

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2026 No 2

8th May 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 11th — Thurs 14th May	Y6 SATs Week
Fri 15th May	5E Class Assembly
Mon 18th May	Y6 Egyptian Math's Workshop
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
Tues 2nd June	PTA Meeting on Teams
Fri 5th June	Summer BBQ Donation Day
Mon 8th June	Y6 Guildford & Waverley Junior Citizen Child Safety Event
Fri 12th June	PTA Summer BBQ 3BF Class Assembly
Wed 17th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
Fri 19th June	Sports Day (Y3/4—AM ; Y5/6—PM)
Sat 20th June	PTA Sponsored Bike Ride
Wed 24th & Thurs 25th June	Year 3 Feet First Training
Fri 26th June	Whole School Beach Day!
Tues 30th June	Bump-Up 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.



I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you all enjoyed a lovely, long weekend earlier this week. We wish all

our Year 6 children the very best next week in their SATs exams - we know they will all be brilliant!

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 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 years 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 for the good of the children. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed last year, we really do appreciate your support!

Village Hall Play Area

Please note that the village hall play area (next to the hall itself) is private property and not a play area accessible to the general public. We would therefore be very grateful if you could please not allow children to play in the area at drop off/pick up time, as it is not for our use.

Breakfast & After-School Club Fees Increase

Following a review of our Breakfast and After-School Club fees by the school's Governing Body, there will be a 3% increase to fees from the autumn term 2026 (Tuesday, 1st September, 2026). A letter with further information has been sent out with this newsletter. The prices per session from Tuesday 1st September 2026 will be:

Breakfast club	£6.60 – increase to £6.80
Half after-school club	£8.35 – increase to £8.60
Full after-school club	£16.70 – increase to £17.20

Sports Update

Summer 2026	Sports Calendar (up to May half-term)
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)
TBC	Planet Soccer Tournament (invite only)
Tues 2nd June	Y5 Open Cricket (invite only)
Thurs 4th June	Y4 Cricket Tournament (invite only)
Wed 10th June	Year 5/6 Girls Cricket (invite only)
Tues 23rd June	Year 6 Open Cricket (invite only)
Thurs 9th July	District Sports (AM) (invite only)

Year 6 Netball Tournament

On 29th April a group of our Year 6 children went to Rodborough for a Netball tournament. "When we arrived we all sat on the grass and waited for the other schools. We then played a few matches and did really well! Overall we came joint 3rd". (*Vivian S & Reuben F, 6W*).

Year 5 & 6 Benchball

On Friday 17th April a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a Benchball festival. "The Benchball festival was in two parts; activities and then competitions. Activities included throwing a ball into a hoop and practicing different throwing techniques. We played against Godalming Junior and one other school. It was sooooo much fun!" (*Agnes B & India T, 6W*).

Sportshall Final

There was great excitement at the Sporthall County Final on Thursday 26th March. "Lots of schools took part. We tried our hardest, showing determination and excelling in the track events and field events (including Javelin, speed bounce vertical jump and standing long jump). We had an amazing time and came 4th overall!" (*Maddy B & Maisie W, 6W*).



Planet Soccer Football Tournament Update

We have been informed that this event will now take place in the autumn term rather than this term. No doubt the children will be disappointed, but hopefully Y3, Y4 and Y5 players will still have the opportunity to take part. In the meantime, we are very excited to announce that, in keeping with the Football World Cup, BJS will be running its very own "Football House Cup" in July and this will be open to anyone who would like to take part. More details to follow!!!

Do you have any shin pads or football boots that need a new home?!

If you have any spare children's shin pads or football boots (with plastic, moulded studs), we would be extremely grateful for any donations in school. We always try to have a few spare sets for emergencies, however our stocks have now completely disappeared. If you are able to donate any, then please drop them into the school office. Many thanks.

Star Wars Day

The sun was shining last week for our annual Star Wars Day! We had a brilliant time and there were some truly fantastic costumes! As ever, the lightsaber battles on the school field were a definite highlight. We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year.

** So good to see the **Godalming Bike / Scooter Bus** up and running. What a wonderful initiative! More details in the email with this newsletter.**

Class Assemblies

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

PTA Update

Ice cream Friday is back! Every Friday, we will be selling ice creams and lollies on the school playground at the end of the day. Everything will cost either 50p or £1, depending on the size. Please bring the correct change if possible, or pay in advance through Classlist! Each class will be taking it in turns to sell ice creams, so if you're able to help, please let your class rep know. The ice cream sales will be on the following dates: Friday 8th May - 6W; Friday 15th May - 4S; Thursday 21st May - 5E; Friday 29th May - TBC; Friday 5th June - 6S; Friday 19th June - 3BF; Friday 3rd July - 3B; Friday 10th July - 4GT; Friday 17th July - 5W. There will no ice cream sales on Friday 12th June due to the Summer BBQ and Friday 26th June due to beach day.

