Busbridge CofE Junior School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026 No: 5
13th November 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 2026/27

Autumn Term	
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)
Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Nov	Year 3 Feet First Training
Fri 20th Nov	6W Class Assembly Xmas Hamper Donation Day
Thurs 26th Nov	Sweet Treats Donation Day
Fri 27th Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Event
Mon 30th Nov Mon 7th Dec	Xmas Shopping Donations Day Year 3 singing in Prime Time service
Fri 11th Dec	Christmas Shopping Event
Mon 14th Dec	Y3 Visiting BIS to Watch Xmas Play
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas Church Services—Y5/6 at 9.15am. Y3/4 at 10am.
Wed 16th Dec	Lower School Xmas Play—9.15am Upper School Xmas Play—1.45pm
Thurs 17th Dec	Upper School Xmas Play—9.15am Lower School Xmas Play—1.45pm
Fri 18th Dec	End of Term - 1.30pm
Mon 4th Jan	Start of Spring Term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027

Half Term—Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

INSET Days—Friday 12th February 2027

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.



It's been a busy two weeks in school since the half term break. Over the last two days we have been looking at stories of Jesus in our first DoubleDay of the school year. The children have taken part in a variety of activities, looking at Bible stories such as The Good Samaritan, the parable of the Talents, turning water into wine (or in our case fruit juice!) and many more. It has been a brilliant two days. We are now in full swing getting ready for Christmas and all the festive events we have planned. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Winter Wonderland event on Friday 27th November and at our upcoming school Christmas plays - tickets for these will be released soon, so keep an eye on your emails.

Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor & Hove Museum

Year 5 recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Preston Manor and Hove Museum in Brighton. The children fully embraced the Victorian experience, dressing in period costumes and enthusiastically taking part in a range of immersive role-play activities. During the visit to Preston Manor, they spent half the day learning what life was like for Victorian servants. Their duties included polishing grates, cleaning windows, making beds, scrubbing baths, washing clothes and helping in the kitchen. The children worked incredibly hard and gained a real insight into the daily routines and responsibilities of Victorian household staff. At Hove Museum, the pupils explored a fascinating collection of artefacts, including antique cameras, Victorian toys and a variety of unusual memorabilia from the era, bringing their learning to life in an engaging and memorable way. A huge thank you to all the parents for providing such wonderful costumes and to the adults who volunteered their time to support the trip. Your help was greatly appreciated and contributed to a truly memorable day for everyone.

Church Remembrance Service

This week we marked Remembrance Day in school by attending a beautiful, thought provoking service at Busbridge Church. Thank you to all the children who contributed towards making the service such a special one. Readings (Ethan and Mia), Remembrance Prayers (Luna) Church Bell Ringing (Joshua S).

iPads—funded by the PTA

Huge thanks to you all for funding (through the PTA) a class set of iPads which will be unveiled shortly—exciting!

Class Assemblies

Friday 20th November - Class **6W**; Friday 29th January - **5W**; Friday 5th March - **3B**; Friday 19th March - **5E**; Friday 30th April - **4GT**; Friday 14th May - **4S;** Friday 11th June - **3BF**; Friday 25th June - **6S.** (All class assemblies start at 9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly).

Spring Term Clubs List

We are busy drafting our Spring Term clubs list, which will be sent out to you in the coming weeks. Sadly, Art Club Creations will no longer be able to provide an after-school art club from January. If you know of a provider who would be interested in running an art/creative club from 3.30pm until 4.30pm, please ask them to get in touch with the school office.

Sports News

Cross Country — It was great to see so many children at Broadwater School last Saturday for the annual Cross Country event. The enthusiasm and determination from each and every child created a lovely atmosphere. It was lovely to bring home medals and celebrate placings but even for those who didn't get a medal, they can be incredibly proud of their individual success. Our team effort resulted in our school winning the Matt Kemp Trophy as the highest placed school. Hurrah!

