



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2026 No: 4

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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 2025/26

Spring 2026	
Wed 11th Mar.	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 13th March	3B Class Assembly
Wed 18th March	Year 5 Rodborough Singing Day - performance to parents at 2.30pm
Fri 20th March	Music Works Concert—9.30am
Mon 23rd Jan to Fri 27th Jan	PTA Easter Event
Tues 24th Mar.	Easter Assembly in School (Children only)
Thurs 26th Mar.	Easter Prayer Space (Children only)
Fri 27th March	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Mon 13th April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 20th April to Fri 24th April	Year 4 Bikeability
Fri 24th April	4GT Class Assembly
Thurs 30th April	Class Photos and Y6 Leavers Photo
Fri 1st May	Star Wars Day
Thurs 7th May	Y5 Greeks Workshop
Mon 11th — Thurs 14th May	Y6 SATs Week
Fri 15th May	5E Class Assembly
Tues 19th May	Children's Disco
Thurs 21st May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley

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.



Half term may seem like a distant memory now, but we hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. We have already managed to cram in lots over the last two weeks, including our annual Bouncing for Busbridge event (a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who made this happen), two school trips and of course, the highly anticipated Year 4 residential to Sayers Croft—a write-up on this will be in the next newsletter! Coming up over the next 2 weeks we have more trips planned, the annual Music Works concert and the 3B Class Assembly, to name but a few things. It will be Easter before we know it!

Younger Siblings at Pick-Up

Please do remember that younger siblings must be supervised by the collecting parent/adult at pick-up times. We have had situations lately where our staff have needed to monitor non-BJS siblings, and on some occasions correct their behaviour, which is obviously not part of their role. Please do not allow them to run off in the playground. Thank you.

The Cheryl King Trust—music lesson bursaries

“Our aim is that no young person in Surrey should be prevented from learning a musical instrument because their parents can't afford it.” <https://www.cherylkingtrust.org.uk/>

This charity can provide funding for music lessons by Music Works, Surrey Arts, as well as other providers. The parental income level at which they can consider providing a bursary is surprisingly high, so it may be worth having a look at how they can help (for example, being on Universal Credit is not a proviso).

Big Walk and Wheel 2026

This year we will once again be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge (16th to 27th March). The aim of the challenge is to inspire families to make more active journeys by walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school, which not only boosts health, but also improves air quality and makes a difference to the world around us. For example if you park further from school and walk in this counts as an eco-positive journey. We will be holding a competition between the classes to see which class is the most Eco-Positive in this regard. Further information can be found here: <https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/>

Sports Update

Spring 2026	Sports Calendar
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala 1.30 to 3.45pm (invite only) - Y4, 5 & 6
Mon 9th March	Benchball, Y3 & 4
Thurs 12th March	Football Tournament, Y3 & Y5 (rescheduled date)
Mon 16th March	Hockey Festival, Y5 & 6
Thurs 26th March	Planet Soccer Football Festival at Tillingbourne Junior - Y4, Y6, Y3/4 Girls and Y5/6 Girls Y5/6 Surrey Sportshall Final (1-3pm)

Further competitions and festivals will be confirmed as we go through the term

Swimming gala

On Saturday, we took 25 swimmers to the highly anticipated annual swimming gala at Charterhouse Club. The gala was a mix of traditional and fun races and, as holders of the overall cup for the last three years running, the stakes were high! The children were incredibly committed to doing their best and were very encouraging of each other, which was lovely to see. We took the lead right from the start and, after a very hot and noisy gala, were declared the overall winners of the event! Huge congratulations to the Busbridge swim squad, who thoroughly deserved the win. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and to those who came along to support the children. Our trophy cabinet is now overflowing with silverware!

