

A MESSAGE FROM MRS FITCH AND MRS STACEY

CHANGES TO ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL SITE FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS/PUPILS - Following a review of our school site safeguarding procedures the following changes will be made with effect from **Monday, 23 February 2026**. From this date access to school will be via the following gates - see map below for further clarification:

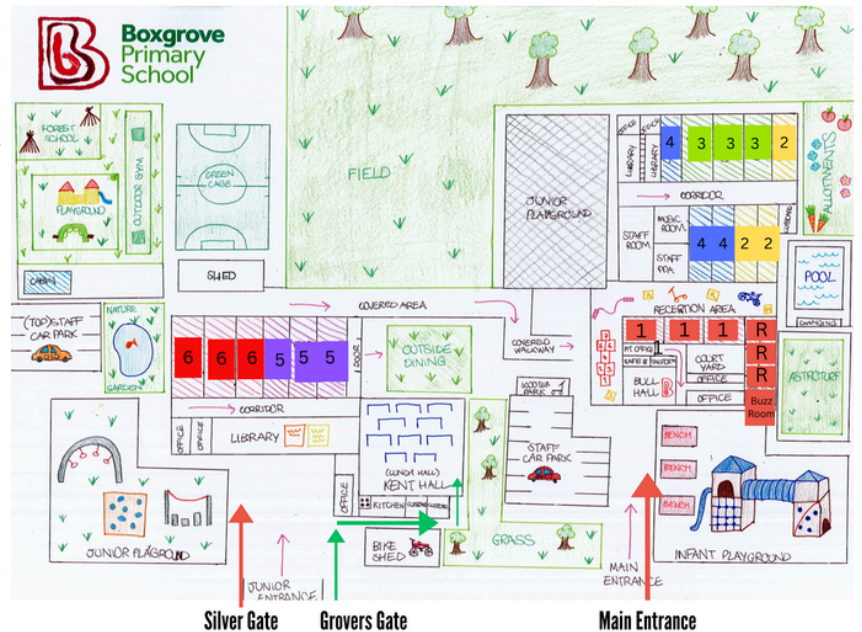
MORNING DROP OFF

- 7:30am - 8:30am a '**dedicated Grovers' gate**' leading directly into the Kent Hall will be used for Grovers Breakfast Club drop-off only
- 7:45am - Main entrance pedestrian gate will open for those children attending before school clubs in the Bull Hall on a Thursday and Friday
- 8:30am - Pupils, parents and carers will be able to access the school site via the main entrance pedestrian gate or the silver gate to make their way to classes ready for registration at 8:45am. Those arriving after 8:50am should enter school via the main gate and report to the School Office to register.

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

- 3:05pm - Both the main entrance and silver gates will be opened for parents/carers to make their way to their child/ren's classes
- 3:30pm - All parents/carers and children not attending Grovers, or an After School Club, must leave the school site. The silver gate and internal gates will be locked. **Please note, we are unable to accommodate parents/siblings staying on site whilst after school clubs are operating.**
- Pick-up from After School Clubs (other than Grovers) - The adults running after school clubs will bring the children to be collected from outside the Bull Hall. The gate at the end of the Bull Hall will be locked from 3:30pm.
- Grovers pick-up - Children in Reception or Infant Grovers should be collected from the Bull Hall, or the Buzz Room, via the main entrance Monday - Thursday as per current arrangements. Children in Junior Grovers and those attending Grovers on a **Friday**, must be collected from the new '**dedicated Grovers' gate**'.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all our children safe.

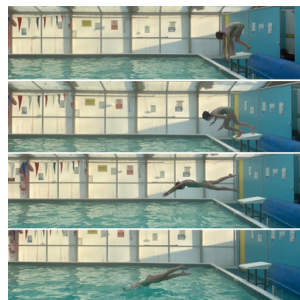


SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...

SWIM SQUAD Swim squad have been busy practising with our new diving block over the past two weeks. Years 3 and 4 started with push and glides, sitting dives and then progressed to using the block. Years 5 and 6 were working on racing dives from the block ensuring they were streamlined. Everyone really impressed us with their progress especially in Year 3 where some hadn't dived before.

Our star divers for each year group are

- Year 3 - Freya B and Leo P
- Year 4 - Juliette N and Ben H
- Year 5 - Matilda K and Seb R
- Year 6 - Isabel W and Nicholas B



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	
Tuesday	Y4 Strings
Wednesday	Cafe B and Uniform Shop 6W class assembly 9am Parent consultation booking open midday
Thursday	BPTA sponsored pancake flip
Friday	Uniform Shop



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK...

