

# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2026 No: 5

27th March 2026

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

Summer 2026	
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—dress up if you wish!
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday
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 PTA Disco
Thurs 21st May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley
Fri 22nd May	Inset Day—no children in school
Mon 25th to Fri 29th May	Half Term
Tues 2nd June & Wed 3rd June	Year 6 First Aid Training
Fri 12th June	PTA Summer BBQ 3BF Class Assembly
Wed 17th June	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Guildford Cathedral
Fri 19th June	Sports Day

### 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.



It’s hard to believe that the Easter holidays are already upon us – what a fab Spring Term we have had. Since our last newsletter, we have been treated to a brilliant musical performance by our Music Works teachers and students; Class 3B performed their assembly all about The Romans; three school trips have taken place and we have celebrated Easter with our amazing PTA Bake Off, Easter assemblies and Easter Prayer Space. We have been busy! We hope you have a lovely, relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 13th April for more exciting times in the Summer Term.

### Village Hall Car Park

Please note that the village hall car park may be busier than usual on the following Wednesdays: 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 15th July, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November and 9th December. This is due to an external event at the village hall from 1.15pm to 4.15pm.

### PE Days - Summer Term

Please note that the PE days for the Summer term will be as follows:

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 6 - Thursday & Friday

### Busbridge Ambassador Awards

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

**3BF** - Aurora S & Sonny J    **3B** - Charlie H & Skyler S

**4S** - Anabel H & Joshua S    **4GT** - Cam S & Zola R

**5W** - Aldwin L & Anna B    **5E** - Matilda L & William B

**6W** - Vivian S & Toby B    **6S** - Ottollie HH & Henry W

## Sports Update

Summer 2026	Sports Calendar (up to May half-term)
Fri 17th April	Year 5/6 Benchball Tournament (invite only)
Wed 22nd April	Year 5 Netball Tournament (invite only)
Wed 29th April	Year 6 Netball Tournament (invite only)
Fri 1st May	Year 3/4 BEE Netball festival (invite only)
Wed 13th May	Year 3/4 Football Tournament (invite only)
Mon 18th May	Year 5/6 Hockey Festival (invite only)
Wed 20th May	Year 4 Tennis Festival (invite only)

### **Swimming Gala, Charterhouse Club**

Following on from the write-up in our last newsletter, here is a photo of our amazing BJS Swim Squad, who thoroughly deserved their win on Saturday 7th March.



### **Year 3 Football**

"On Thursday last week, a team of Year 3 children went to a football tournament at Tillingbourne School. We played 10 matches: 7 in the quarter final, 2 in the semi-final and one in the final. Out of the 8 teams playing, we won! It was great fun!" - *Arthur D-H and Charlie N (3B)*.



### **Year 5 Football**

"In the football tournament we got to play against lots of other schools (*Andy M, 5W*). We didn't concede a goal until the last game in the group stage, so made it through to the semi-finals, which was great (*Harry H, 5W*). Unfortunately, at the knockout stage, we lost 1-0 to Godalming Junior (*Freddy K, 5W*), however overall we had great fun and a real laugh! (*Tom C, 5W*)".



### **Year 6 Hockey**

On Monday 16th March, Year 6 took part in a Hockey festival at Charterhouse. "When we arrived, we were split into two teams and over the next few hours played around 8 matches! The two teams played really well, losing some, but also winning quite a few. At the end, everyone congratulated us and we received sweets as a reward!" - *Freya M & Charlie B, (6W)*.

### **Benchball**

A huge well done to the two teams we took along to the Benchball festival held at Rodborough a few weeks ago. After a slightly nervous start, they quickly got in their stride and displayed some excellent team work and pure determination. It was wonderful to see them progress and most importantly, have fun!

### **Transport for Sporting Events**

We have recently been asked by a parent about our process for transport, in terms of Safeguarding, for Sporting events. Questions like this from parents are always well received and ensure that we reflect and sometimes make changes to practice so that we don't just do something 'because we have always done it'. There is a Risk Assessment process around transporting children to Sports events offsite that takes place prior to the event. We are always happy to be Cherished and Challenged by parents so please always ask if you have any questions about what we do or how we do it! Your experiences can also help shape our practice.

### **Sayers Croft**

Year 4 had a brilliant time at Sayers Croft at the beginning of March. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the activities, worked fantastically as a team and most of them even managed to get some sleep (well, on the second night they did!). The activities included bouldering, wood ropes, nature art, a maze and a blindfold trail. There was also a night walk, a trip to the souvenir shop (always a highlight) and a movie night. The sun shone which was wonderful and the children were absolutely brilliant - a great residential adventure was had by all! A huge thank you to all the staff who went on the trip and to the Sayers Croft leaders.



