

# Boorley Park News and Updates



Boorley Park School

23rd February 2024

## Welcome Back

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children all came back to school on Tuesday talking excitedly about what they had been doing and settled back into their learning very quickly.

## Goodbye and Thank You!

Today we say goodbye to Miss Wilson who has been working mainly with children in Year R and Year 1 for the last year. We thank her for all her hard work at Boorley and wish her all the best for the future.

## Spotlight On... Term-time Holidays

Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance. As such, all parents/carers are expected to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children's education. While we understand that the cost of holidays is significantly higher during school holidays (remember that staff working in school take their holidays during this time too), this is not a reason for time off school.

Education law states that parents **do not** have a right to take their child out of school for a holiday during term time.

As set down by the Department for Education, Penalty Notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. In Hampshire, Penalty Notices are issued when a pupil has had 10 or more half-day sessions (equivalent to five school days) of unauthorised absence, in the last 10 school week period. A Penalty Notice is a fine which may be issued as an alternative to prosecution. If it is paid it does not require a court appearance and does not result in a criminal record.

Anyone with Parental Responsibility, or having day to day care of the child can be issued with a Penalty Notice for each of the children with unauthorised absence. If two parents have two children this may result in four Penalty Notices—two Penalty Notices per parent. Each Penalty Notice fine is £60 if paid within 21 days of the date of posting and £120 if paid after this but within 28 days of the date of posting. There is no statutory right of appeal. Once a Penalty Notice has been issued, it can only be withdrawn if it can be shown that it was issued in error.

You can find further information about school attendance here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/behaviour-attendance-parents>



## Our Assembly Theme this week

This week in our assembly we focused on lunchtimes and the things on offer to the children, including some new activities for this half term.

First of all, we discussed what Wellbeing is, and how this might mean different things for each of us. We looked at the different things we should do during a day to help our wellbeing.

We then went through all of the different things that the children can do at lunchtime:

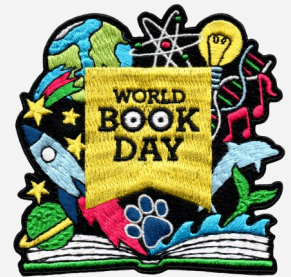
- The playground is the 'calm zone' - here there are activities such as construction, dancing and colouring that the children can take part in.
- The field is the 'active zone' - here there are ball games, balancing activities (such as stilts and wobble boards), basketball, football and space to run around. We try to open the field as often as we can, even through the winter, when it is dry enough to use.
- The library is now open every lunchtime. The children can change their books and sit and read a book quietly.
- The Wellbeing Hub is open all lunchtime. This is a classroom set up with colouring, board games, books and calm activities. Everyone is welcome to go to the Wellbeing Hub during lunchtime if they would like a bit of calm time.



## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and at the request of the children we are inviting them all to dress up as a book character, or a book, this year.

If your child chooses to dress up, remember that they can be from a fiction or non-fiction book and please do not feel that you need to purchase costumes; be inventive with current clothes or accessories. If they have a copy of the book, please do send it in with them so they can share it with their friends.



Here are some simple ideas for costumes if you need inspiration!



# Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

## Whole School

### Spring Term 2024

- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)
- Thursday 21st March—PTA Easter Disco—Year R and 1—4:15pm—5pm;  
Years 2—4—5:15pm—6:15pm
- Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Spring 2 Term
- Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Holidays



### Summer Term 2024

- Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer 1 Half Term
- Friday 19th April—PTA Bag 2 School Day (Non Uniform Day)
- Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday (School Closed to Pupils)
- Friday 17th May—Pyjamarama (come to school in your pyjamas)
- Friday 24th May—Last Day of Summer 2 Half Term
- Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

## Year R

- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Wednesday 24th April—Visit from the PDSA
- Tuesday 7th May—2:45pm—Planting Workshop with parents
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

## Year 1

- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Wednesday 15th May—Royal Festival and Dress Up Day (inc parent event at 2:45pm)
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow
- W.c. 10th June—Statutory Year 1 Phonics Screening (more details and parent information event to follow)
- **Rabbit Class** Monday 15th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Otter Class** Tuesday 16th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

# Upcoming Events and Reminders

## Year 2

- **Hedgehog Class**—Monday 18th March—2:30pm—Making a Life Cycle Workshop with parents
- **Fox Class**—Tuesday 19th March—2:30pm—Making a Life Cycle Workshop with parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow
- **Hedgehog Class**—Thursday 23rd May—2:45pm—Art Gallery for parents
- **Fox Class**—Friday 24th May—2:45pm—Art Gallery for parents
- Thursday 6th June—Habitat Hunt in school (for children only)
- **Hedgehog Class** Wednesday 17th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- **Fox Class** Thursday 18th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

## Year 3

- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Tuesday 26th March—9:15am
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Wednesday 27th March—2:15pm
- **Deer Class** Tuesday 21st May—2:30pm—Magnets Workshop with parents
- **Mouse Class** Wednesday 22nd May—2:30pm—Magnets Workshop with parents
- Friday 14th June—2:30pm—Family Picnic

## Year 4

- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Tuesday 26th March—9:15am
- Year 3/4 Easter Show—Wednesday 27th March—2:15pm
- Monday 20th May- 2:45pm—Parent Event (TBC)
- W.c. 3rd June—Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (more details and parent information event to follow)
- Tuesday 9th July- 2:45pm—Parent Event (TBC)

# Boorley Park Term Dates 2024/25



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July 2025							
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 Bank Holiday  
 School Holiday

 INSET Day (school closed to children)



# Community Information Event & Digital Skills Drop-In Launch



**Where:**

Boorley Green Community Centre  
121 Wallace Avenue  
Botley, SO32 2RQ



**When:**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Come and find out about what is going on in your neighbourhood. Work with us to make this an area you are proud of.

We are also launching our new monthly digital skills drop-in, where you will be able to meet with an expert for advice and support about anything digital.

- Health and Wellbeing Advice
- Childcare & Youth Provision
- Employment & training
- Income maximization, debt support
- Volunteering opportunities
- Energy support & cost of living advice

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For further information on the community fair please contact [admin@botley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@botley-pc.gov.uk)