

BOORLEY PARK NEWSLETTER 37

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The children have continued to engage in various parent workshops and celebrations, showcasing their learning and making the most of these valuable sessions with you. Mr Stevens even made a star appearance as quizmaster at the Year 4 celebration event!

Our Drama Club enjoyed a trip to Deer Park School this week to watch the students performance of 'High School Musical'. It's always a great opportunity for the children to be inspired by the talent of older students.

Annual school reports were also sent home this week. We kindly ask that you return the feedback slips to your child's class teacher as soon as possible to confirm receipt of these. Your feedback is always valued.

Finally, we are incredibly excited for our Summer Festival tonight! We hope to see as many members of our wonderful school community as possible join us for what promises to be a fantastic evening. A huge thank you must go to our dedicated PTA for their commitment and the countless hours they have spent organising the biggest fundraising event of the year for our school. Thank you for your continued support.



INSPIRING MINDS

In Year R, we have been following the children's interests in outdoor play and crafts. We began by collecting a variety of different natural materials outside to craft some nature crowns and necklaces. The children were then very engaged in role playing as Kings and Queens and we decided to have a Royal Banquet! After discussing and learning what a banquet is, we then searched some photos in books from the library to see what a Royal Banquet would look like. We set up a large table and chairs for everyone to sit and enjoy the feast! We even listened to music that would be played in the medieval times. We had loads of fun cheering and celebrating like real Kings and Queens in our imaginary classroom!



Inspiring
Minds

NURTURING FUTURES

On Monday 7th July, Eco club presented a whole school assembly to showcase their work on sustainability this year. Achieving the RSPB Wild Challenge award and a distinction for the Green Flag Eco Award was a focus, with images of the beginning of our incredible community garden and images of how it has now grown! There are now tomatoes, kale, sunflowers, chard, chives, sage, pumpkins, courgettes and lettuce plants thriving! The courgettes have been picked and Billy is using them in our school lunches!

The whole school have taken part in activities such as wild writing, taken part in lessons about plastic pollution as part of wild environment day, created food for animals, organised where mammal houses should be placed and lots more. Well done to the whole school and to Eco Club!



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

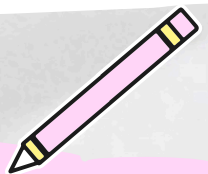


As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. We are looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our current team of volunteers and hear children read across all year groups, starting in September.

This support makes a huge difference to children's development and access to their learning. If you are able to spare some time, please register your interest through the school office. Miss Ozanne will then be in touch in September to confirm further details. Thank you in advance.

Family Support Worker Check In

Mrs Carpenter will be at Gather Cafe on Thursday 17th June at 2:30pm for an informal drop in session outside of school ahead of the summer holidays beginning. She has details of events going on over the summer holidays for children and families.



SAFEGUARDING

The **NSPCC**'s Pantosaurus campaign helps parents talk to children about staying safe using five simple "PANTS" rules: Privates are private – the parts covered by swimwear belong only to them; Always remember your body belongs to you – no one should make them feel uncomfortable; No means no – children have the right to say no to unwanted touch, even from family; Talk about secrets that upset you – good secrets are fun, but bad secrets that make you sad or worried should always be shared with a trusted adult; and Speak up, someone can help – if they ever feel sad, anxious, or frightened, they should talk to an adult they trust, like a parent or teacher. The campaign uses a friendly dinosaur, Pantosaurus, and songs and resources to make these important conversations easy and reassuring for children. Please see the links for more information and videos you can share with your children.



KEY DATES



July 2025

Wednesday 2nd July 2:15-3pm – Rocksteady Concert to parents of Rocksteady children
Tuesday 8th July 2:45-3:15pm Parent Workshop – The Big Fat Quiz of Year 4 – In the Hall
Wednesday 9th July 9.15am Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly – In the Hall
Wednesday 9 July 1:30-1:50pm Owl Class Violin Concert in the Hall
Wednesday 9th July 2:45 pm Year 1 Parent Workshop – Fruit Kebabs – classrooms
Friday 11th July 3:30-7pm PTA Summer Festival
Monday 14th July 3:50pm Choir Performance to parents
Thursday 17th July 2:45-3pm Year 3 Parent Workshop – Summer Picnic- On the field/Hall
Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 23rd July – Friday 29th August – Summer Holidays

September 2025

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – INSET Days
Wednesday 3rd September First Day of Term for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6



Boorley Park Term Dates 2025/26

RAISE
EDUCATION TRUST

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July 2026

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School Holiday

INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Bank Holiday

PTA CORNER

TODAY IS THE DAY!

The PTA are looking forward to seeing you at this year's summer festival!

Gates open at 3.45pm and close at 7pm. See you there!

SOMETHING WE'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE...

WIZARDS & WITCHES MAGIC SHOW

ON THE STAGE AT 5 PM
FRIDAY 11TH JULY
BOORLEY PARK
SUMMER FESTIVAL



DOUBLE THE FUN —
FACE PAINTING x2
& GLITTER TATTOOS!



**BOORLEY PARK PTA
SUMMER FESTIVAL**
FRIDAY 11TH JULY | FROM 3:45 PM
BOORLEY PARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL GROUNDS

**FEED YOUR FAMILY
THE MAGICAL WAY!**
The event is over dinner time, so skip cooking and grab something tasty while you enjoy the fun:

- PTA BAR — Card machine here
- WIZARD SWEETS
- MARUCCI'S ICE CREAM VAN
- GATHER CAFÉ
- FUNTIME POPCORN & CANDYFLOSS
- BILLY BBQ

FRIDAY 11TH JULY | FROM 3:45 PM
BOORLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS



A DRAGON IS COMING TO BOORLEY PARK!



ROAMING THE
SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH ITS
DRAGON HANDLER
FRIDAY 11TH JULY
FREE ENTRY!

LOOK OUT FOR BALLOON TWISTER!



4PM – 6PM
FRIDAY
11TH JULY
BOORLEY PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL
GROUNDS

Boorley Park School
11th July 15:45 – 19:00

SUMMER FESTIVAL

FREE ENTRY
donations welcome

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, INCLUDING:

ENTERTAINMENT	GAMES & ACTIVITIES
7th Animatronic Dragon	Guess the Name of the Owl
Zumba Performance	Hoop the Wizard's Hat
Owl Handler	Golden Snitch Trail
Magic Show	Quickditch Toss
	Face Painting
	Wand Making
	Photo Area
	Tombola
	Raffle

FOOD & DRINK

PTA Bar
Billy's BBQ
PTA Sweets
Gather Café
Ice Cream Van
Popcorn & Candy Floss

STALLS

Empire
Cupcake Corner
Utility Warehouse
Traybakes by Tracy
Travel with Heather
Happy Days Nursery

DON'T MISS THIS MAGICAL EVENT
No unaccompanied under 18s No dogs No smoking

Sponsored by:



BOUNCE INTO MAGIC!



BOUNCY SLIDE DISCO-READY
BOUNCY CASTLE

MEET THE OWLS AT BOORLEY PARK!



HOLD & TAKE PHOTOS
LOCATED NEXT TO THE STAGE
4PM – 6PM

 GUESS THE OWL'S NAME
TO WIN AN OWL TEDDY!

FRIDAY 11th JULY
From 3:45 PM
BOORLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'Intimacy Levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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