

Boxgrove CE Primary School

Newsletter: Friday 6th February 2026

Monday February 9 th	P.E. day for Squirrel Class: come in P.E. kits Year 1 and 2 Recorder lesson with Mr Chalke Fox Class Recorder lesson with Mr Chalke NO FRENCH CLUB THIS WEEK: RESTART MONDAY 23/2/26 Parents Evening: 3.30 to 5.30 (see below)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Squirrel Class: Forest School: come in appropriate clothing waterproof/warm layers Owl Class P.E: come in P.E. kits NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thursday	Swimming for Y5/6 come in P.E. kits Fox Class P.E. : come in P.E. kits Dance Club for children signed up Owl Class The Bug Man Visit for the AFTERNOON (POSTPONED FROM LAST WEEK) Parents Evening (NO Year 2 appointments) 4-6pm
Friday	Fox Class P.E. : come in P.E. kits LAST Day for half term: Return Monday 23rd February

Parents Evenings **some changes**

To help ensure the parents' evenings run to time, Miss Roberts and I **will ring a bell every 10 minutes**. This will indicate that the meeting should come to an end.

The intention is to help all staff keep to the schedule so that parents are not kept waiting—especially those who may have taken time off work or arranged childcare.

We know teachers love to talk about the children they teach and always have plenty to share, but it's important that we all respect the timings for every family.

Thank you for your support, and I apologise in advance if you go home hearing bells!

Parents' Evening – Location Information

To help the evening run smoothly, please note the following arrangements for where parents should wait and where appointments will take place:

- **Year 5/6:** Parents should **wait in the school entrance**.
- **Year 3/4:** Parents should wait in the **Learning Den**.
- **Year R/ 1/2:** Parents should wait in the **Year 2 space**.

Appointment Locations:

- **Year 3/4 appointments** will take place **in my office**.
- **Year 2 appointments** will take place **in the staff room**.
- **Y1/R appointments** will take place **in Squirrel Class**
- **Y5/6 appointments** will take place **in Owl Class**.

Year 6 children are encouraged to attend with their parents so they can hear the teacher's feedback directly.

Worship this week

This week in worship, I told a story about two children, Bella and Barney. Bella had noticed that something seemed very different about Barney. She wondered: Was it a new haircut? New school shoes? Had he somehow grown taller over the half-term holiday?

Curious, she finally asked him.

Barney smiled and explained that during the holiday he had gone rock climbing and abseiling in Wales. He told Bella that he is normally scared of heights, but his dad encouraged him to take the risk and reminded him that courage doesn't mean not being scared—it means trying even when you are scared.

As Bella listened, she realised something important: Barney hadn't grown taller on the outside. But he had grown on the inside—in courage, confidence, and bravery.

Squirrel Class News

School is a wonderful place for children to try new things, face fears and challenges, and grow in confidence and bravery. Squirrel Class demonstrated this brilliantly last night as they took part in a Moon Zoom Adventure in the early evening.

Although the moon didn't appear for us, we still ventured out into the school grounds, in the dark (and the rain!) with only our torches to guide the way. School buildings look very different at night, and exploring them in darkness was an adventure in itself!

The children showed tremendous courage in trying something new and unexpected, and each of them will have grown a little on the inside because of it.

A huge thank you to Mrs Whittle for organising the experience, and to Miss Roberts for stepping in to support.

Congratulations to Emily (Y5)! Your consistent kindness and generosity help make Owl classroom a positive and caring place for everyone. You never seek recognition — you simply choose to do what's right, and that makes you truly special. Well done, Emily!

Well done to Jacob (Y3)! He has shown great enthusiasm and tenacity in maths. He is always eager to take on a challenge, and it was a joy to watch him yesterday as he tackled a long-multiplication problem with fantastic thinking, problem-solving, and the ability to spot and correct his own errors. Brilliant work, Jacob!

Congratulations to Arlo (YR)

Arlo shows a wonderful commitment to caring for our school environment. He is also consistently kind to his peers and a good friend to others. Well done, Arlo!

Support Needed

Please can we ask all families to support us with the following matters:

Water bottles:

We are increasingly seeing very large water bottles in school. These take up more space than we have available and can cause significant spills. Please provide children with a sensibly sized bottle.

Watches:

Children may wear small, simple watches. Smart watches or any watches that make sounds, send messages, or connect to the internet are not permitted.

Toys:

Toys should not be brought into school. The school day is very busy and purposeful, and toys can be distracting unless specifically requested by a class teacher.

Communication with staff:

Please use the class email addresses to contact teaching staff. These are checked at 8:15am before team meetings; after this time, staff are usually teaching and may not be able to respond during the school day.

If you need to contact me directly—especially regarding safeguarding or a private matter—please email Head@boxgrove.school.

I monitor emails for both schools daily and aim to respond within 48 hours.

Thank you for your support in helping the school day run smoothly for everyone.

Wishing you a great weekend. I'll be celebrating my baby turning 21, and I'm feeling every bit of that saying: the days of parenting are long, but the years are so very short!

Theresa Smyth and the Boxgrove Team