

Friends of Box School 2026 – 2027

Our Community. Their Future

Welcome to the new school year at Box Primary School! Friends of Box School is a PTA style group bringing together parents and the whole school community. The group is about arranging school clubs and extra-curricular activities, engaging in community events or supporting the provision of additional facilities or equipment which supports the school and advances the education, enrichment and development of the pupils. We do the fun stuff, harnessing the energy and resources of the amazing Box school community. We include a wide group, including parents, all school staff, grandparents, carers, former parents and pupils, local businesses and anyone else who is part of the Box School Community. We think of all of you as friends of the school. Together, we make school life even better.

FoBS is a charity and run by a board of willing volunteers from the parent community. We work alongside the school leadership to support the school being so much more than delivering the curriculum. We have loads planned for this year – loads of clubs, Cycle Ride, our amazing Colour Run and Trail Run, stargazing, Christmas activities, careers, Revels, and much, much more.

Be involved. There's more information in this leaflet about how you can be involved and contribute. We need people to put their hand up in so many ways. Do it for the kids, do it for yourselves, make a difference, be a part of it. Every penny we raise is controlled by FoBS and used for the benefit of the kids, but it is about the experiences. That's what they'll remember.

We are determined to keep as many clubs and activities free to all. We know that adding even modest charges becomes a barrier to access. For that to work we need to work really hard to raise funds in other ways, across our community. Help us if you can, in whatever way you are able.

Matthew Graham

Matthew Graham - Chair

Join the FoBS information Whatsapp group by simply messaging to 07779 227261, [click here](#) or scan below



Clubs

Our school clubs are provided by a combination of school staff, external paid professional and volunteers from the parent and school community. In addition to clubs, we also have one off events. Not all of the clubs run all year, as we manage budget and weather. The clubs we have come from what parents and children have told us they want. We can't do everything, but we can try! You can sign your child up via [this form](#). Sign up does not guarantee a space – you will be emailed after the close of the sign-up window. Which **closes at 12.00 on the 10th September 2026**. We will try to ensure that all children get opportunities but will otherwise draw randomly for over-subscribed clubs. There will be waiting lists, so if your child cannot make a club for any reason you must let the school office know as soon as possible. All after school clubs run 3.25 – 4.25, with children joining directly from their classrooms and being collected from the school playground, unless specified otherwise. **All clubs (except Formula Football) are free (although donations are welcome)!**

Forest Club – Year 1, 2 and 3 – Thursdays in Sept, Oct and Nov. Spring Summer TBC. Spend time outside, amongst the bugs and the trees, the leaves and the trees. Little people in a world of nature where anything is possible. [Sign up now!](#)

Drama Club – Year 1,2 and 3 Mondays, year 4, 5 and 6 Wednesdays, Sept, Oct, Nov (Block One) and Feb, March, April (Block Two)

Imagination expressed through drama play. End of block performances. [Sign up now!](#)

Basketball Club – Year 4,5, 6. Friday Lunchtimes. No experience needed, good for kids who like to bounce! [Sign up now!](#)

Art Club – Years 1-2. Monday lunchtime drawing, painting and creativity. [Sign up now!](#)

Netball Club – Years 2 - 6 for girls and boys, lead by Mr Chappell, Friday afterschool. [Sign up now!](#)

Choir - Afterschool on Tuesdays, singing with the properly wonderful Kate Courage! [Sign up now!](#)

Run Club – years Reception – Year 6 Wednesdays 23rd September to 14th October - Keep runnin' runnin' runnin'. All ages and abilities welcome. Bad music assured. Get ready for our Colour run! [Sign up now!](#)

Formula Football Club - Girls and boys, all welcome, no prior playing experience required, after school Monday for KS1 and after school Thursday for KS2. Football is delivered directly by Formula Football – sign up with them, pay them. (FoBS is not insured for contact sports and Formula Football have worked with the school for many years delivering football in Box) [Sign up with them now!](#)

Lego Robotics – year 5 and 6 (dates tbc) - Learn, imagine, design, build, compete. Mixed groups using lego to inspire. Limited numbers, with sign up and more information applications coming.

How can I get involved?

Join the board – We urgently need trustees to join our leadership board. The board shapes FoBS, decides on spending and activity priorities and leads the organisation of events. We especially need a treasurer and secretary. Don't think someone else will do it; without a leadership board there is no FoBS. You'll play an important role and, if you want, will find yourself really involved in the school community at the heart of village life, making a difference. Contact matthew@friendsofboxschool.co.uk to discuss.

Volunteer to support a club / event – We need parent volunteers to support our clubs. For most clubs, an extra parent volunteer means we can increase the number of children who can take part or offer better experiences more often. You'll need to get a school DBS done, but otherwise no experience needed. You don't have to have skills in the club – being around to support the children helps them and the club leader.

