

# BOORLEY PARK NEWS SEPTEMBER EDITION

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I want to start by reflecting on the fantastic start we've had to the new school year. The children have settled in brilliantly and it's been wonderful to walk around the (almost full) school and see their enthusiasm and energy fill the classrooms and outdoor spaces.

Our focus for these first few weeks has been on setting high expectations with high support. We are working to foster a strong sense of belonging for every child, ensuring they feel secure, valued and ready to learn.

Following feedback, the newsletter will now be a monthly publication. SeeSaw will continue to be used for weekly updates from classes and year groups and an email will be sent out with key and upcoming dates.

I would also like to start the year by thanking the PTA and our wider school community for the fantastic support last year which has led to key environmental changes across the school in the Year R garden, the community garden and the graphics that have been installed around the school which the children are enjoying learning from. If you are a new family to the school or want to get involved with the PTA, please let the school office know.



## INSPIRING MINDS

We're delighted to announce that following fantastic speeches and a democratic vote, each class has elected their new School and Eco Councillors. Congratulations and thank you to all the children who put themselves forward! Applications for this year's House Captains are currently underway.

We also want to celebrate children involved in our new lunchtime initiative to improve playtimes. Before the summer holidays, children in Upper Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to apply to become a Play Leader. Last week, these children received special training from Matt at Learning Through Sport. Now, you'll see them at lunchtimes wearing high-vis jackets as they lead games and support their peers' play. Please know that all adults on duty at lunchtime also wear high-vis jackets, making it easy for children to find an adult whenever they need help.



## NURTURING FUTURES

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year R pupils and families, who have had an brilliant first week. They have settled into their new routines and are already enjoying exploring their learning environment. Their smooth transition is a credit to the supportive atmosphere our staff has created. We have also enjoyed seeing the children's curiosity as they notice the environmental changes around them with the arrival of autumn and the full range of weathers this has already brought!



## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

The interhouse competition at lunchtime is off to a great start, with pupils earning points for their teams through a series of organised netball games this half term. This week, Year 3 competed in the netball inter-house competition with all points contributing to the overall tally for the Sports Day cup which will be awarded in June. A big thank you to Learning Through Sport, who leading netball games at lunchtime throughout the week before the competitive game on a Friday.

Don't forget the Smartphone Free Childhood parent information evening next Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.  
6pm at Berrywood Primary School





# SAFEGUARDING NOTICES

Online Safety Please remain vigilant about what your child is accessing online at home. For ageappropriate advice, tips by app, and guidance on safe online activity, visit: [www.internetmatters.org/advice](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice)



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## KEY DATES

### September 2025

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Individual school photos - sibling photos from 8:00-9:00am in the studio
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September - 6:00pm Smartphone Free Childhood-Information Evening for Parents at Berrywood Primary School
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Harvest Festival
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September - Trashion week - more details to follow
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 9:30am Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 9:15am Year 1 and 2 Phonics Workshop to parents
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 9:15am Year R Phonics Workshop to parents
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September - 1:15pm Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - 9:00am Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office



## KEY DATES CONTINUED

### October 2025

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - 1:00pm Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 3:00pm Year 5 Parent workshop - Art Gallery  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - 2:00pm Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - 2:30pm Year 3 Parent workshop - Fossils  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October - 2:00pm Year R Tour for September 2026 - Bookings made via the school office  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 2:45pm Year R Parent workshop - story stones  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 2:45pm Year 1 Parent workshop - Animal dance  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 3:15pm-4:15pm - Book Fair  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 9:15am Year 1 Walk around Boorley Park estate  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - 3:15pm-4:15pm - Book Fair  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 9:30am - Year 2 parent workshop - Journey story sharing  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Year R walk to the local park  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 3:15p-4:15pm Book Fair  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 3:30-7:00pm - Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 9:30am Year 3 Local walk  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 3:30-5:30pm - Parents' Evening

Last day of Autumn 1 Term - Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term Dates - Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

### November 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 - First Day of Term  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 trip to see King Lear at the Mayflower theatre  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying Week - Odd Socks Day  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Year R visit to the library and park-Ladybird Class  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Year R visit to the library and park-Butterfly Class  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Children in Need  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day - School closed to pupils

### December 2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Rocksteady Concert to parents of Rocksteady children  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 3:00pm - Year 5 Parent workshop TBC  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Listen 2 Me concert to parents  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 2:30pm Year 3 Parent workshop - sewing  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am - KS1 show-more details to follow  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 2:30pm KS1 show-more details to follow  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 9:30am Nativity show-more details to follow  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - 2:15pm Nativity show-more details to follow  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas carols  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 2:45pm Year 2 parent workshop - Design Technology  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas Holidays

## PTA CORNER

A very special welcome to our brand-new Year R families who have joined the Boorley Park community for the first time! And of course, a big “welcome back” to all our returning families – it’s lovely to see the school buzzing with energy once again.

Looking back at last year, we had some truly fantastic PTA-run events and activities: from the dazzling laser show, World Book Day golden tickets, the Easter trail, to the summer festival that brought the whole community together. Not forgetting the many discos, Frozen Fridays, Bag2School collections, and so much more – none of which would have been possible without the amazing support of our families, school staff, and volunteers.

This year, we’re looking forward to building on that success with even more exciting events and opportunities for the children. To make sure you don’t miss out on the latest news, follow us on Facebook: Boorley Park PTA.

We’re always on the lookout for new volunteers and fresh ideas – whether you can give a little time or a lot, every bit helps. We’re a friendly team of 22, and we’d love you to join us! You can get involved by emailing [boorleyparkpta@gmail.com](mailto:boorleyparkpta@gmail.com), sending us a message on Facebook, or simply having a chat with any of us in person.

Here’s to another fantastic year ahead at Boorley Park –  
let’s make it the best one yet!