YEAR R - As part of National Handwriting Day Reception decided to host a 'pencil party'. There was great excitement as the children headed to the Bull Hall to take part in this activity. Classteachers had laid out an enormous 'writing river' and encouraged the children to find a place along its banks. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to work collaboratively as a whole year group. It truly was a sight to behold and the chatter amongst the children and seeing their creativity was extremely uplifting.

YEAR 2 - As part of their learning about Brazil the children welcomed Nick, The Bug Man to witness first hand some of the animals they might see in the country. For the brave, there was the opportunity to hold a millipede, stick insect, giant snail and even a cockroach(!). Both children and staff were in awe of the tarantulas and deadly centipede, which only Nick, The Bug Man handled, but he did bring all 3 animals to life using a visualiser so everyone could see more detailed features. Friday also saw Year 2 create their wraps of choice. The children have been planning these healthy wraps during DT over the past few weeks using their chopping, grating and cutting skills, as well as trying to fold their wraps to keep all the food inside!

YEAR 4 - For children in 4A and 4F this was the week all their planning and prepping came to fruition (4CH have this to look forward to early next week). It was finally time to create their soups of choice. On the menu was Carrot and Coriander, Chunky Vegetable as well as Minestrone. The children once again had the opportunity to use their 'claw and bridge' cutting skills as they prepared the ingredients for their soups. Surprisingly it was the Chunky Vegetable soup which proved most popular! If you would like the recipe, please ask your child's classteacher - what a super way of getting your '5 a day'!!

YEAR 6 - This week the children immersed themselves in the world of World War II evacuees. They not only took part in an escape room coding mission, they also danced the jitterbug, cooked ration-style carrot biscuits, designed propaganda posters and sketched soldiers - as well as being 'evacuated' to new classes, in a Second World War role play. They even had to duck for cover under their desks when the occasional air raid siren sounded! Not only did they have great fun, they all emerged from the rubble unscathed - what an amazing week of learning.



COMMUNITY

CHANNEL 4'S JUNIOR BAKE OFF - Applications are now open for Channel 4's Junior Bake Off. To find out more or to apply, please visit www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk. The competition is open to all budding bakers between the ages of 9 - 15 years old. Filming will take place from July 2026 but applications close on **Sunday, 15 March 2026**.



SALLY WERRY PIANO AND FLUTE LESSONS - To try five weeks' lessons with Sally, starting after half term, contact her on sallyawerry@gmail.com and she will give you full details.

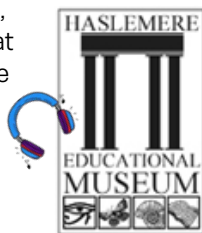


GUILDFORD FAMILY CENTRE - Please click on the link to the right to view Guildford Family Centre's February newsletter. 2026 is going to be another busy year with lots of upcoming events and projects. Please [click here](#) to find out more.



KEYSTONE LAW
Surrey-Based Support Group
The Women's Divorce & Separation Network Coffee Morning
Divorce and separation can be a difficult and isolating time, and finding support, understanding and connection can make all the difference. The Women's Divorce & Separation Network, hosted by family law specialist Rachel Lemon, is a free and welcoming community for women of all ages. Rachel holds coffee mornings where she brings guest experts offering information on different aspects of divorce and separation. All women are welcome to attend, connect with others, share experiences and gain guidance in a supportive space.
09:30 - 11:30
Wednesday 4th March 2026
The Little Boathouse, Southspace, The Boathouse, Guildford, GU1 3XJ
RSVP
Register to attend this event free of charge.

HASLEMERE MUSEUM For lots of fun half term activities, including a Silent Disco and a Lego Drop In, have a look at their website [here](#)



GUILDFORD SEED BANK
Guildford Seed Swap - 1 March from 11-2 at the Trinity Centre, Trinity Churchyard, Guildford. Click [here](#) for more information



10% DISCOUNT!
February Half Term Football Camp
Tillingbourne Junior School
New Road, Chertsey, Guildford, Surrey GU14 6BB
Boxgrove Primary School
Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
£30 per day or £125 for all 5 days
Park Mead Primary School
Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HD
Thursday 19th to Friday 20th February
£30 per day or £55 for both days
Drop off 8:30am - 9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm
https://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/
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SAFER INTERNET DAY - TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

Our children are being exposed to the ever increasing technological world and many of them pick up technology at a faster rate than adults. However, they not only need the knowledge, but also the wisdom of how to behave in the virtual world and at Boxgrove we feel that this is of paramount importance. As part of Safer Internet Day we would like to share some information with parents/carers which are helpful when discussing online safety with children:

[Boxgrove Primary School Online Safety webpage](#) - Here you will find a variety of topics to support parents/carers with the use of apps/games, along with a host of information e.g.:

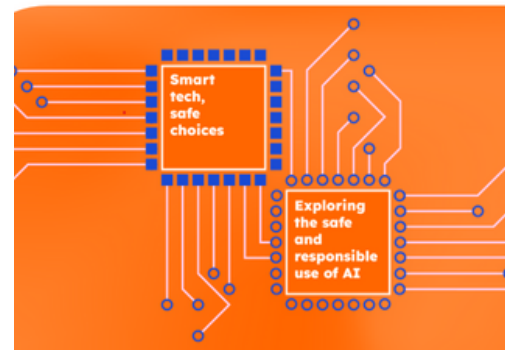
- [Minecraft](#)
- [How to set-up parental controls to limit age-inappropriate content iPhone](#)
- [Roblox](#)
- [Youtube](#)
- [Fortnite](#)
- [Setting up new devices for children](#)
- [How to set-up parental controls for privacy - Android phone](#)
- [Social media and mental health](#)
- [Group Chats](#)
- [Online safety for under 5's](#)
- [How to set-up parental controls for privacy - iPhone](#)
- [WhatsApp](#)

[The UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - The site looks at, among other things:

- Enjoying going online together and talking regularly about your family's online lives
- Understanding where AI technology is being used and the impact it can have
- Recognising what safe and responsible use of technology looks like.

You may remember that we also shared a document last year regarding the use of Emoji's following Netflix's Adolescence series. To view this document, please [click here](#). Unfortunately, the recording of the Zoom, Online Safety Briefing for Parents/Carers is no longer available but we hope you find the emoji information useful.

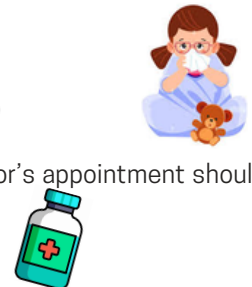
As always, please check your child/ren's phone on a regular basis and monitor what they are accessing.



ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

At this time of year there are lots of sickness bugs and viruses within school, and we would like to ask you all to help stop the spread of these by ensuring your child is kept at home if they are showing signs of illness. Within our school website, you can find a Sickness Policy, but the main things to look out for are:

- An abnormally high temperature (above 37 degrees) in the preceding eight hours
- Diarrhoea the preceding night/day. Children must be clear for 48 hours (in line with NHS guidance)
- Vomiting the preceding night/day. Children must be clear for 48 hours (in line with NHS guidance)
- Copious green nasal discharge, green phlegm, plus coughing, pale, not eating or drinking. A doctor's appointment should be made
- Discharge/pus from eye(s). A doctor's appointment should be made or pharmacist advice sought
- A rash evident on the body. Medical advice should be sought.
- Signs of any communicable disease (e.g. chicken pox, measles, constant runny diarrhoea). Please contact the School Office for information on length of isolation
- If your child is generally unwell (listless, abnormally quiet and inactive, grizzly, not coping well with normal routines etc..), requiring additional care.



Please do not send your child to school **if they have had any form of paracetamol or ibuprofen in the morning**. This masks symptoms but your child is still ill, needs rest, and is spreading their illness to other pupils and staff. Please notify us of illness absence each day via MCAS. We appreciate your understanding with this.



BPTA



PTA MEETING – Wednesday, 11 March 2026 at 9:00am in Café B - Come along, grab a coffee, and join us for a relaxed catch-up as we plan for the rest of the term — including the Summer Fair! Everyone is welcome, and it's a great chance to share your ideas and meet other parents.

Our PTA meetings are a relaxed and informal way to stay connected, hear what's coming up, and share ideas. Whether you are interested in volunteering, helping occasionally, or simply finding out more about what the PTA does, everyone is very welcome to join in.

SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP - Thursday, 12 February 2026 - To sponsor your child, please visit [Boxgrove Parent Teacher Association \(BPTA\)](https://www.boxgrovepta.co.uk) or alternatively, you can fill in the paper form sent home, and return it together with any money in an envelope via the PTA post box in the main School Office. Please don't forget to check your child's school bag for the form.

QUIZ NIGHT - TICKETS ON SALE NOW! - Saturday, 21 March 2026 at 7:30pm. Join us for a super fun, adults-only Quiz Night and enjoy an evening of laughs, teamwork and friendly competition. Gather a team of up to 12 people, choose a team name, and take part in a relaxed quiz with answers submitted on paper. No individual quizzing, no public speaking and no need to be a quiz expert. The bar will be open from 7.30pm to 10pm, and dinner is included. This year's menu features a delicious Chicken Massaman curry and a Thai Green Vegan curry, both gluten free, kindly prepared by one of our talented Year 5 parents. Teams of all sizes are welcome, and wildcard tables are available if you would like to join other parents who are also looking for a team. Tickets and full details are available via: www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta.