Lead a club / event – Really make a difference and offer to lead a club or event. It might be something that already exists – we really need leads for tennis (we have agreed free use of the courts but have no lead after our previous tennis club lead no longer has a child at the school) and cricket for example. Or it might be something new. We have done all the boring stuff for you (insurance, risk assessments, sign up etc) so you can focus on the fun stuff. It might be at lunchtime, after school, a one-off taster, for 5-6 weeks or for longer. We'll work around you. If you're thinking wouldn't it be great if ..., we can make it happen together. Email matthew@friendsofboxschool.co.uk today!

Join our Fundraising Crew – We creatively use events and activities to raise funds. We particularly need people to help form a 'Cake and Coffee Crew'; people to support grant applications; someone to develop our passive fundraising, and someone to help in finding corporate sponsorship. If you can help with one or more of these roles, please sign up. No money no do, but there is a world of opportunity if we can find the funds. For example, we have lots of options to take children to the theatre, concerts, sport and other cool stuff, but transport is currently prohibitively expensive. We'd love to upscale our offer around music and media, but budgets are strained. Email matthew@friendsofboxschool.co.uk today!

Become a Donor - We love that we are so well supported by the community, and that you turn out for our events, buy our cake and coffee, get tickets and so much more through the year. Thank you. If you're amongst those who can afford to go further in your support of FoBS then two additional options exist. An annual family donation to our #Wonderfund of £250 (or what you can manage) is a one-off payment early in the school year that allows us to expand what we offer right now, this year. More fun, more events, more activities, so it will really make a difference right now to your child and our school community. For those who want to support us longer term then our #Futurefund option allows a recurring monthly donation of £5, £25 or £50. This provides us with the continuity of funding that is so important in making annual plans, and being able to commit to spending. Most events and clubs need organising way in advance, and we need confidence we can afford it. #Futurefund makes plans a reality. Our #Friendshipfund brings together our Philanthropic and business communities to make step-change difference. [Do it today by clicking here:](#) #Wonderfund #Their Future #Friendshipfund

Sign up to EasyFundraising and Parents Lottery – Easyfundraising is a free scheme that allows you to shop as normal online and raise money for FoBS at the same time. Thousands of mainstream retailers support the scheme. It's simple, you sign up, nominating FoBS as your charity. When you shop online you can choose to have a free donation from subscribing businesses. It costs you the same, FoBS gets money. [Sign up here to get us free money.](#) Parents' Lottery is brilliant and could win you £25,000 jackpot and get free money for FoBS. [Take part here!](#)

What's coming up soon?

Big Box and Neston Cycle Ride – 18th September in the evening – Cycle around the amazing Castle Coombe Race track for the evening, suitable for the whole family with options for the little ones and scootering. Incredible opportunity in lovely surroundings, and all super safe. [Tickets available now here:](#) We need four grown-ups to help organise a savouries and coffee stall at the event. Please help! – matthew@friendsofboxschool.co.uk

Willow Garden Works Day – 26th September from 11.00 – Join us on this Saturday for a community day, working on our wonderful Willow garden. For children and grown-ups together, we can help make our outdoor space as good as it can be. The day will be lead by Mr Chappell, and will be a good chance to share some time with him and others in the Box School Community. No skills or tools needed, all welcome. Please [let us know you are coming here:](#)

Colour Run and Trail Run – 18th October at 14.00 – welcome back to our incredible colour run! Get colourful fun for the whole family. Charge around paint stations, and/or take on the timing chipped off-road 5k trail run. Suitable for all ages, including those who want to have a proper running experience alongside those who simply want to get as painted as possible! [Get your tickets here now.](#)

There's loads more going on throughout the year. Check out Facebook and WhatsApp group for more.

Contacts

Info@friendsofboxschool.co.uk

Friends of Box School WhatsApp Group – (everyone should do this!) contact ???? to be added

Facebook - search Friends of Box School or [click here](#)

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What do the Kids say?

"Fobs is the best thing about the school!"

"I ran my first ever 5k!"

"I loved the Colour run!"

"Seeing the rings of Jupiter was cool"

"Campfest was the best!"



Big Box and Neston Bike Ride

Join us for a fun evening, bike, scooter or skate!



**Tickets available
here**

£3 for children

£5 for adults



Friday, 18 September 2026

6-7:30 PM

Castle Combe Race Circuit

Raising money for your school!



Join us for an afternoon of fun!

COLOUR RUN AND 5K TRAIL RUN

Sunday 18th October 2026 at 2pm

Box Recreation Ground, Box, Corsham SN13 8NT

£7 for kids

£12 for adults

Register now!

