



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2026 No: 1

11th September 2026

Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term	
Tues 15th Sept	PTA Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm
Fri 18th Sept	Individual and Sibling Photos
Mon 28th Sept to Fri 2nd Oct	Year 6 Residential to 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)

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.



Welcome back to all our families and an extra special welcome to all our new year 3 children and their families!

We hope everyone had a lovely Summer break. It has been brilliant to see all the children back in school and there has been a lovely atmosphere on the playground and in the classes. As we are only a few weeks back into the Autumn term, I will keep this newsletter brief. However, below you will find some useful information including, parents' evening dates, PTA events and a list of key dates (on the left) that will hopefully come in useful when planning your Autumn term diaries!

Parents Evenings'

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 19th October (4pm to 6.30pm) and Wednesday 21st October (4.30pm to 7pm) in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress so far this term. Bookings will be available in early October —details to follow.

Individual & Sibling Photos

Imago, our school photographer, will be on site next Friday 18th September to take individual child photos and sibling photos. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their school uniform on the day. If your child usually has PE on Friday's, please send their PE kits in and they will get changed after their photo has been taken. Year 6 will need to be in their school jumpers for the photo, not their leavers' hoodies, please.

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. This year all gifts are going to the Godalming Community Store. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and not taken for granted.

School Assemblies

Over the next few weeks in assembly, we are thinking about how our brains work and how we can self-regulate. This week we have learnt about the Hand/ Brain model. The children watched this clip in assembly - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kx7PCzg0CGE>. Next week we are going to think about strategies we might use to reconnect when we 'flip our lid'. Do watch the clip to find out more.

Please remember that we are a NUT FREE School!

All the children in school are growing at a fast rate of knots(!) and as a result we know that many of them bring in snacks for break time. Many also bring in packed lunches. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school, so please make sure that all food items brought in from home are nut free and do not contain nut traces. We do have children in school who are severely allergic to nuts, so we need to stay extra vigilant at all times. Thank you for your help with this.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off at School

Just a gentle reminder, that to ease the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up times, we would be grateful if cars do not stop or park on the approach to school (on the roundabout), to let children out or pick them up. This often causes a tail back of traffic on Brighton Road. Parking on the zig-zag lines approaching the pedestrian crossing is also not permitted—this is for the safety of your children and for everyone in the local area. Please can children either be dropped off/collected from the village hall car park (**in the allowed times**) or alternatively, please park considerably away from school and walk the remainder of the school-run.

The **Village Hall car park can be used for dropping off at the beginning (8.30am to 9.15am) and collecting at the end of the school day only (3.00pm to 3.45pm)**, but please be aware that this is a special privilege granted to us by the Village Hall committee for which we pay a nominal charge. Therefore, parents attending **school events in the school day or in the evening must not use the village hall car park** and should park elsewhere and walk. Please also refrain from using the car park when picking up at 4.30pm from after school clubs. Many thanks for your support.

Busbridge Village Hall Car Park - Dates for Your Diary

Following on from the above, please note that the village hall car park will not be available for pick-up on the following dates: Wednesday 14th October, Wednesday 11th November and Wednesday 9th December. This is due to an external event at the village hall from 1.15pm to 4.15pm.

Resurfacing and Linemarkings

Huge thanks to the Village Hall committee for arranging the resurfacing of the driveway and line markings for the school. They spent a lot of time on our behalf making sure lines were just as we wanted.

PTA Update

- All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the PTA AGM next week on Tuesday 15th September, 7.30pm, in the school hall. An opportunity to contribute to the school spending plans and social calendar. Come along to hear about events throughout the year and have your say. The school car park will be available on that evening - please do not use the village hall car park
- Lower the chances of losing that jumper with Stikins from www.stikins.co.uk. The company also contribute to the school if you tick 'yes' to 'Does your school have a fundraising number?' on the first order page. Our school number is 3307.
- 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!

Year 6 SATs Results—July 2026

The Y6 SATs results were a bit late reaching us from the DfE last July so we weren't able to share them with you, but here they are now. And they are truly fantastic! Congratulations to the previous Y6 children and all the adults who helped at home and at school. Very impressive.

	Expected Standard or above			Greater Depth Standard	
	KS1 scores for the cohort	KS2 SATs July 26 scores		KS1 scores for the cohort	Actual KS2 July 26 scores
Reading	92%	100%		52%	71%
Writing	86%	89% (Teacher Assessment)		5%	31% (Teacher Assessment)
Maths	97%	98%		33%	61%

We are a Smartphone-Free School!

Just a kindly reminder that we are a Smartphone-Free School for pupils - and parents/carers at drop off and pick up, please! Recent research by an economics professor at the University of London has shown that delaying smartphones improves children's mental health—and not only that! The research found that in schools where more than 20 per cent of families agreed to 'parent pacts' to withhold phones, pastoral needs fell by 8 per cent. If you would like to join the pact and support a Smartphone Free Childhood, you can sign up [here!](#) Your support is greatly appreciated.

A Huge 'Thank You'!

Back in the Summer, a number of parents took part in the Godalming CC Parents Six Aside Cricket Tournament at the Rec. Thanks to their support, the PTA have received £50 from Marcus McEwen, as a share of the money raised - thank you so much!

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. An update on our latest superstars will be included in our next newsletter!

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

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 (invite only)
Thurs 15th Oct	Years 4 and 6 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne Junior School (invite only)
Date TBC	Year 3 and 5 Football (invite only)
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)
Thurs 19th Nov	Years 3 and 4 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only)
Wed 25th Nov	Years 5 and 6 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only)
TBC Nov	Sportshall Trials (Years 5 and 6)

Whole School Trip to West Wittering

We were so happy that the sun was shining this week for our annual whole school beach day. We all had an amazing time building sand castles, playing games, paddling in the sea and creating some brilliant beach art (see below!) We are already busy planning next year's trip, so we will be off to West Wittering once again! We can't wait. A **huge thank you** to all the parent helpers who joined us on the trip, we really couldn't make it happen without you!

