

Friday 26th September 2025

Monday 29th	School Closed: INSET
Tuesday 30th	Squirrel Class P.E. Bikeability Y6
Wednesday 1st October	Fox and Owl Class P.E. Bikeability Y6
Thursday 2nd	Squirrel Class P.E. Bikeability Y6
Friday 3rd	Fox Class P.E. HARVEST FESTIVAL

Reminders

Bikeability Year 6

Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability next week. Please ensure your child comes prepared by Tuesday with the following:

- A bike that has been checked over and is in good working condition
- A helmet (this is essential for participation)
- A raincoat, in case of wet weather

If it helps, bikes can be left securely locked on the school premises from Monday onwards.

Thank you for your support!

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Friday 3rd October

The Harvest Festival will be held during school time, with Miss Jennings leading the worship. As we are early in the school year and welcoming new children, the event will be kept low key and within the school to ensure everyone feels comfortable.

This term, our worship focus is on generosity — giving cheerfully and willingly, not begrudgingly. The Harvest Festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate kindness, gratitude, and the joy of giving.

We kindly ask families to bring in harvest donations of tinned or dried foods on Friday 3rd October for the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Please bring just one or two items per child. Donations will be collected and delivered to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Advance Notice

Monday 6th October Parent Workshop for Phonics and Early Reading

On Monday 6th September, there will be a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop with Mrs Whittle for any Squirrel Class parents who would like to attend.

It will be a great opportunity to share our approach to teaching phonics and early reading, and to give you ideas on how you can support your child at home.

The workshop will begin at 2.40pm in the Community Room. Please arrive from 2.30pm so we have time to sign you in.

Open School

We would love to invite you all into school on Thursday 23rd October to see the classrooms and enjoy the fabulous learning on display. The school will be open from 3:15 to 4:00pm for families to walk around and visit all classrooms. Please note that Parents' Evenings will take place after half term, so this will not be a time to discuss individual children. However, it's a lovely opportunity to explore the school, connect with other families, and see the staff team.

We look forward to seeing many of you at both this event and the Phonics Workshop!

School News

INSET DAY

On our upcoming INSET day, staff will be focusing on how young brains develop and the impact this has on behaviour. The morning will explore the Zones of Regulation and relational practice, with the aim of increasing pupils' emotional literacy. This work will help children understand their emotions, recognise that they can take positive steps to manage how they feel, and understand the impact their emotions and actions can have on others. It also supports the development of healthy, respectful relationships—both with their peers and with the staff team.

This learning will be followed up with the children on Monday 20th October, with lessons focused on how the brain works and the introduction of the Zones of Regulation across all classrooms. These lessons will also support our wider relational approach to behaviour and wellbeing.

To help families understand this approach and how to support it at home, we will be running a family workshop on:

Monday 10th November, 2:15–3:15pm

Monday 24th November, 7:00–8:00pm

We warmly invite parents and carers to attend either session.

Golden Book of Learning

A big well done to the following pupils for their fantastic achievements this week:

Jude (YR) has only been in school for a short time but is already showing a great understanding of our school rule about showing responsibility in action. He eagerly helps during tidy-up time and is keen to support others. Well done, Jude!

Ethan (Y4) for his excellent attitude towards learning this week. Mrs Turner noticed the impact this had on various aspects of your learning – well done!

Isabella in Year 6 has shown incredible maturity and kindness, going above and beyond as a buddy. She has made a huge difference to a new Year R pupil, with her thoughtfulness noticed by many adults around the school. Isabella consistently demonstrates compassion and responsibility—truly amazing qualities!

Worship

This term, our worship sessions are centred around the idea of being generous—giving not just willingly, but cheerfully, without any sense of obligation or begrudging. We want to encourage the children to understand that true generosity comes from the heart and brings joy both to the giver and the receiver.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you all on **TUESDAY 30th September.**

Theresa Smyth and the Boxgrove Team