



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Autumn Term 2025 No: 2

7th October 2025

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn 2025	
Wed 8th Oct	Harvest Festival at Busbridge Church
Sat 11th Oct	Parents/Carers 80s and 90 Disco
Tues 14th Oct	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Tues 21st Oct	Parents Evening, 4pm—6.30pm
Thurs 23rd Oct	Flu Vaccinations - all years Year 6 Height and Weight Check Parents Evening 6pm—8.30pm
Fri 24th Oct	Class 6W Assembly, 9.15am
Mon 27th to Fri 31st Oct	Half Term
Mon 3rd Nov	INSET Day—staff only
Wed 12th Nov	Remembrance Services at church
Thurs 13th & Fri 14th Nov	Save The Planet DoubleDay
Wed 19th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
Thurs 20th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor— NEW DATE
Fri 28th Nov	6S Class Assembly, 9.15am
Mon 8th Dec	Year 3 Choir at Busbridge Church
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

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.

AUTUMN The Autumn term is well and truly underway now and there has been a great buzz in school and on the playground. We have so much to look forward to over the next few weeks, including the Parents/Carers disco this Saturday, a number of school trips, including the Year 3 trip to Butser Farm next week, and our first DoubleDay of this academic year themed 'Save the Planet'. The Autumn term always flies by!

School News - Mrs Barker

Within the Godalming Learning Partnership, schools work collaboratively. On occasions we support each other during periods of staff absence. Milford Infant School are in a position whereby they require SENCO cover for a period of time. We will therefore be 'lending' them Mrs Barker on a Tuesday for a while. Mrs Friend is taking over Mrs Barker's Tuesday morning teaching in 3BF and while Mrs Barker will be contactable via e mail, she will be at Milford rather than BJS on Tuesdays.

"I've Bumped My Head" Wristbands!

Last week in school we started trialling new "I bumped my head" wristbands, instead of stickers. We have introduced the paper wristbands (similar to the ones you receive at festivals!) because we noticed that stickers were falling off jumpers/tops and being lost when children changed for PE or clubs. We hope that the new wristbands will be a better way for staff to clearly identify children who have had a head bump during the school day.

Village Hall Car park—can you help?

Last year we asked if parents/carers could contribute towards the cost of the hire of the Village Hall car park. The Village Hall allows our parents to use their car park for morning drop offs and afternoon pickups, however this comes at a financial cost to our school (a four-figure sum per annum). So that we can continue to provide this facility, we need to ask parents who use the car park to make a voluntary contribution of £15 per year towards this cost. If you are able to make this voluntary contribution, we ask that you log into your child's Arbor account and select Village Hall Car Park Contribution under 'Clubs' to make your payment. Like most schools our budget is under enormous pressure and it is hard to fund even the basics. Your support with this contribution will help our school funding go further.

Class Assemblies

Friday 24th October - 6W (new date!); Friday 28th November - 6S; 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; (9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly)

School Gate Opening Times

Just a reminder that for all after-school clubs that finish at 4.30pm, the sub-station gate (the gate at the top) will be open from 4.25pm until 4.35pm for collection. You do not need to press the buzzer when you arrive.

PTA Update

Only 4 days to go until the 80s and 90s disco. There are a few tickets still available, so head to Classlist to bag your ticket. "Think retro beats, questionable fashion, and unfiltered fun – all in the name of supporting our brilliant school."

We have had some fantastic feedback from teachers about how brilliant the wall bars are to use for gymnastics lessons. This is a great example of money well spent. The MUGA continues to get a lot of use - don't forget there is five a side football happening weekly for anyone keen for a friendly game.

Watch this space for more information on an even bigger and better Christmas event this year, to compensate for not being able to go ahead with the fireworks event. The team are working hard in the background to create something super special.

Pupil Internet Usage Agreement

At the start of every term, we discuss the importance of online safety in school and remind all children about our BJS Pupil Internet Agreement. The agreement covers important online safety tips such as, only accessing the school internet when a teacher has given permission to do so; not sharing personal information online, including photos; and to always talk to a trusted adult if they are upset or made to feel uncomfortable by anything they see online. We have attached a copy of the agreement with this newsletter. Please do take the time to read it (specifically page 2), as there is important information on how you can support your child at home when they are using the internet for school work. Check they know what to do about safe surfing for homework and what to do if they see a strange link or pop-up advert. Remind them about passwords and being kind online. Most of all, who to talk to at home and at school if they are worried. Thank you for your support. *Mr Evans, E-Safety Lead.*

School Library Update

We cant believe that it has been a whole year since a brave team of BJS staff conquered Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) to raise money for the school! We are delighted to let you know that the funds raised have now been used to redecorate our school library, which was in much need of a renovation. Thank you so much for all your support, it really has made a difference!

