



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 No: 2

25th September 2026



Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term	
Mon 28th Sept to Fri 2nd Oct	Year 6 Residential to PGL Windmill Hill
Sat 3rd Oct	PTA Bike Ride (Adults Only) - AM: Downs Link (Bramley to Shoreham)
Tues 6th Oct	Harvest Festivals at Church—9.15am Upper School. 10am Lower School (parents welcome)
Tues 13th Oct	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Mon 19th Oct	Parents Evening—4pm to 6.30pm
Wed 21st Oct	Parents Evening—4.30pm to 7pm
Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
Mon 2nd Nov	Inset Day - staff only
Thurs 5th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor & Hove Museum
Wed 11th Nov	Remembrance Service at Church (children only)
Thurs 12th Nov & Fri 13th Nov	DoubleDay
Tues 17th Nov	Flu Vaccinations—all years Year 6 Height & Weight Check
Wed 18th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum Young Musicians Orchestra Day (invite only)
Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Nov	Year 3 Feet First Training

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school [website](#). It outlines roles and responsibilities in the school and who to speak to if you have a concern about a child. Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads, and Mrs D Baker, Mrs A Watson & Martin Hanak-Hammerl are our Safeguarding Governors.



The Autumn term is well and truly underway now and there has been a great buzz in school and

on the playground. Since our last newsletter we have elected our School Council and House Captains (more on this below!) and had a very successful school photo day - the photographers commented on how lovely and well behaved all of the children were! Looking ahead we have lots to look forward to, including the Year 6 residential to Windmill Hill next week, our annual Harvest Festivals and the Year 3 trip to Butser Farm in October. The Autumn term always flies by!

In search of conkers...!

If you are out and about over the weekend on a family walk and find any large conkers, Mrs Barker would be delighted if they could be brought into school on Monday. They will be used for lots of conker themed activities next week at lunchtime!

If we have enough we may be able to hold our annual conker competition as well.

Football Boots for Future Stars project, Cape Town

A huge thank you to everyone who has been able to donate football boots to our collection for Future Stars in Cape Town. I am visiting this football / well being project in October, so will take all donated boots with me. Donations are still very welcome! The boots may be ones that your child has grown out of and are still in a suitable condition for youngsters to play football in.

LSA Advert - Learning Support Assistant Role

We are looking for a new LSA to join our friendly and dedicated team here at BJS. The role will be part time, 9.10am to 1.30pm (21.7 hours per week) and start on 2nd November 2026 (or soon after). For further information and to apply, please visit [eTeach](#). The closing date for applications is Wednesday 7th October 2026. Interviews will be held during the morning of Friday 16th October 2026.

Class Assemblies

Friday 20th November - Class 6W; Friday 29th January - 5W; Friday 5th March - 3B; Friday 19th March - 5E; Friday 30th April - 4GT; Friday 14th May - 4S; Friday 11th June - 3BF; Friday 25th June - 6S. (All class assemblies start at 9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly).

Hiring the MUGA and School Hall

School facilities can be hired for a very reasonable rate on a regular or ad hoc basis. Contact the office for more info. Would you be interested in running a MUGA sports night (weekly, monthly?). We have free evenings on the MUGA along with portable lights. Let us know if you are interested.

PTA Update

- Amazon Wishlist—Did you know that we have an Amazon wish list where you are able to purchase resources for the classrooms. Please save the following link to your Amazon account: <https://amzn.eu/dBGZgEw> and see the attached for instructions. There are a range of prices and you can combine items with your own shopping - helpful for those moments when you want to make up your total to get free delivery. Please deliver items to your home address and hand in, either to a class teacher or to the school office. If you have any queries regarding the wish list please do not hesitate to contact the office.
- Saturday 3rd October (AM)— Join the PTA Cycle Event (adults only). Details available on Classlist.
- Please clear your calendars on FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER for our annual Winter Wonderland Event between 6-8pm. Tickets will be on sale via Classlist very soon. Watch this space!
- We are still looking for parent helpers to help run the Christmas Shopping Event (date TBC) and the Christmas raffle (which will be held at the Winter Wonderland Event). If you are able to help with either, please contact Ruth at bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

House Captains and Vice Captains

We are pleased to announce our new BJS House Captains! The children in Year 6 did themselves proud, presenting short speeches to the children in their House. The children also completed written application forms for this role, as well as the Prefect and Librarian roles. This years House Captains are as follows:

