



NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th September 2026

Monday	P.E. day Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class YR: 8.35-11.45 Year 1 and 2 to Singleton school for Theatre Show: collect from Singleton at 2.30pm
Tuesday	P.E. day Squirrel Class YR: 8.35-11.45
Wednesday	Forest School afternoon: Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class YR: 8.35-11.45 FOOTBALL CLUB run by Mr Rogers for children signed up on MCAS
Thursday	P.E. day Squirrel Class YR: 8.35 – 1pm (lunches start)
Friday	YR: 8.35 – 1pm (lunches start)

Please note that Mrs Smyth will be based at Singleton on Thursday and Boxgrove on Friday to enable a meeting to take place at Singleton.

- 📍 Thursday 17th: Singleton
- 📍 Friday 18th: Boxgrove

Attendance and punctuality data

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised absence	Punctuality
Squirrel	98 %		0
Fox	92 %	0.27%	2
Owl	97 %		0
Whole school	97.03%	0.27%	2

New Late Arrival Procedure

We are introducing a new procedure for children arriving after the gate or front door has been closed.

Parents and carers will be asked to complete a sign-in sheet at the front door, recording:

- Child's initials
- Class and year group
- Time of arrival
- Reason for lateness

This will help us monitor punctuality more effectively and support families where needed as this is not fully captured by Bromcom currently.

Welcome to school

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception children, **Ambrose, Darcie, Freddy, Imogen, Jackson, Kendall, Maisie-Rose, Miya, Olivia and William**, to our school community. We are so excited to begin this important journey with them and are looking forward to getting to know both the children and their families over the coming weeks. We know they will bring lots of enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles to Squirrel Class, and we can't wait to watch them grow, learn and thrive as part of our school family.

Pesky Rat Theatre Show (Years 1 & 2)

Thank you for your payments for the Pesky Rat show which the children will see on Monday 14th.

Please do remember to collect from singleton at 2.30pm. Please come into the staff car park at the front of school and we will bring the children out to you.

Worship

 Our Christian Value: Thankfulness "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Psalm 107:1

This half term, we are exploring the value of Thankfulness. In worship this week, I brought in a shopping basket full of food. However, each item had been relabelled with the name of a member of staff!

This helped us reflect on how much we rely on others and the many people who help make our school a wonderful place to be. I am incredibly thankful for the staff who work so hard every day to care for, teach, support and inspire our children. Their dedication and teamwork ensure that our school runs smoothly and that every child has the opportunity to flourish. ❤️

Worship Music

This term, we are listening to a different piece of music in worship each week linked to our theme. We are asking the children how the music makes them feel and what it makes them think about.

Music has a powerful way of moving us, helping us to reflect, wonder and connect with something bigger than ourselves. These moments support children's spiritual development and have already led to some thoughtful discussions in worship.



Golden Book Focus This Half Term

In our Golden Book this half term, we are looking for children who consistently demonstrate our three school rules: Be Ready, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. We want to celebrate those children who live out these values wherever they are in school and with whichever adult is working with them.

The 3Rs are far more than school rules. They are the foundations of being a positive member of our community and society. Being ready helps us make the most of opportunities, being responsible teaches us accountability and independence, and being respectful helps us build strong relationships with others. These are qualities that will support our children not only in school, but throughout their lives. We look forward to recognising those pupils who embody these values every day.

A huge well done to Jude (Year 1), who has shown a fantastic commitment to following our three school rules and has approached his learning with a wonderfully positive attitude. Jude is setting an excellent example for our new children and demonstrating what it means to be a great role model. Keep up the great work, Jude!

A huge well done to Jack (Year 2) for showing exactly what it means to be 'Ready' for learning. Jack is always one of the first children ready to begin, consistently shows excellent respect for others, and demonstrates exemplary manners every day. He is a fantastic role model for his classmates and a great example of our school values in action. Keep up the brilliant work, Jack!

Congratulations to Penny (Year 4) for showing exactly what it means to be Ready for Maths. During worship, Penny confidently explained all the resources needed to be successful in a maths lesson. However, Mrs Pendle has also noticed something even more special: the calm, organised and efficient way Penny prepares herself for learning every day. A fantastic example to others and a wonderful demonstration of our school values. Well done, Penny!

Congratulations to Jasmin (Year 5), who has already shown Mr Pinder that she is determined to live out our school rules in everything she does. Her positive attitude, commitment to learning and excellent example have set a very high standard for her friends in Owl Class. We are incredibly proud of the way she has embraced the start of the year. Keep up the fantastic work, Jasmin!

Thankful for members of our parent community.

I would like to extend my thanks to **Becca Wingate** and **Amy O'Leary** for the brilliant work they have done over the past few years as part of our PTA. While I was pleased to be able to give them each a small gift at the end of the summer term as a token of appreciation, I also wanted to formally recognise their contribution, commitment and leadership.

Many parents have generously given their time to support PTA events over the years, and we are incredibly grateful for everyone who has helped. However, successful PTAs also need individuals who are willing to step forward, take the lead, organise events and keep things moving. Becca and Amy have done exactly that, dedicating countless hours to raising funds and creating memorable experiences for our children and families.

On behalf of the whole school community, thank you both for everything you have done.

Looking Ahead

Next week, I will be sending out further information about the launch of a new PTA. We are excited to be working with a group of parents who are keen to help organise and lead future events, and we are also exploring the possibility of formally establishing the PTA as a registered charity.

There are exciting opportunities ahead, and we look forward to sharing more details soon. **Watch this space!**

I'd also like to thank **Russell (Aria and Chester's dad)** for giving up his time to help with a job in school that we simply couldn't have managed without an extra pair of hands. His practical support and willingness to help were greatly appreciated and made a real difference. Thank you, Russell, for your time and generosity in supporting us.

Have a wonderful weekend

Theresa Smyth and the Boxgrove Team