Busbridge CofE Junior School Newsletter

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Our school vision… To be a school that reflects the love of **Christ**: **cherishing** each other as unique individuals & **challenging** all to achieve and succeed.

Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn 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) PTA Meeting, 8pm (on Teams)
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
Fri 20th Nov	6W Class Assembly
Fri 27th Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Event
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Shopping Event
Mon 14th Dec	Y3 Visiting BIS to Watch Xmas Play
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas Church Services—Y5/6 at 9.15am. Y3/4 at 10am.
Wed 16th Dec	Lower School Xmas Play—9.15am Upper School Xmas Play—1.45pm
Thurs 17th Dec	Upper School Xmas Play—9.15am Lower School Xmas Play—1.45pm
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term - 1.30pm
Mon 4th Jan	Start of Spring Term

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.



Where has the first half of this term gone, it really has flown by! We have made a great start to the 2026/27 academic year, with lots of events happening in school, including our annual Harvest Festival, the Year 6 residential to Windmill Hill, the Year 3 trip to Butser Farm and of course, our whole school beach trip to West Wittering! We have much more planned for after the holiday, including our RE DoubleDay on 12th and 13th November (more on this below) and the start of our Christmas festivities! We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 3rd November, raring to go!

RE DoubleDay - 12th & 13th November

Our next DoubleDay will be in the second week of November. We will be dividing the children up into new classes comprising of children from each year group. The children will be in these groups for 2 days as they move between activities lead by teachers from different year groups. For this DoubleDay we will be looking at some parables and events in the life of Jesus. The children will do some fun activities, learn a bit about the parable and consider why it might be important to Christians around the world. They will also have the opportunity to think of Big Questions, which sits within our work on philosophy in school. It should be a great couple of days.

School Prayer Group

Did you know that a School Prayer Group meets in Busbridge Church every Wednesday in term time from 9am-9.15am? Anyone is welcome to join, so please do pop along. There is also a WhatsApp group that you can join if you would like to: https://chat.whatsapp.com/C7wp4vs9Xg917HJVWcTlGU?mode=gi_t. We look forward to welcoming more parents/carers along to pray for our school, the children, staff and families.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 17th November, the NHS Surrey Immunisation Team will be on site to deliver the nasal flu vaccine to all year groups. Please ensure that you have completed the consent form by Tuesday 10th November, **even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine.** Further information, including the link to the consent form has been emailed out with this newsletter.

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).

Parent Governor Election

We are looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body from January 2027. No special qualifications or previous governance experience is needed to be governor, as induction, free training and mentoring will be provided. **Nominations must be from parents (or carers/guardians) with children registered at the school on the day that nominations close (Saturday 7th November).** Most will be eligible, however parents/carers who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand in these elections. If you are curious and wish to know more about school governance at BJS, please contact the office and I would be happy to arrange an in-person chat. If, at the cut-off date for nominations on 7th November 2026, there are more nominations than vacancies, a ballot will take place.
How to self-nominate: Complete and submit this online nomination form by 12 noon on Saturday 7th November 2026.

Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm

Our Year 3 children had a brilliant trip to Butser Farm last week! The theme of the day was Stone Age Life, and the children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, including making copper rings, creating string from blades of grass, clay pots and chalk carvings. They enjoyed sitting in the round house sharing their knowledge and asking some good questions, showing curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning. A wonderful day was had by all!

Sports News!

Year 6 Football

The Year 6 football team played fantastically in a fiercely contested tournament at Chandler School on 14th October. Having battled our way through to the semi-final from a very tricky group, we defeated Chandler 4-3 on penalties to progress to the final and played a very strong Godalming Junior School team. We finished runners up in a close match (0-1). Everyone played very well and in a great spirit. Well done to everybody who took part.

Sports Crew

Earlier this month, a group of Year 5 children went The Spectrum to take part in Sports Crew Training. "We went to The Spectrum to take part in Sports Crew training with lots of other schools. We had to play lots of different games and learnt how to be a good leader and lead games. We talked about the good qualities of a leader and how to use Mr NEDD (Name, Explain, Demonstrate and Done)! We also took part in a pyramid challenge. We had an amazing time and will now be leading games for Year 3 children at lunchtimes!" - *Lana G; Alice L; Anabel H; Lev P and William M - 5W.*

Year 4 Hockey

"A group of Year 4 children went to an amazing hockey tournament at Charterhouse School on Monday 12th October. Lots of other locals schools were also competing. As we worked so well as a team, BJS proudly won all of their matches and even though there weren't any medals, we were still excited to celebrate our success". *Jacob S, Florence T and Darcie B - 4GT.*

Cut Your Carbon Campaign—November 2026

In November we will be running our Cut Your Carbon Campaign, as we did last November. As part of our Eco-Action plan we are continually carrying out activities that support our work in this area, and in November everyone at home will have the opportunity to join in as well—saving the planet through kid-fluence / pester power!

PTA Update

* Tickets are now available on Classlist for our upcoming Winter Wonderland Event on Friday 27th November! It will be a magical event, so be sure to book your tickets asap. Also, keep a look-out for further information about how your child's year group will be helping arrange and run the event. It promises to be a lovely evening.
* After half term, there will be several donation days for our Christmas events. Dates are as follows: Friday 20th November—Christmas Hamper donation day; Wednesday 25th November—Sweet Treats donation day; Monday 30th November—Christmas Shopping donation day.
* Our Christmas Shopping Event will take place on Friday 11th December and children will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers!
* We are still in need of a Chair to take over facilitation of the PTA. This is the perfect time to take over, as most of the roles for the year ahead have been filled. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ruth at bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Busbridge Ambassador Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Autumn Term 2026 (first half term) are:

Class 3BF - Adam W & Sophia O'C
Class 3B - Tristan Z & Neve T
Class 4GT - Axel O & Florence T
Class 4S - Arthur D-H & Olivia B
Class 5W - Alice L & Angelo M
Class 5E – Georgie W & Ethan P
Class 6S - Faith P & Hugo F
Class 6W - Rory R & Alice N

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

Our sporting calendar encourages inclusion and wide participation. Events are categorised as per the descriptors below, to encourage broad participation.

**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 4 Hockey Festival at Charterhouse School—ASPIRE** (invite only)
Wed 14th Oct	Years 6 Football Tournament at The Chandler (invite only) HIGHER Event*
TBC	Years 4 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne Junior School (invite only) - HIGHER* POSTPONED
TBC	Year 3 Football Tournament (invite only) - HIGHER* POST-PONED
Sat 7th Nov	Matt Kemp Cross-Country Competition at Broadwater — **open to all year groups and places are unlimited. Please email** *sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk* **to register your child's place.**
Mon 9th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Hockey Festival at Charterhouse School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 16th Nov	Year 6 Netball Tournament (PM) at Godalming College - HIGHER*
WB 16th Nov Date TBC	Year 5 Football Tournament at The Chandler HIGHER*
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—**TBC**
Tues 1st Dec	Year 5 and 6 Football—**TBC**
Thurs 3rd Dec	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Competition - HIGHER* **(Trials Oct/Nov)**