FURTHER BPTA EVENT DATES FOR YOU DIARY:

12 February 2026 - Sponsored Pancake Flip

13 June 2026 - Summer Fair

3 July 2026 - Summer Family BBQ



SCHOOL LOTTERY - WIN A LUXURY CITY BREAK! - Anyone else wishing for summer!? In our February Super Draw you could win a Luxury City Break (or £1,000 cash), and start planning that getaway: whether you want to hit the West End for a weekend, see the architecture and nightlife of Barcelona, sample the art and food of Florence, or soak up the culture in Paris, this prize is simply not to be missed! Get your tickets before Saturday 28 February to be in with a chance to win. The draw takes place every Saturday, the winners will be notified via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the £25,000 JACKPOT! [Click here for more information and also the terms & conditions.](#) Tickets cost £1 a week. Please tell your family and friends about our lottery too, anyone can take part. There is a guaranteed winner from the Boxgrove lottery every single week!

Promote Your Business and Support Boxgrove - Did you know local businesses can advertise on our PTA Events website throughout the year? Advertising with the Boxgrove PTA is a great way to promote your business to our school community while directly supporting fundraising for the school. It's a simple and cost-effective way to raise your profile, show support for a local school, and help us continue to fund events, resources and activities that benefit all Boxgrove pupils. If you run a business or know someone who might be interested, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/bpta for more information and to book your advertising space!

We hope that for those of you attending the Paint and Prosecco evening this Saturday (7 February 2026) that you have an evening filled with fun and laughter and come away with some fabulous artwork. We look forward to seeing photos of your finished work. On behalf of everyone we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has made the evening possible. Have fun!



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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>WET WEATHER The children play outside in most weathers and occasionally need a change of clothes. Please can you put a spare set of socks/tights/bottoms in your child's bag (ALL year groups) as we have a very limited supply of spares.</p> <p>SCHOOL PAYMENTS A reminder that we no longer use Scopay, but all payments are via your MCAS account. Please check this for any outstanding payments due.</p> <p>REGISTRATION If you arrive after 8:50am, please sign your child in via the Office, even if the gates to the playground are open. Registration closes at 8:50am.</p>

GROVENTURE

BOOKINGS OPEN! GroVenture Holiday Club bookings are still open, but spaces are filling up fast! If you require childcare for February Half Term, avoid disappointment and book now through your MCAS account.





GROVENTURE
JOIN US AT

Boxgrove Primary School
Boxgrove Lane
Guildford GU1 2TD
(01483) 563701

Dates:
16th February 2026 -
20th February 2026

AGES 4 - 11
(All children must be of
primary school age.)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026

11 February	6W Class assembly 9am
11 February	Parent consultation booking opens at midday
12 February	BPTA Sponsored pancake flip
16-20 February	Half term
23 February	School reopens for pupils
25 February	Parent pop-in 3:30-4pm
26 February	1B Class assembly 2:15pm
27 February	Parent consultation booking closes at midday
2 March	No teacher led clubs this week
3 March	Y1 Brooklands Museum
4 March	Parent consultations 3.30-19.00
5 March	World Book Day (more information to follow)
5 March	Parent consultations 15.30-17.10
11 March	5CB Class assembly 9am
13 March	Yr4 Marwell Zoo
17 March	2GG Guildford Castle
18 March	2W Guildford Castle
19 March	4A Class assembly 9am
19 March	2SC Guildford Castle
21 March	BPTA Parent and Carer Quiz Night
27 March	School closes at 1:10pm for Easter Holidays



30 March - 10 April	Easter holiday
13 April	School reopens for children
20 April	Class photos
22 April	3L Class assembly 9am
30 April	1LP Class assembly 1:15pm
22 April	3L Class assembly 9am
30 April	1LP Class assembly 1.15pm
4 May	Bank Holiday
6-8 May	Y4 Henley Fort residential
25-29 May	Half Term
4 June	4F Class assembly 9am
10 June	3P Class assembly 9am
8-12 June	Y5 Ironbridge residential
13 June	BPTA Summer Fair
15 June	Whole School Photo
17 June	6B Class assembly 9am
18 June	2W Class assembly 2.20pm
25 June	1A Class assembly 2.15pm
29 June	Inset day - School closed for children
3 July	BPTA Summer Barbeque
7-10 July	Y6 Hindleap Warren residential
17 July	School closes 1.10pm for Summer Holidays