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TO: ALL RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 PARENTS / CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: MICHAEL PARKIN AUTHOR VISIT MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026

We are very excited to let you know that we are having a local author visit on Monday 22 June for children in Reception and Year 1. Michael Parkin will be sharing his new book, 'Wrong Time Rooster' with the children in the afternoon.

Michael Parkin grew up in the countryside around Hampshire and Surrey. He graduated from Kingston University with a first-class degree in 2014 and has since been working as a freelance illustrator for clients including; Ladybird Books, The Natural History Museum, The NY Times and Magic Cat. Narrative and humour have always shone through in Michael's work, leading to him getting shortlisted for the AOI Awards multiple times and winning 2nd prize in the Jonathan Cape/Observer/Comica graphic short story prize. 'Wrong Time Rooster' is his first picture book! We expect it to be an exciting talk.

In advance of the visit, you can purchase 'Wrong Time Rooster' from [Waterstones](https://www.waterstones.com), in store or online. If your child brings a copy of the book into school on the day, Michael will happily sign it for them. Alternatively there will be copies of some of his books to buy for £7 at the end of the day in the library for parents from 3.10pm – 3.30pm. Cash or card payments accepted.

We look forward to welcoming him to Boxgrove.

Yours sincerely

Alison Fitch
Headteacher

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