



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2026 No: 1

16th January 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	
Tues 27th Jan	Year 4 Sayers Croft Info Evening 6pm
Fri 6th Feb	5W Class Assembly, 9.15am
Tues 10th Feb	Parents Evening, 4-6.30pm
Wed 11th Feb	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics—AM
Thurs 12th Feb	Parents Evening—6-8.30pm
Fri 13th Feb	Inset Day—No children in school
Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb	Half Term
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 (1 class)
Wed 11th Mar.	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 13th March	3B Class Assembly
Mon 16th Mar.	Y6 Godalming Museum trip (1 class)
Wed 18th March	Year 5 Rodborough Singing Day - performance to parents at 2.30pm
Mon 23rd Jan to Fri 27th Jan	PTA Easter Event
Fri 27th March	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Monday 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.



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely festive break. Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts and kind words to staff. School life is already back in full swing and the children have thrown themselves into 2026 with their usual enthusiasm and buzz. We have lots planned this term, including our annual PTA Bouncing Event in February, the Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft in early March, class assemblies, day trips and more! It's going to be busy!

Vacancy - LSA Role

We are looking for a new Learning Support Assistant to join our friendly and dedicated team here at BJS. The role will be part time, Monday to Friday mornings, to start on Monday 2nd March. Please see attached advert for further information, and to apply visit [eTeach](#). The closing date for applications is Monday 2nd February at 12 noon. Interviews will be held on Friday 6th February in the morning.

Tree / hedge planting in school on Friday 30th Jan - can you help?

As part of our Eco/Climate Action Plan we are planting 5 trees and 200 hedge whips on our school site on Friday 30th January. We will be getting the children involved in the planting process, but we would also appreciate some help from parents/carers on the day. Our staff will accompany the children outside when it is their chance to dig, but having some parents on hand to do some heavy digging, staking, securing the guards (and generally making-good over enthusiastic child-planting). If you able to help, please do let the office know. I have no idea how long it will take a school to plant 5 trees and 200 hedge whips, so if this is an area you know about please do send me an email or give me a call! Thank you in anticipation!

New Story Time Slot at Lunchtimes!

We've introduced a new story time slot at 1.10pm each day for any children who would like to listen to a story at lunchtime. Each day the story will be told by a different member of staff, however if there are any parents/carers who hold a DBS with us and would like to pop in to read a story to the children, then please do let us know! It is always lovely for the children to hear a difference voice and for parents/carers to make a 'guest appearance'!

Sports Update

Spring 2026	Sports Calendar
Fri 6th Feb	Dance Festival, Y3
Wed 11 Feb	Sportshall Athletics, Y5 & 6 (Woolmer Hill School)
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala 1.30 to 3.45pm (invite only)
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
Dates TBC	Netball Tournament

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



GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's *GET Teaching* programme ~ Sept 2026



Why not *GET Teaching* with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The **Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP)** is a dynamic and collaborative network of schools based in and around Godalming, Surrey. The core group comprises community and church settings: Godalming, Busbridge and The Chandler Junior schools, Moss Lane, Milford and Witley Infant schools plus the outstanding Wharf Nursery. GLP is united by a shared commitment to driving up educational standards, inclusion, and curriculum enrichment. At the heart of GLP's ethos is a belief in the power of collaboration to improve the life chances of children in the area by driving school improvement.



A flagship initiative of the partnership is its ***GET Teaching*** programme: GLP's school-led teacher training route, delivered in partnership with the University of Winchester's outstanding education department. We are **inviting applications to start in Sept 2026**.

The one year school-led ***GET Teaching*** PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our schools and academic study at Winchester University. It has a 100% pass rate and a strong track record of graduates progressing into leadership roles within GLP schools.

If you have questions, take a look at our website (below) or email Rachel Dunnage on:
coordinator@godalminglearning.org

APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org and

Primary (3F9B) with Godalming Learning Partnership - Find postgraduate teacher training - GOV.UK

Our Christmas Wishing Service

On the final day of last term, we held our annual **Wishing Service** in which children belt out favourite Christmas carols and songs, whilst also spending some time thinking of others in the world around them. Each year group presented their 'Wish For The World' and you can now see the wishes below. Christmas may have come and gone now, however the challenge to us all is to make these wishes come true through our attitudes and actions in 2026. **Perhaps by Christmas 2026, some, or all of them may have come to pass ...**



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Year 3: We wish that everyone feels safe, warm and has shelter. We wish that those that are lonely feel loved this Christmas.