PTA Update

- ◆ We had a successful meeting on Monday 23rd February, where we agreed some spending towards new art racks, plenty of books, and some year group workshops. We also talked about the upcoming Easter bake off event in the last week of term (please see poster below), as well as setting dates for the summer BBQ (12th June) and the next Winter Wonderland (27th November).
- ◆ The children had a terrific time bouncing on Friday 27th February. It was wonderful to see such a strong sense of camaraderie and team spirit among them. Please can we ask that if you haven't yet sent in your sponsorship money you do so by **Friday 13th March**. If paying by BACS, please scan in the QR code below, complete the form and transfer the sponsorship money to the PTA bank account (Sort code **60-06-19**, Account no **30676878**) with 'Bounce' plus your child's surname & class as the reference (e.g. BOUNCE SMITH 6E). **Don't forget to Gift Aid your donation** (if you're a UK taxpayer) and help us raise an extra 25p for every £1 donated.
- ◆ Thank you to those who have purchased items from the Amazon list - this is ongoing, so please consider adding a couple of items to your basket if you are putting in an order. The next Second hand uniform sale is Monday 23rd March.
- ◆ Please be thinking about whether you would like to shadow some PTA committee roles over the next term, with a view to taking over from Richard (Treasurer) and Ruth (Chair) the following year. It would be great to make sure that we can continue the great work that the PTA has established in order to Create Fun and Raise valuable Funds for the school.

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Busbridge Ambassador Awards

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

Class 3BF - Rosie R & Mark R

Class 3B - Oran B-M & Marni A

Class 4GT - Jasmithan K & Millie J

Class 4S - Mia G & Henry R

Class 5W - Josh E & Imogen H

Class 5E - Hugh J & Maggie L

Class 6S - Blake B & Emily B

Class 6W - Freya M & Reuben F

Class Assemblies

Friday 13th March - 3B; Friday 24th April - 4GT Friday 15th May - 5E; Friday 12th June - 3BF; (all assemblies start at 9.15am)

Online E-Safety Workshop

We are pleased to share that with funding from the PTA, we have been able to book e-safety workshops for all the children in school and an online safety workshop for parents, plus accompanying materials on keeping your children safe in a range of scenarios on line. Please watch out for the upcoming letter explaining how to log in.

Smartphone Free Childhood

Our Smartphone Free policy which we implemented at the start of the academic year has so far proved to be a great success. The Surrey Secondary Phase Council have put together the attached letter (sent with this newsletter) which offers advice for all children moving on from primary to secondary school. We hope you find it useful.

Raising Money for World Down Syndrome Day

In less than 2 weeks it will be World Down Syndrome Day and Tommy ML (5W) has undertaken the challenge of running the 2k Guildford Parkrun on Sunday 22nd March in aid of Stepping Stones DS (our local Down Syndrome charity). Stepping Stones has provided invaluable support to Tommy's family over the last 4 years and he has been training hard for the run! If you would like to support him in raising funds, please visit [Tommy's Guildford Parkrun for Stepping Stones DS](#)

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. We are currently in the process of updating the board, so our latest superstars will appear in the next newsletter.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March 2026:

Year 3 : £72.50

Year 4 : £63.80

Year 5 : £66.70

Year 6 : £72.50

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

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GREAT BUSBRIDGE

BAKE OFF

W/C 23RD MARCH

CALLING ALL BAKING AND CAKING FANS! GET INVOLVED IN THE GREAT BUSBRIDGE BAKE OFF

This year we're encouraging the children to embrace their passion for baking and whisk, mix and decorate their way to prizes!

THE GREAT BUSBRIDGE BAKE OFF WILL BE OVER
FOUR DAYS, ONE DAY PER YEAR GROUP:

MONDAY 23RD MARCHYEAR 3
TUESDAY 24TH MARCHYEAR 4
WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCHYEAR 5
THURSDAY 26TH MARCHYEAR 6

- Each child can bring in a set of approx. 6 x cupcakes, savoury snacks or traybake slices (such as brownies, flapjacks, shortbreads etc.) No full cakes please.
- There will be certificates per year group for the best bakes.
- There will be a bake sale on each day to purchase the bakes.
- Remember no nuts or anything that needs refrigeration.
- Bring your bake to the hall in the morning.
- Bring 50p/£1 after school each day for the bake sale (while stocks last).
- (Shop bought gluten free/dairy free cakes will be available.)
- If baking is not your thing, then we would gratefully receive donations of long-date Easter treats to donate to the local food bank.

**REMEMBER
NO NUTS
PLEASE.**