

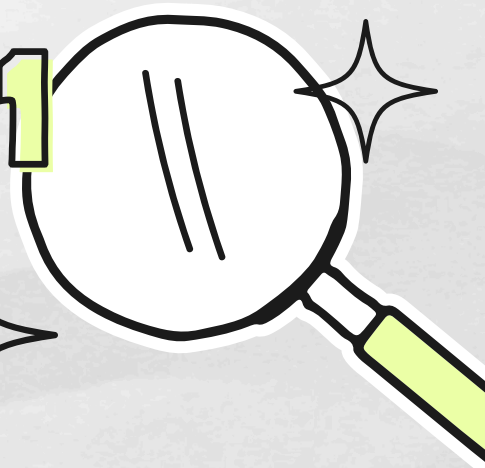
# BOORLEY PARK NEWSLETTER 31

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a real pleasure for the Senior Leadership Team this half term to spend time in classrooms across the school, witnessing first-hand the fantastic learning that is taking place. We have enjoyed talking with the children, looking at their work and hearing what they are finding most engaging about their lessons. It is inspiring to see the dedication and enthusiasm of both our pupils and staff and the progress being made across the curriculum.

It is wonderful to see children confidently articulating their ideas, collaborating effectively and engaging in thoughtful discussions with their peers. This rich dialogue is crucial for deepening understanding and fostering a love of learning.

We now wish you all a wonderful May half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final part of the summer term.



## INSPIRING MINDS

This week in Year 1, we were thrilled to showcase our African animal dance during our parent event, linking to our 'Inspiring Minds' value. The children brought the rhythms and movements of the African savannah to life, dancing with energy and enthusiasm. We were very lucky to be joined by Mrs Rule from Deer Park School, who has been working closely with us to choreograph and rehearse this beautiful piece. Her guidance and passion inspired the children and their hard work and creativity shone through in a fantastic performance. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and celebrate with us!



# NURTURING FUTURES

This week, the Eco-Council met to discuss and formulate ideas in support of our Sustainability Plan. As part of our commitment to environmental awareness, the school will be focusing on the critical issue of plastic pollution during World Environment Day on June 5th. Following an initial session within the Eco-Council, the children have taken the initiative to engage their classes and teachers, requesting their involvement in planning engaging and informative lessons to mark this important day. We are very proud of the Eco-Council's proactive approach and their passion for making a positive impact on our school and the wider environment.



## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

It's been wonderful to see so many parents actively participating in the various workshops held over the past two weeks. Your engagement and support are invaluable to our school community. The children have really enjoyed sharing their learning experiences with you during these sessions. For those parents who were unable to attend the workshops, we encourage you to visit SeeSaw, where you will be able to see examples of the children's learning.



As we enjoy the sunnier weather, please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle in school. We encourage parents to apply suncream prior to the children coming to school.

# SAFEGUARDING NOTICES

We all want our children to be safe, especially when they're out and about near roads. With it being Walk to School Week, it's a brilliant time to remind everyone about road safety! For our older children, who might be walking to school or out with friends more independently, it's important to talk to them about where they cross the road. Please remind them it's much safer to find a clear spot where they can see all around and drivers can see them, like a proper crossing or a wide pavement gap. Please talk with your children about avoiding walking out into the road from between parked cars, as drivers just won't be able to see them in time. Let's work together to make sure all our children have the skills they need to keep themselves safe.



## KEY DATES



Friday 23rd May – Last Day of Term

**Half Term Holidays - Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025**

### June 2025

Monday 2nd June – First Day of Term

Wednesday 4th June Year 1 Trip to Portchester Castle

Thursday 5th June Year 5 Trip to Warner Bros Studio

Wednesday 11th June Year R Sports Day-1:00-1:45pm Picnic - 1:45-2:45pm Games and then home

Thursday 12th June Sports Day - KS1 starting at 9:30am and KS2 starting at 1:15pm

Wednesday 18th June Year R Reserve Sports Day-1:00-1:45pm, Picnic-1:45-2:45pm Games and then home

Thursday 19th June Reserve Sports Day - KS1 starting at 9:30am and KS2 starting at 1:15pm

**Friday 20th June INSET day - School closed to all pupils**

Monday 23rd June at 2:30pm Year R Parent Workshop – Planting - Year R Classrooms

Wednesday 25th June - Transition Day

Friday 27th June Year R Mill Farm Visit to Boorley Park School

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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 Fayre

Monday 14th July 3:50pm Choir Performance to parents

Wednesday 16th July 2.15am Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly - In the Hall

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**

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## PTA CORNER

### **Frozen Fridays Are Back!**

We are excited to announce that Frozen Fridays will be returning on Friday 6th June!

Join us after school in the gated playground, where we will be selling a selection of ice lollies and ice creams starting from just 50p. It's the perfect treat to kick off the weekend! Both cash and card payments are accepted, so come along and cool down with something sweet.

### **Great News for Our Community Garden!**

We are also thrilled to share that we have received a generous grant from the local council to support the development of our community garden. This funding will help us create a welcoming green space that everyone can enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Together, we are growing something special!

Have a lovely half term!

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

## 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

## 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

## 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

## 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

## 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

## 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road to ensure they can still see approaching vehicles.

## 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe place to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

## 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

## 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

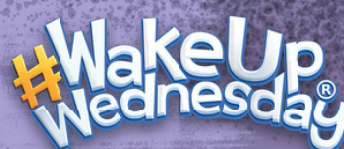
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

## 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

## Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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