### **Godalming Children's Choir**

Congratulations to Anna B (5W), Darcie B (3BF), Ernie E (3B), Millie E (5W), Emily H (6W), Nitha N (6S), Vivienne S (6W), Amber S (3BF) and Alice T (6W) for singing so beautifully in the Godalming Children's Choir Spring Concert on Saturday. The United Church was packed with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience including Surrey County Councillor Paul Follows and Councillor Penny Rivers, Mayor of Waverley, who commented on how wonderfully they performed.

### **Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre**

On Wednesday 11th March, Year 5 visited the Winchester Science Centre as part of our Solar System science topic. Much fun was had as the children explored the sound, hearing, and vibration exhibition. The children made non-Newtonian fluids (oobleck - neither liquid or solid!) in the science workshop and enjoyed the hands-on elements of the centre. The planetarium was a hit (as always), exploring the incredible solar system that surrounds us. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.

### **Year 5 Rodborough Singing Day**

On Wednesday 18th March, Year 5 took part in a day of singing at Rodborough School. The children learnt a variety of songs, before performing to parents/carers at the end of the day. "The singing day was so fun. We got to sing altogether and learn some funny and amazing songs. All the teachers were very calm, kind and patient (Millie E, 5W). Some of the songs included—Ice Cream; Firefly & If I Were a Cat! (Imogen H, 5W). We had lots of fun and at the end of the day, got to perform the songs in front of our parents! (Hugo F & Katie C, 5W).

### **Year 6 Godalming History Trail**

A few weeks ago, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip into Godalming as part of their local area study. The children spent the morning exploring key landmarks and places of interest around the town, taking time to notice how the area has changed over time and what makes Godalming unique. They were brilliant at spotting historical features, asking thoughtful questions, and making connections to their geography and history learning back in school. In the afternoon, the class visited Busbridge Church, where they had the chance to look closely at a range of fascinating artefacts linked to local people. One of the highlights was reading letters sent home by soldiers, which gave us a powerful insight into the lives and experiences of individuals from the community.

### **2027/28 Determined Admissions Arrangements**

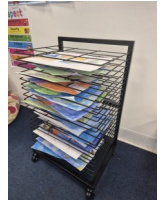
The final Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Forms for Entry in September 2027 have now been determined by the Governing Body of the school. The final policy and forms can be found on our [website](#).

## Class Assemblies

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

## PTA Update

- Thank you for the strong sense of camaraderie and team spirit at the Bouncing Event, and for all of the sponsorship money that has been collected. The event raised an incredible £3,288 for school resources, so a huge thank you for that.
- Thank you for all of the fantastic baking efforts that have happened this week - what a talented bunch of bakers.
- This is photograph of the new art racks that have been purchased using PTA funds. A small example of the kind of direct impact PTA funds can have. The children are pleased to have somewhere for their artwork to dry flat.
- Please keep in mind future events: Disco 19<sup>th</sup> May, Summer BBQ 12<sup>th</sup> June and Winter wonderland event 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- 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.



## 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. Since the last newsletter, we have added:

- ◆ Katy G (6S), Vivian S (6W), Emily K (6S), India T (6W) & Freya R (6S) - for performing in a production of Alice in Wonderland. The show was a brilliant success! Well done girls.
- ◆ Freddy K (5W) & Jonny K (3B) - for achieving their 3 Star Level and 2 Star Level, respectively in their ski lessons—and the lessons were in French! Amazing.
- ◆ Freya M (6W), Maisie W (6W), Madeleine B (6W) & Tommy G (6W) - for representing Surrey in the U11 Sportshall Championship. Both the girls team and the boys team won GOLD! Huge congratulations.
- ◆ Flynn H (4GT) & Dougie H (4GT) - for passing their Level 5 swimming badge. Impressive!

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

## **School Meals:**

The amount for the next half term - Monday 13th April to Thursday 21st May 2026:

Year 3 : £81.20

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £81.20

Year 6 : £81.20

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)**

**Terms & Conditions are available on our website -**

## *Further Dates for the Summer Term*

Saturday 20th June	PTA Sponsored Bike Ride
Friday 26th June	Whole School Beach Day to West Wittering
Tuesday 30th June	Bump-Up Afternoon - children will spend the afternoon in their new classes
Fri 3rd July	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 19th June)
Thursday 9th July	District Sports—invite only (AM)
Fri 10th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Tues 14th & Thurs 16th July	Year 6 Play — (PM)
Monday 20th July	Open Afternoon for current parents/carers, 2.15—4pm
Wed 22nd July	End of Summer Term—1.30pm

## *2026/27 Term Dates*

<b>Autumn Term 2026</b>	Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December
Half Term	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Inset Days	Tuesday 1st September & Monday 2nd November
<b>Spring Term 2027</b>	Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027
Inset Days	Friday 12th February 2027
<b>Summer Term 2027</b>	Monday 12th April to Wednesday 21st July 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Inset Days	Monday 12th April & Friday 28th May
Public Holiday	Monday 3rd May