Year 4: We wish that every child around the world can play, feel joy, and have a truly happy Christmas surrounded by people who love them. We wish for everyone to feel loved, happy, and never lonely. We hope wars will end and that this Christmas brings safety, kindness, and hope to all. Most of all, we wish that everyone's dreams and wishes come true this Christmas.

Year 5: Year 5's wish for this year is that we want love, peace and harmony to spread across the world.

Year 6: Our wish is that over Christmas everyone can feel safe and loved during the holidays. We especially hope that homeless people and people living in conflict zones can be safe and be healthy. We also hope that all animals affected by deforestation can find somewhere safe to shelter and build new homes. We hope that everybody around the world can feel the joy of Christmas!

PTA Update

New year: new initiative - we have an Amazon wish list where you are able to purchase resources for the classrooms. Please save the following link to your Amazon account: <https://amzn.eu/dBGZgEw> and see the attached for instructions. There are a range of prices and you can combine items with your own shopping - helpful for those moments when you want to make up your total to get free delivery. Please deliver items to your home address and hand in, either to a class teacher or to the school office. If you have any queries regarding the wish list please do not hesitate to contact the office.

As we enter the new term there are also lots of exciting events to be involved in: a sponsored bouncing event on 27th February; an Easter event 23rd - 27th March; a Kids Disco on 19th May; the Summer BBQ on Friday 12th June (note the earlier date this year).

Parents Evening

The booking system for our upcoming parents evenings will open on **Wednesday 28th January at 6pm**. An email reminder will be sent out nearer to the date, together with a short guide explaining how to book. This term's parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 10th February (4pm—6.30pm) and Thursday 12th February (6pm to 8.30pm).

Teacher Training

This week, our teachers took part in some training with one of our former parents, Laura Davies. Laura used her Drama and Performing Arts experience to lead a training session in which we explored how we can use a range of drama techniques across the curriculum. Many thanks to Laura for her time and inspiration. The teachers are excited to plan in some of the activities that we learnt to enhance your child's learning.

Class Assemblies

Friday 6th February - 5W; Friday 13th March - 3B; Friday 24th April - 4GT Friday 15th May - 5E (new date!); Friday 12th June - 3BF; (all assemblies start at 9.15am)

Safety Online

As Christmas has just been and gone, many of our children may have received new gadgets as gifts. Lots of us will have met up with family and friends with older and younger cousins that have different rules and experiences about playing online. Consequently, now is a great time to talk to your children about what they do online, what you think is ok and some of those 'What to do if...?' questions. Do other family members and friends have different rules? Why? Please find below a link from Childnet that may help frame these useful conversations.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/family-agreement/> David Evans, E-safety lead.

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:

- ◆ Macklyn L (6W) & Maggie L (5E) - for learning how to snowboard and passing Level 1! Wow, well done both!
- ◆ Agnes B (6W) - For winning a special kayaking award (the Jack and Wilf trophy Award), presented by the Mayor of Godalming - Amazing!
- ◆ Theo W (4S) - For getting a distinction in his debut grade exam in electric guitar! Top job.
- ◆ Isabelle K (3BF) - For taking part in the Holly King Performance Academy production of 'School of Rock!' - What a star!
- ◆ George B (5W) - For doing amazingly well at the Club Championships with Wey Valley Swimming Club. George came 1st in both 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly and knocked an unbelievable 9 seconds off his PB or the 100m Freestyle. Amazing!

Independent Learning Week—week beginning Monday 9th February

Our next independent learning week is coming up fast. This week will be **Animaltastic** (thank you Mr Evans for the inspiration with naming it!). Very soon your children will be coming home eager to collect information along an animal theme that they can then bring back into school to inspire their work. Last years Independent Learning Week was amazing, and we know that this year's week is going to be Animaltastic-fantastic.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 12th February 2026:

Year 3 : £81.20

Year 4 : £81.20

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

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