



NEWSLETTER



Friday 2nd October 2026

Monday	P.E. day Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class Music lessons for Year 1 and 2 and 5 and 6 Phonics Meeting for all new reception parents at 2.45pm
Tuesday	P.E. day Squirrel Class Clergy Worship Sign up for Parents evenings at 8pm on MCAS (Year R parents will receive a separate invite)
Wednesday	Forest School afternoon: Fox Class P.E. day Owl Class: TODAY ONLY: CHILDREN IN Forest School clothes – see below. FOOTBALL CLUB run by Mr Rogers for children signed up
Thursday	P.E. day Squirrel Class Bookfest: 2 authors visiting Year 1 -6 Your children will come home with a free signed book!
Friday	

Attendance and punctuality data

Class	Attendance	Unauthorised absence	Punctuality: Lates
Squirrel	97%	0%	2
Fox	97%	0%	0
Owl	90%	0%	1
Whole school	94.05%	0%	3

Date for Year Reception Families

We would love to welcome as many of you as possible at 2.45pm to find out more about how phonics and early reading are taught in school. Please come along and be ready for a prompt 2.45pm start.

Parents evening

For children in Year 1 -6, parents evening slots go 'live' at 8pm on Tuesday 6th October on MCAS.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST SCHOOL ADVENTURE

Where and when?

On **Wednesday 7th October in the morning**, our Year 5 and 6 children will travel by **mini-coach to Levin Down Woods behind Singleton Primary school**, where they will join the Year 5 and 6 pupils from Singleton for a special Forest School experience.

Please drop at Boxgrove as normal in the morning.

The children will return to school **in time for lunch.**

Adults attending:  **Miss Cain** and **Mrs Norris** from Singleton  **Mr Rogers** and **Mrs McIntyre** from Boxgrove

Why?

This visit has been planned to help children:

-  Get to know one another ahead of the residential trip
-  Build confidence and practise friendship-making skills
-  Experience a different woodland environment from the one we have at Boxgrove

Both **Miss Cain** and **Mr Rogers** are qualified Forest School leaders, and we know the children will have a fantastic experience learning and exploring together.

What Do the Children Need?

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their **Forest School clothing**:

- ☒ Long sleeves
- ☒ Long trousers
- ☒ Hair tied back
- ☒ Waterproof coat
- ☒ Suitable outdoor footwear

We are looking forward to a wonderful morning of exploration, teamwork and adventure in the woods **before returning to Boxgrove for lunch!**

Miss Roberts will send a notification on Monday to announce when you can go onto MCAS to provide consent.

There is no cost for this trip!

Bookfest Author Visits - Thursday 📖

On Thursday, the partnership schools are delighted to welcome two authors. Clare Pollard will work with children in Years 3-6, while Ged Adamson will visit Years 1 and 2. They will travel between the 2 schools over the course of the day.

Reception children will also receive a book, although we feel that a 45–60-minute author talk is a little too long for children at this early stage of their school journey.

We are delighted that every child will come home with a book, thanks to support from Bookfest and contributions from our school fund. We look forward to a wonderful day of reading, storytelling and inspiration! 🎨📖

Harvest Festival - A Quick Heads Up!

On **Thursday 15th October**, we will be holding our **Harvest Festival** in school. The children will come together as a community to celebrate and sing some of the harvest songs they have been learning.

At this early stage of Reception children's school journey, we feel that the Harvest Festival should be a **school-only event**. We will be helping our youngest children build their confidence for future performances, including the Nativity later in the year.

As part of our celebration, we would be grateful for donations to support both the **Trussell Trust** and **My Sisters' House**. The Trussell Trust provides emergency food and practical support to people experiencing hardship, while My Sisters' House supports women and children affected by domestic abuse and helps them rebuild their lives.

Please send your child to school with one or two items from the lists below on Thursday 15th October. We kindly ask that donations are not brought into school before this date due to limited storage space. We will gather all donations and arrange for them to be delivered or collected by the charities.

Donations for the Trussell Trust:

- Bags for life
- Biscuits
- Chocolate
- Jam
- Nappies (Size 4)
- Shampoo
- Snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars)
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned tomatoes
- Toothbrushes
- Washing powder
- Washing-up liquid

Donations for My Sisters' House:

- Period products
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Toothpaste
- Hair care products
- Tote bags

Thank you for your continued support. We know that these donations will make a real difference to local individuals and families in need. 💖

Worship This Week

This week, we welcomed Hugo into worship to share a variety of songs, a Bible story and a fun quiz to test the children's Bible knowledge. The children always enjoy his visits, and it was wonderful to hear such positive feedback about their enthusiastic and beautiful singing. We look forward to welcoming him back again soon.

🌟 Golden Book

Well done to Adelaide (Year 2), who has shown that she is truly flourishing and growing in confidence. She has embraced the idea that challenge helps us to learn, develop and grow our brains, demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning. Adelaide has also been busy growing friendships, an important part of school life, and should be very proud of all she has achieved.

Congratulations to Lexie (Year 3), who has made a fantastic start in Fox Class and has embraced the new challenges and responsibilities that come with moving into Key Stage 2. She is already demonstrating our school rules, particularly by being **ready** to learn. Her kindness shines through in all that she does, and we are very proud of the positive role model she is becoming.

Well done to Mikey (Year 6). Since joining our school in September, he has worked hard with Mr Pinder to understand our expectations and is becoming a valued member of our school community. Starting at a new school after being in the same setting since Reception is a big step, but Mikey is showing determination and making a real effort to put our three school rules into practice every day. We are proud of the progress he is making.

Reception Settling In 🌟

Mrs Whittle would like to recognise how well our Reception children have settled into school. Starting school is a huge step, and the children have embraced it brilliantly. They are wonderfully supported by Years 1 and 2 and their Year 6 buddies. **Well done, Reception! We are very proud of you all.**

Have a wonderful weekend

Theresa Smyth and the Boxgrove Team