



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 No: 3

24th October 2025



### Term Dates 2025/26

| Autumn 2025               |                                                                                                                        |
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| Mon 3rd Nov               | INSET Day — staff only                                                                                                 |
| Wed 12th Nov              | Remembrance Services at church                                                                                         |
| Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Nov | Eco-Action DoubleDay                                                                                                   |
| Fri 14th Nov              | Christmas Shopping Donation Day                                                                                        |
| Wed 19th Nov              | Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum                                                                                        |
| Thurs 20th Nov            | Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor                                                                                           |
| Fri 28th Nov              | Donations Day for Hamper Goodies & Sweet Treats<br>Winter Wonderland Event, 5.30pm—7.30pm<br>6S Class Assembly, 9.15am |
| Fri 5th Dec               | Children's Christmas Shopping Event, AM                                                                                |
| Mon 8th Dec               | Year 3 Choir at Busbridge Church                                                                                       |
| Mon 15th Dec              | School Council singing at Leonard Cheshire Home, 2pm                                                                   |
| Tues 16th Dec             | Christmas Play—9.15am (LS), 1.45pm (US)                                                                                |
| Wed 17th Dec              | Christmas Church Services                                                                                              |
| Thurs 18th Dec            | Christmas Play—9.15am (US), 1.45pm (LS)                                                                                |
| Fri 19th Dec              | End of Term—1.30pm finish                                                                                              |
| Mon 5th Jan               | Inset Day                                                                                                              |
| Tues 6th Jan              | Children return to school                                                                                              |

### 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 and Mrs A Watson 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 2025/26 academic year, with lots of events happening in school, including a number of sporting events,

our annual Harvest Festival, Year 4 swimming, Year 6 Bikeability training and our first Year 3 trip to Butser Farm! We have much more planned for after the holiday, starting off with our Eco-Action DoubleDay on Thursday 13th and 14th November (more on this below)! We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 4th November, raring to go!

### October 2026 Half-Term Survey

Last week we sent out a survey regarding the potential change to the length of the October 2026 half-term holiday. As you are no doubt aware from news reports and conversations in the community, Surrey have decided to extend the October half-term holiday to two weeks from October 2026 (19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026). As a CofE Aided school we do not need to automatically accept this decision made by Surrey Local Education Authority. It is up to our school Governing body to decide whether we go along with Surrey's decision of 2 weeks, or stick with our current 1 week break. Our Governing Body will make this decision for our school in December. If you would like to have your say, please complete the [survey](#) by Tuesday 4th November.

### **Green / Eco-hacks — Eco-Action DoubleDay**

As part of our Eco-Action Double Day we will be launching our school's participation in the national 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign. The children will hopefully come home equipped to share how a little eco-change from a lot of people can have a bigger eco-impact.

We would love to hear about any **green/eco-hacks** that you use in life to reduce carbon emissions by even a tiny amount. For example, in the Catchpole household we re-use plastic bread bags, and halve our meat portion per person. These are not going to change the world, but they will make a tiny impact. So what do you do?

Also, are there some people who could collate the ideas that we receive so we can share them with our school community? If this is you, please let me know!

### **Class Assemblies**

Friday 16th January - 4S    Friday 6th February - 5W;    Friday 13th March - 3B;    Friday 24th April - 4GT  
Friday 15th May - 5E (**new date!**);    Friday 12th June - 3BF;    (all assemblies start at 9.15am)

### **PTA Update**

- \* A huge thank you to Alex Sciberras for putting on a fantastic disco - much fun was had. Alex is a year 6 parent, so do let us know if you'd like to organise an adult disco next year.
- \* Planning is well under way for our new event this year - Winter Wonderland on 28<sup>th</sup> November (this replaces both the fireworks event and the Christmas family event). Tickets are now available to buy on Classlist! We would be very grateful for donations please of hamper items and sweet treats on the morning of Friday 28th November. Raffle tickets will also be on sale soon.
- \* Planning is under way for the Christmas shopping event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December; donations for this please either via Classlist, or to the hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. What a busy, yet exciting and beautiful season Autumn and Christmas will be this year. Thank you all for your continued support.
- \* We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale later today from 3pm in the playground. Cash only please.