Year 5 Greeks Workshop

Yesterday, the Year 5's turned into some fabulous looking Ancient Greeks for the day. We all had a great time with the Rainbow Theatre Group, learning about schooling in Ancient Greek times and practicing the Greek alphabet in rap! We also learnt about different Greek myths: the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops, and Theseus and the Minotaur. Everyone had a go at acting the stories out. In the afternoon, the children sampled a delicious Greek feast and created some super Minotaur art pictures using charcoal. A big thanks to the Rainbow Theatre Group for making the day so enjoyable - and the Year 5 staff!

Bikeability

Towards the end of April our year 4's were busy zipping around the school playground on their Bikeability course. Everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and lots of new skills were learnt. The cycle training aims to improve balance and control skills (e.g. steering, using gears, looking all round whilst keeping control and controlling the cycle with one hand) and at the end of the course everyone was proud to walk away with their level 1 badge! Here is what some of our Year 4's had to say about the training: "I really enjoyed bikeability; we had so much fun. I learnt new skills and it was super cool and interesting. We got to cycle around the playground!" (*Olivia C, 4GT*). "The instructors really helped me with my signaling and I really enjoyed the fish tank game!" (*Ethan P, 4GT*).

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.

- ◆ India F (4GT) and friends—for helping to raise awareness of Epilepsy. India and her friends all wore purple ribbons on National Epilepsy Awareness Day.

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

Terms & Conditions are available on our website -

Further Dates for the Summer Term

Fri 3rd July	Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 19th)
Wednesday 8th July— Monday 13th July	Book Fair in School
Thursday 9th July	District Sports—invite only (AM)
Fri 10th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Tues 14th & Thurs 16th July	Year 6 Play — (PM)
Wednesday 15th July	End of Year Assemblies at Church (Year 6—9.15am, parents welcome. Years 3, 4 & 5—10am, no parents)
Thursday 16th July	Summer Music Concert (AM)
Monday 20th July	Open Afternoon for current parents/carers, 2.15—4pm
Wed 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly End of Summer Term—1.30pm

Sports Day - Date for your diary

Friday 19th June: Y3/Y4 in the morning; Y5/Y6 in the afternoon. Up to two adults can join us per child. Do come along and support the children! Please bring your own folding chair/blanket.

Friday is the track events. On Thursday 18th June we will be holding our field events sports day. The children will be outside on the field with their year group for about an hour or so. Parents are not invited to this event.

Holloway House Event

There has been much fun in school today celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! The Holloway House team arranged a delicious 'Birthday cake' sale, as well as fun games such as 'Pin the Birthday Badge on Attenborough' and 'Guess the Name of the Panda'. An amazing £304.82 was raised, which will now be donated to the World Wildlife Trust.

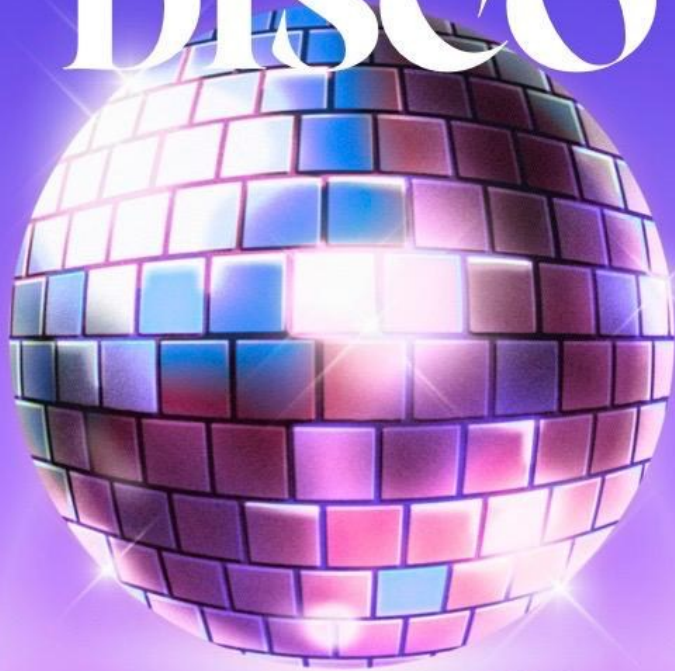
Congratulations to Florence T (3BF) who correctly guessed the name of the panda (Bamboo, of course), as well as Sonny J (3BF), Emily B (4S), Freya M (6S) and Ella S (5E) who also won prizes.

To finish the celebrations, this afternoon the children have watched the live stream of the 'Sir David Attenborough at 100 Assembly', hosted by Steve Backshall.

A huge well done to our Holloway House Captains who organized the event (with support from Mrs Barker in the background). At some point the House Captains got thoroughly soaked. I'm not entirely sure why, but all in a good cause! What a great day - a huge well done, Holloway House!

BUSBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

SPRING SCHOOL DISCO



TUESDAY 19TH MAY

LOWER SCHOOL (YEARS 3 & 4) 5:30-6:30PM

UPPER SCHOOL (YEARS 5 & 6) 6:45-7:45PM

£8 PER CHILD - TICKETS INCLUDE:

A DRINK, PACKET OF CRISPS, PACKET OF SWEETS

NO CASH REQUIRED!

SIMPLY PURCHASE AN £8 TICKET VIA CLASSLIST