. We hope you have a lovely Christmas!



**Y5 BOYS FOOTBALL V ST JOSEPH'S** Our Y5 Boys had a great opportunity to play a full match versus St Joseph's under floodlights on Tuesday after school. Coping brilliantly with the December wind and rain both teams started brightly. Playing 12 minute quarters the boys showed good concentration with goals going in at both ends in a tight match. Drawing 3 - 3 at half time the game was still up for grabs. At 4 - 4 the team fought bravely looking for a winner, but in the final minutes an unfortunate Boxgrove own goal gave St Joseph's the win 5 - 4. Although the result was tough to take, the performance was full of courage and developing teamwork. William K's hat-trick was a standout achievement, and every member of the team contributed to a memorable match. Great effort boys!



# 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	
16 December	Sally Werry Piano concert 9am
19 December	School closes at 1.10pm for the Christmas Holidays
22 Dec - 2 Jan	Christmas holidays
5 January	School re-opens for all pupils
14 January	6H Class assembly 9am
<b>20 January</b>	<b>YR-4 BPTA discos</b>
<b>21 January</b>	<b>Y5-6 BPTA discos</b>
21 January	5W Class assembly 9am
22 January	2SC Class assembly 2.20pm
27 January	BPTA meeting 7.30pm via Zoom
28 January	Inset day
16-20 February	Half term
29 January	2GG Class assembly 2.20pm
4 February	5E Class assembly 9am
5 February	4CH Class assembly 9am
<b>7 February</b>	<b>BPTA Painting and Prosecco</b>
11 February	6W Class assembly 9am
<b>12 February</b>	<b>BPTA Sponsored pancake flip</b>
16-20 February	Half term
23 February	School reopens for pupils



<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>21 March</b>	<b>BPTA Parent and Carer Quiz Night</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>30 April</b>	<b>1LP Class assembly 1:15pm</b>
<b>13 April</b>	<b>School reopens for children</b>
<b>22 April</b>	<b>3L Class assembly 9am</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>25-29 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>13 June</b>	<b>BPTA Summer Fair</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>3 July</b>	<b>BPTA Summer Barbeque</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>