### **Our New Birdboxes!**

We recently received a wonderful gift of 10 superbly-made bird boxes, donated by Tom Rawson from [greentweedeco](#). Along with many other schools across Surrey, we are part of the Lets Go Zero 2030 Project. A key aspect of Lets Go Zero 2030 is developing habitats for wildlife in the school grounds. These bird boxes will provide a boost to local biodiversity and are very welcome indeed. We are looking forward to seeing and learning about the species that take up residence over the next few months. Hopefully we'll be seeing and hearing more than just the amazing rooks that live round the school!

### **Twelve15 Catering - Proposed Closure**

Following a Surrey County Council Cabinet meeting on 23 September, a decision was made to enter a period of consultation and engagement to gain input from staff and schools on the proposal to close catering and equipment maintenance services, provided by Twelve15. The consultation will run until 15 November 2025. If Twelve15 does close, we will of course source new caterers for the school, however it is important to reiterate that no final decision will be made until after the consultation. Once the consultation has closed all feedback will be reviewed prior to a final decision. If as a parent/carer you have any questions or comments about this, please email [SCCTwelve15Updates.Stakeholders@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:SCCTwelve15Updates.Stakeholders@surreycc.gov.uk) before 15th November 2025.

### **Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm**

Our Year 3 children had a brilliant day on their first school trip to Butser Farm last week! The theme of the day was Stone Age Life. They learnt how to make copper rings; made string from blades of grass and created beautiful clay beads and chalk carvings. We all enjoyed sitting in roundhouses and were very thankful for the dry weather! A good day was had by all.

### **Windmill Hill**

Year 6 had an absolutely brilliant time at PGL Windmill Hill last month and have just about recovered from the late nights and early mornings! We were very lucky with the weather overall and everyone challenged themselves beyond what they ever thought would be possible and achieved some fantastic things, including conquering the trapeze, scoring a bullseye on the rifle shooting and reaching the very top of the giant swing. All of the adults were really proud of the children's resilience and determination to conquer their fears.

## Sports Update

| Autumn 2025    | Sports Calendar                                             |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs 23rd Oct | Football, Y3 boys & Y5 boys— <b>postponed, new date TBC</b> |
| Thurs 6th Nov  | Basketball (Y3, Y4)                                         |
| Mon 10th Nov   | Dodgeball, Y5                                               |
| Sat 15th Nov   | Cross Country, PM (open to all)                             |
| Thurs 20th Nov | Net & Wall Sports, Y3 & 4—TBC                               |
| Fri 28th Nov   | Sportshall Festival , Y4                                    |

### Waverley Schools Cross-Country event - Saturday 15th November at Glebelands School, Cranleigh

**Don't forget** to let Mrs Parsons know if your child would like to take part in the Cross Country event on Saturday 15th November. Please email [sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to confirm your interest. It's not too late and numbers are unlimited!

### Year 4 Football - Thursday 2nd October

On Thursday 2nd October, a group of Year 4 boys headed off to Tillingbourne School for a football tournament. There were two teams, The Incredibles and The Invincibles! Everyone had a brilliant time:

"The Incredibles did really well. Although we didn't make it through to the finals, we scored some great goals". *Alex J (4S)*.

"The Invincibles had a great time! We drew on our first game (0-0), sadly lost our second game (1-0) and won our third game (1-0). We then went through to the final! There were lots of strong tackles, however in the last few minutes, Tillingbourne managed to score and win". *Max M (4S)*.

### Sports Crew Leaders

A few weeks back we took 14 Y5 children along to a 3-hour training session at Broadwater School to become Sports Crew Leaders. The training allowed the children to develop their leadership skills, educate them in planning intra-school competitions/festivals and equip them to become super sports ambassadors within our school. The children all passed the training with flying colours and will now lead a lunchtime club for the younger children to put their skills into practise!

"We had a really useful way of remembering how to give instructions by using MR NEDD" (Name/ Explain/Demonstrate/Deliver) - *Isobel Y (5E) & Kayden T (5W)*.

### Cross Country at St Hilary's School

On Friday 10th October, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the St Hilary's Cross-Country event, alongside St Edmund's School in Godalming and St Hilary's. Year 4 had to run two laps of the course (1km) and Years 5 & 6 three laps (1.5km). Everyone had a brilliant time and cheered each other on as they took part!