Food Waste Bin

You may have noticed our brand new food waste bin outside the school gates. This has been introduced as all commercial and public sector premises must now separate food waste from other waste. We would be really grateful if nothing other than food waste from our school is put in the bin, as over the last few week's an array of non-food items have found their way in there! We will also place a sign on the outside of the bin. Many thanks for your cooperation.

House Captains and Vice Captains

We are pleased to announce our new BJS House Captains! The children in Year 6 did themselves proud, presenting short speeches to the children in their House. The children also completed written application forms for this role, as well as the Prefect and Librarian roles. This years House Captains are as follows:

Munstead - Freya M, Scarlett E, Charlie B & Harry A

Tuesley - Henry B, Toby H-H, Effie B & Amy M

Holloway - Thomas R, Joshua S, Violet E, Maisie W

Busbridge - Reuben F, Tommy G, Sofia H & Maddie B

Prefects

Stanley W, Blake B, Emily D, Ella D, Katy G, Felix H, Emily K, Thomas M, Freya R,
Liam T, Joshua T, Henry W, Matilda W,
Eddie W, Ethan W, Arthur LM, Peter B-S, Toby B, Elise G, Emily H-H, Ellie H,
Oscar L, Macklyn L, Bonnie M, Josh M,
Alex R, Vivian S, Alice T, India T.

Librarians

Ottollie H-H, Maximus M, Josh M, Agnes B,
Emily B, Nitha N, Sam M, Henry F,
Lucas H, Max J, Steph B.

Sports Selection Policy

Last academic year 85% of our children 'pulled on the shirt' and represented our school in an inter-school sporting event. This is a statistic of which we are very proud. Our sports selection policy tries to be as inclusive as possible, but sometimes it is not possible to select everyone who wishes to participate. We have a number of principles which guide our work in this area:

1. Some events we send our strongest squad and aim to win.
2. Other events we send a wider range of ability with the view of participation and enjoyment.
3. We keep a log of which child has attended which events. We try to share the events out so that everyone who wants to can participate in at least one event.
4. We do not try to ensure that each child attends an equal number of events, so some children will attend more than others.
5. On occasions we ask parents to assist with squad selection. This is generally when the parents involved have a better understanding of the children's abilities than we have in a specific sport.
6. For some events we ask children to self-nominate if they wish to take part. On other occasions we ask specific children (e.g. if they are yet to represent the school).

Sports

Autumn 2025	Sports Calendar
Thurs 2nd Oct	Football, Y4 & Y6 (Y6 at PGL)
Fri 10th Oct	Cross Country, Y4,5 and 6
Thurs 16th Oct	Football, Y4 girls & Y5/6 girls
Thurs 23rd Oct	Football, Y3 boys & Y5 boys
Mon 10th Nov	Dodgeball, Y5
Sat 15th Nov	Cross Country, PM (open to all)
Fri 28th Nov	Sportshall Festival , Y4

Hiring the MUGA and School Hall

School facilities can be hired for a very reasonable rate on a regular or ad hoc basis. Contact the office for more info. Would you be interested in running a ladies MUGA sports night (weekly, monthly?). We have free evenings on the MUGA along with portable lights. Let us know if you are interested.

Ear Piercings and PE Lessons

Over the last few week's staff have increasingly been asked to provide plasters to cover ear piercings during PE lessons, which is fast diminishing our supply. If your child has new piercings and cannot take them out for PE, please ensure that they are sent in with plasters to use, or that plasters are put on at home in the morning—your child can wear them all day in school. To avoid extra hassle with plasters and PE, the school strongly recommends that children still have their ears pierced over the school summer holidays. Many thanks for you understanding.

Superstars Board

You may have noticed that the reception area has undergone a bit of make-over this week (new chairs, and a general, well needed tidy-up!), so unfortunately we are still catching up with our Superstars Board! We promise that very soon our new board will be up and running!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October:

Year 3 : £104.40

Year 4 : £107.30

Year 5 : £107.30

Year 6 : £92.80

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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