



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2026 No: 3

13th February 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

Spring 2026	
Fri 13th Feb	Inset Day—No children in school
Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb	Half Term
Mon 23rd Feb	World Thinking Day—children can wear their Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts Uniform to school.
Fri 27th Feb	PTA Bouncing Event
Mon 2nd to Wed 4th March	Y4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala (1.30 to 3.45)
Mon 9th March	Y6 Godalming Museum trip — TBC
Wed 11th Mar.	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 13th March	3B Class Assembly
Mon 16th Mar.	Y6 Godalming Museum trip— TBC
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)
Wed 25th Mar	Easter Prayer Space (Children only)
Fri 27th March	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Mon 13th April	Start of Summer Term

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.



Where has the first half of the Spring Term gone?! It's been a brilliant 6 weeks in school, with Romans and Vikings workshops, class assemblies, various sporting events and of course, our Animaltastic Independent Learning week this week.

Straight after half term we have the eagerly anticipated PTA Bouncing event to look forward to, as well as the Year 4 residential to Sayers Croft—and the ever popular swimming gala. I hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break and we look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 23rd February.

Animaltastic—Child-Led Learning

It's been an exciting week in school investigating everything Animaltastic! We have been so impressed with the independent work the children have carried out. They have loved learning about a range of different animals, from snow leopards to axolotls, and pangolins to jellyfish. Thank you parents for your help at home with this.

World Thinking Day

Calling all Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts! On Monday 23rd February children who are members of the above groups are able to wear their uniforms into school to celebrate World Thinking Day and Founder's Day. It is a day to remember and celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, who founded Scouts, and his wife, Olave, who was the first Chief Girl Guide. It is also a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world. If your child is keen to join one of the groups, then please see the flyer sent out with this newsletter.

Inhalers in School

If your child uses an inhaler at home, then please can you ensure that one is also provided for school use. Inhalers are kept in the office medical cabinet so that children can access them if required throughout the day.

Calpol Supplies

We get through a surprising amount of Calpol in school each week, however due to budget constraints it is getting more difficult to keep our cupboards stocked. If any parents/carers are able to add an additional bottle to their weekly shop, we would be extremely grateful. Thank you.

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 (Timings TBC)

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

Year 5 and Year 6 - Sportshall

On Wednesday, some of our athletes from Years 5 and 6 went to a Sportshall Competition at Woolmer Hill. Everyone took part in at least one event, ranging from javelin, standing long jump, triple jump, speed bounce and vertical jump. Track events included an obstacle relay and fun relays. At the end, we were asked to get into two lines - boys and girls and the judges read out the scores. There were over 100 points between the school in 9th place and the school in 1st place and as the judges read out the names, only Godalming Junior and Busbridge Junior were left - the stakes were high! Godalming Junior were declared the second place winners, which meant we had won. We all screamed with excitement - Busbridge Junior had been victorious! (Ben H & Maddy B, 6W).



The children will now go through to the Surrey County Final at The Spectrum on Thursday 26th March!

Huge thanks to Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons for their invaluable skill and dedication training and preparing our team.

Dance Festival at Broadwater School

Last week a number of our Year Three children went to Broadwater School for their annual Dance Festival. They were joined by children from other local schools, and enjoyed a range of dance activities which resulted in much excitement. After warming up games led by some Broadwater PE students, the children took part in a series of dance workshops, including Cheerleading. Some children also learnt a dance to Hakuna Matata, a song from The Lion King. It was such fun!

"It was great! We really loved learning how to do lifts in cheer leading" (Delphi & Jessica 3B)

Many thanks to Mrs Buchan and Mrs Davies who accompanied the children.

Class Assemblies

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

6W - Charterhouse Trip

6W have had a brilliant time at Charterhouse over the past few weeks, where they have been able to use their science labs to carry out some very exciting investigations! In week 1, they made copper sulphate crystals using the Bunsen burners and this week they had to get their physics hats on to protect an egg from falling off of the top of a building! Next week... biology with maggots!



PTA Update

Our next PTA meeting will be held online on Monday 23rd February, at 8pm. All welcome to join - details will be sent nearer the time.

Don't forget we have our much anticipated Bouncing for Busbridge event after half term (Friday 27th February). Each child will bounce on a bouncy castle for one minute with the aim of achieving as many bounces as they can. Each bounce will raise valuable funds for the school. If you haven't yet done so, please don't forget to complete your child's sponsorship form! These should be returned on or before 27th February. If you DO NOT wish your child to participate, then please email the school office at admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. Your child will automatically be included otherwise. Thank you for your support—it promises to be a fun-filled day!

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:

- ◆ Freya B, 3B - for passing her Grade 1 Class Award in Dance - Well done, Freya!
- ◆ Aldwin L, 5W - for winning a trophy with his Cub Scout quiz team. Aldwin and his team now represent Godalming in the Surrey County Cub Scout competition - amazing!
- ◆ Hugo F, 5W - for taking part in a 2km cross country race against other Year 5 and Year 6 children—and coming 3rd! Wow.

We wish you all a lovely half term break!

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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