### Years 3/4 & 5/6 Girls Football

Thursday 16th November 2025 will go in the annals of BJS sporting history as one of those very special days. Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 Girls football teams showed tremendous skill, team work and resilience. Both teams reached the Final for their tournaments, and after hard-fought matches both teams came out on top. Huge Congratulations to the girls and big Thank You's to the parents and staff who helped the teams. Such a brilliant afternoon! (PTO for Team Photo)

### **Our victorious Y3/4 and Y5/6 Girls Football Teams**



### **Busbridge Ambassador Awards**

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Autumn Term 2025 (first half term) are:

**Class 3BF** - Kiersten B-K & Jacob S

**Class 3B** - Celeste McG & Joshua L

**Class 4GT** - Flynn H & Olivia C

**Class 4S** - Becky G & Oli W

**Class 5W** - Kayden T & Millie E

**Class 5E** – Jamie K & Emily F

**Class 6S** - Millie W & Max J

**Class 6W** - Ferris HLJ & Maisie W

### **Eco-Warriors**

We are pleased to announce our new BJS Eco-Warriors for this year! Taking on the very important job are:

**3BF** - Jack A & Florence T;    **3B** - Celeste M & Oran B-M

**4S** - Alexander J & Alice L    **4GT** - Max G & Aviana S

**5E** - Jacob G & Bella B    **5W** - Millie E & Hugo F

**6S** - Millie W & Henry F    **6W** - Ferris HLJ & Maisie W

### **Green Exit Button - Pedestrian Gate**

Thank you for bearing with us while we have all got used to our new gate system. One learning point for us all is around the green exit button by the pedestrian gate. We have noticed that some parents are allowing their children to jump up/press the button to exit. We do not want the children to be in the habit of pressing this button, as it not only lets people out of the school, but can potentially let people in too. During the school day, children cannot go to the button as the gates around it are closed, but in order to reinforce this message, please do not allow your children to press the button when leaving from clubs etc. Many thanks for your help in ensuring that our school site is kept safe for the children in our care.

## Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting events, volunteering etc... 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 latest Superstars are:

- ♦ Mrs Holland-Leader (LSA) - For completing her Parkrun A to Z! Mrs Holland-Leader even travelled over to the Netherlands to complete her 'Z'! What an incredible achievement.
- ♦ Becky G (4S) - For winning 'Player of the Match' for Milford Pumas! Amazing.
- ♦ Joshua B (5W) - For being Captain of his team at a recent football match! Top job.
- ♦ Tristan E (5E) - For jumping fences at Pony Club! Amazing job, Tristan (and Beamer the pony!)
- ♦ Tabitha C (4GT) - For passing her Grade 1 ballet exam with a 'Distinction'. Well done!
- ♦ Melodi A (4GT) - For passing Level 5 in her ice skating assessment. Well done!
- ♦ Josh E (5W) - For coming second in a mountain bike race - Wow!
- ♦ Maximus & Gabriel McGivern (6W & 4GT) - For both swimming 1000m for their Rainbow Distance badge! Amazing.
- ♦ Darcie B (3BF) - For running 2km in a recent Parkrun in just 9 minutes, 48 seconds! Darcie came in 17th place overall and was the 1st female to cross the line! Wow.

## E-Safety Update

As we head to the half term holidays, our children will have more time to play out... and play in! If you child is browsing this half term, please ask them what they know about phishing: scams on line. Last February saw Safer Internet Day focus on this and this video aimed at children outlines what to be wary of; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zpvctcw> Worth a watch. Enjoy the break. *Mr Evans.*

## Poppy Appeal

From Tuesday 4th November, our School Council children will be selling poppies for this year's Poppy Appeal at break times. Please do send in a small donation with your child if they would like a poppy (50p or £1?). Please note, we will not be able to issue change, so please send in the correct amount that you wish to donate. Poppies will also be available at school pick-up for parents/carers .

*We wish you all a lovely half term break!*

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### **School Meals:**

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December:

Year 3 : £98.60

Year 4 : £98.60

Year 5 : £95.70

Year 6 : £95.70

Amount per day: £2.90      Amount per week: £14.50

Please remember to regularly check and top up your school meal accounts. *We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Arbor regularly.*



### **Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)**

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club.

Session costs from 1st September 2025 will be as follows:

**Breakfast Club** 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.60

**ASC half session** 3.30-4.45pm - £8.35

**ASC full session** 3.30-6.00pm - £16.70

**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](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

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