



October 2025

Archers Lodge Boarding Newsletter

What a start to the new academic year! There has been a real buzz around the boarding house this half term and it has been great to see so many of our new boarders right at the heart of the action. From day one we have seen our boarders making friends, helping each other out, and making memories!

Trips and Activities

Our new weekend activity schedule is working really well and we are delighted that the boarders have been able to enjoy such a wide range of trips and activities. From Reading to Portsmouth, Winchester to Guildford, doing everything from shopping to laser tag, trampolining to paintballing, it's been action-packed and loads of fun. See highlights on the next page!

Key dates next half term:

Halloween - we will be hosting a small Halloween event on Wednesday 5th November with some spooktacular snacks and games, and an optional fancy dress competition!

INSET on Friday 14th November - There is an EiM wide INSET day taking place which means there will be no academic lessons on this day. Boarders are welcome to go home on the evening of Thursday 13th November. For those staying, we are running an excursion on the Friday and a normal set of weekend activities.

Christmas Dinner - we will have our annual Boarding Christmas celebration on Wednesday 3rd December and invite boarders to dress for the occasion with some smarter festive wear.



Boarding Brilliance

We are very proud of our boarders and it's great to be able to share some of their achievements with you.

Firstly, we'd like to thank all of our returning boarders for being so welcoming to our new starters and for showing them the house routines etc. In particular, **Isaac** and **Merve** have been excellent role models.

And congratulations to **Jayne** for being awarded the most house points this half term!

2025-26 Term Dates

Spring Term:

Boarders Return - Sun 4th January
Half term: 14th - 22nd February
Term Ends - Weds 1st April

Summer Term:

Boarders Return - Weds 22nd April
Half term: 23rd - 31st May
Term Ends - Fri 3rd July





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Miss Thomson Resident Matron

For those parents that didn't get to meet Miss Thomson at the start of term, we thought it might be helpful to introduce her to you here.

As our Resident Matron, Miss Thomson is based in the house during the day to care for sick boarders and supervise general housekeeping. This may mean you are contacted by She has a wealth of boarding experience and has already impressed us with her can-do approach and her natural rapport with the boarders.

We're sure she is going to be an asset to our team and we extend her a very warm welcome.



Paintballing



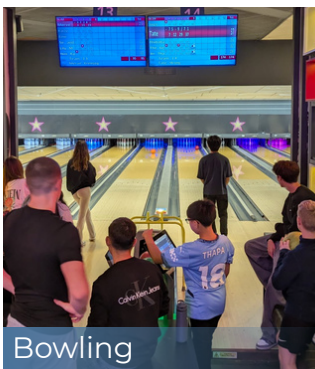
Cake Baking



Hans Zimmer Concert



Thruxton Circuit



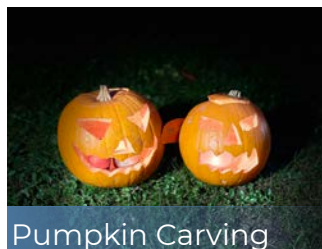
Bowling



Pizza Making



Woking Football



Pumpkin Carving

See next half term's trips [here](#)



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