Munstead - Amelie J, Jessica D, Elliott P & Harry H

Tuesley - Aldwin L, William B, Alice N & Ella S

Holloway - Adam M, Joshua B, Maggie L & Bea B

Busbridge - Kayden T, Hugo F, Bella B & Anna B

Prefects

Sarina A, Elouise R, Isobel Y, Hugh J, Grayson W, Olivia K, Katie C, Tom C, Faith P, Toby D, Emily F,
Florence M, Rory R, Hattie D, Phoebe S-C, Lucy J, Holly F, Imogen H, Ele B,
Aggie G, George B, Millie E, Freddie K

Librarians

Jacob C, Rowan W, Jacob R, Tristan E, Jamie K, Mia M & Josh E

Harvest Festival & Harvest Gifts

On Tuesday 6th October Busbridge Church will be welcoming us for our annual Harvest Festival service. The upper school service (Y5/6) will be at 9.15am and the lower school service (Y3/4) at 10am. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend. The service will last approx. 25 minutes. Children are invited to bring a Harvest gift to the service, and we will be donating the items to the Godalming Community Store. The store has proved to be a life-line to many over the last few of years, and it continues to be in demand. The Community Store provide a shopping list on their website of the items they most need—you can view the list [here](#). However, the store has stressed that any donations are appreciated, so please don't feel as though you need to stick to the list. If you are able to donate any items, the children can bring them into school on the morning of the services and then take them with them when they walk across to the church. Thank you for your support with this worthy cause.

School Council and Eco Warriors

This week we elected our School Council and Eco Warriors!

School Council

3B - Mabel T & Joseph M; 3BF—Edie C & Oliver C; 4GT - Eli H & Victoria M; 4S - Rosie B & Josh L;
5E - Luna G & Ethan P; 5W - Joshua S & Mia G; 6S - Phoebe SL & Micah P & Josh E; 6W - Olivia K & Erik M.

Eco Warriors

3B - Keira B & Joshua R; 3BF - Rory C & Georgia D; 4GT - Darcie B & Sonny J; 4S - Ernie E & Delphi BP;
5E - Immy W & Nazar T; 5W - Charlie S & Becky G; 6S - Florence M & Andy M; 6W - Isobel Y & Hugh J

Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting achievements, volunteering and more. Do email in a photo and a brief outline of your child's achievement if you would like them to feature on our SuperStars board. Our first Superstars of this academic year are: William T (5E); Tristan E (6W); Phoebe SC (6S); Joshua B (6S); Harry B (3BF) - do pop in to reception to see what they have achieved!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club.
Session costs from 1st September 2026 will be as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.80

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.60

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £17.20

Bookings can now be made via Arbor, however if you have any queries please contact

Mrs Jackie McPhail at

email: club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Terms & Conditions are available on our website -

[Breakfast & After School Club - Terms and Conditions](#)

Sports Dates

Unfortunately, the traditional Tillingbourne Football Tournaments are unable to take place at Tillingbourne this term due to the post-dry summer conditions of their pitches. The sports association is currently looking at alternative venues, which may have an impact on the number of schools able to take part. When dates/venues are confirmed, due to logistics there is a possibility that parents/carers won't be able to spectate. We will send out information and confirm dates as soon as possible.

*HIGHER Event - For children who are experienced, confident and regularly represent their school in the sport.

**ASPIRE - For children with some experience who are developing their skills and confidence.

***INSPIRE - For children who are new to, or less experienced/confident in, the sport.

Autumn 2026	Sports Calendar
Mon 5th Oct	Year 5 Sports Crew Training at The Spectrum (invite only)
Mon 12th Oct	Year 3/4 Hockey Festival at Charterhouse School—ASPIRE** (invite only)
Wed 14th Oct	Years 6 Football Tournament at Chandler (invite only) HIGHER Event*
TBC	Years 4 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne Junior School (invite only) - HIGHER* POSTPONED
TBC	Year 3 and 5 Football (invite only) - HIGHER* POSTPONED
Sat 7th Nov	Matt Kemp Cross-Country Competition at Rodborough — open to all
Mon 9th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Hocket Festival at Charterhouse School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Thurs 19th Nov	Years 3 and 4 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 23rd Nov	Year 5 and 6 Broad-Rox (Taster) New Hyrox-inspired event
Wed 25th Nov	Years 5 and 6 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 30th Nov	Year 3 and 4 Football Festival - INSPIRE***/ASPIRE**
Tues 1st Dec	Year 5 and 6 Football Festival - INSPIRE***/ASPIRE**
Thurs 3rd Dec	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Competition - HIGHER*