Years 5 & 6 Hockey Festival at Charterhouse School—On Monday, 3 teams of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a fun hockey festival at Charterhouse School. "We won our first two games 3:0 and 3:2 before going on to draw three games and lose two. We had a great time! Everyone played well and did their best". *George, 6S.*

PTA Update

* Tickets are now available on Classlist for our upcoming Winter Wonderland Event on Friday 27th November! It will be a magical event, so be sure to book your tickets asap.
* Winter Wonderland Raffle—Raffle tickets were sent home earlier this week and cost £1 each or £5 for a book. Please pay online by BACS (using the reference *"Raffle" + your child's surname*), fill in your ticket stubs, and return them to the school office by **Thursday 26th November**. If paying by cash, please include it with the tickets when returning them. There will also be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at the event. The raffle draw will take place during the Winter Wonderland event.
* Please note the following donation days for our Christmas events. Friday 20th November—Christmas Hamper donation day; Thursday 26th November—Sweet Treats donation day; Monday 30th November—Christmas Shopping donation day.
* Our Christmas Shopping Event will take place on Friday 11th December. Please see email sent out by the school office on 2nd November for further information!

Count Your Carbon—November Challenge

How are you doing with your November 'Count Your Carbon' challenge? Hopefully the children are pestering you into reducing your family's carbon footprint! We're half way through, so still time to complete the challenge!

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

Our sporting calendar encourages inclusion and wide participation. Events are categorised as per the descriptors below, to encourage broad participation.

**HIGHER Event - For children who are experienced, confident and regularly represent their school in the sport.*

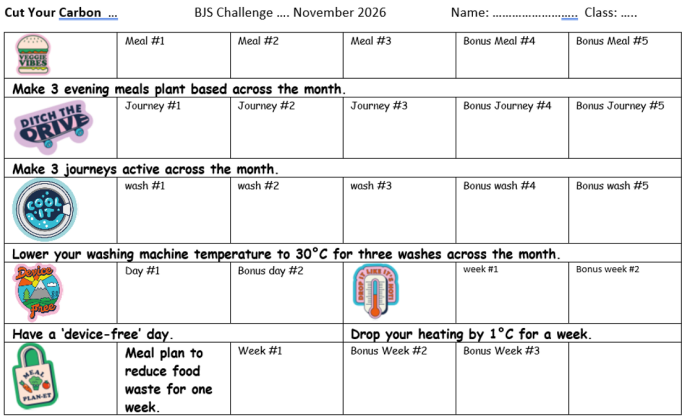
***ASPIRE - For children with some experience who are developing their skills and confidence.*

****INSPIRE - For children who are new to, or less experienced/confident in, the sport.*

Autumn 2026	**Sports Calendar**
Sat 7th Nov	Matt Kemp Cross-Country Competition at Broadwater — **open to all year groups and places are unlimited. Please email** *sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk* **to register your child's place.**
Mon 9th Nov	Year 5 and 6 Hockey Festival at Charterhouse School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 16th Nov	Year 6 Netball Tournament (PM) at Godalming College - HIGHER*
Thurs 19th Nov	Years 3 and 4 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 23rd Nov	Year 5 and 6 Broad-Rox (Taster) New Hyrox-inspired event
Wed 25th Nov	Years 5 and 6 Basketball Festival at Rodborough School (invite only) - ASPIRE**
Mon 30th Nov	Year 4 Football Tournament (PM) - *HIGHER
Tues 1st Dec	Year 3 Football Tournament (AM) - *HIGHER
Thurs 3rd Dec	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Competition - *HIGHER **(Trials Oct/Nov)**
January 2027	Date TBC—Year 5 Football Tournament—*HIGHER

'HomeTalk'

Attached with this newsletter is a family 'thoughtful conversation' resource on the theme of 'Climate Change'. Over the year we will issue more of these discussion starters, as part of our work on philosophical thinking. This Home Talk resource also links in with our school Climate Action Plan, as well as our current Cut You Carbon challenge for November. Enjoy your family conversations!



Cut Your Carbon ... BJS Challenge .... November 2026 Name: ..... Class: .....

	Meal #1	Meal #2	Meal #3	Bonus Meal #4	Bonus Meal #5
Make 3 evening meals plant based across the month.					
	Journey #1	Journey #2	Journey #3	Bonus Journey #4	Bonus Journey #5
Make 3 journeys active across the month.					
	wash #1	wash #2	wash #3	Bonus wash #4	Bonus wash #5
Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.					
	Day #1	Bonus day #2		week #1	Bonus week #2
Have a 'device-free' day.			Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.		
	Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.	Week #1	Bonus Week #2	Bonus Week #3	

