



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

**Autumn Term 2025 No: 6**

**17th December 2025**

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

Autumn 2025	
Fri 19th Dec	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Spring 2026	
Mon 5th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 6th Jan	Children return to school
Thurs 15th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 16th Jan	4S Class Assembly, 9.15am
Fri 6th Feb	5W Class Assembly, 9.15am
Tues 10th Feb	Parents Evening, 4-6.30pm
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
Mon 9th March	Y6 Godalming Museum trip (1 class)
Wed 11th March	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 13th March	3B Class Assembly
Mon 16th March	Y6 Godalming Museum trip (1 class)

### 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.



**HoHoHo—Merry Christmas, One and All!**

What a wonderful time we have had in school this term! From various school trips, to our Eco themed DoubleDay, the amazing PTA Winter Wonderland event and of course, the brilliant

Christmas plays this week! We look forward to seeing more of you at the performances tomorrow! **Please remember that school will finish at 1.30pm this Friday.** On behalf of staff and Governors I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas.

### BJS Amazon Wishlist

Did you know that BJS has an Amazon Wishlist that parents and carers can access to purchase resources for the school? The link to the list is here. Please do have a look and consider if you can purchase a small gift to enhance the children's learning. Many thanks.

<https://amzn.eu/dBGZgEw>

### Spring Term PE Days

Year 3	Spring 1 - Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Spring 1 - Tuesday & Friday (cricket)
Year 5	Spring 1 - Monday & Tuesday
Year 6	Spring 1 - Thursday & Friday

### Year 5 Science Workshop

At the end of November, students from Charterhouse School Sixth Form visited Year 5 and helped the children conduct a wide range of fun science experiments. These included making the much-loved glove horns, testing our eyesight with coloured words, not popping balloons with wooden skewers, creating whirlpools and handcuffing ourselves together plus many more. The children had a great time and learned lots of cool science.

## Sports Update

Spring 2026	Sports Calendar
Fri 6th Feb	Dance Festival, Y3
Wed 11 Feb	Sportshall Athletics, Y5 & 6
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala (invite only) - TBC
Mon 9th March	Benchball, Y3 & 4
Mon 16th March	Hockey Festival, Y5 & 6

**Further competitions and festivals will be confirmed next term**

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### **Year 5 & 6 Basketball**

What a fantastic time we had at Rodborough playing basketball last week. We took along two teams (Busbridge Eagles and Busbridge Hawks). The children took part in a wide range of skill activities first before playing a series of round-robin games. The Basketball Festival was a lot of fun, very energetic, and a great way to apply our skills learnt from using the MUGA. Big thanks to Mr Catchpole and Miss Warner who were with the teams at Rodborough. And of course a huge thanks to Mrs Parsons for doing all the admin and organising.

### **Year 4 Sportshall**

At the end of November a group of Year 4 children took part in the Sportshall Festival at Broadwater School. Rik V (4S) was one of the children who took part— “I enjoyed the Sportshall festival and loved the activities we did. We took part in the triple jump, jumping squats, speed bounce and vertical jump. The sport coaches were fun; nice; supporting and kind and we thought the warm up was great!”

### **Christmas 2025 Events Round-Up...**

We have been so impressed this week with the **Christmas Plays!** Over the past few week's everyone has worked really hard to make them a success—and I am sure that those of you who have seen the performances so far will agree that they have been fantastic! Well done to all the children and staff! The plays are always a highlight of the final week of term.

Last week our Year 3 children sang at the **Prime Time Carol Service** at Busbridge Church. The children sung beautifully. Songs included 'O Little Town of Joy' and two from their play “Bethlehem, The Musical”!

On Monday 15th December a group of our School Council children visited the **Leonard Cheshire home** to spread a touch of Christmas cheer to the residents there. The children, accompanied by Mr Catchpole on the guitar, sang songs, read poems and told jokes. It was a lovely, festive afternoon.

**Christmas Lunch** today was delicious! Nilustra and her team pulled off a momentous task of cooking the festive feast, which included a traditional Christmas dinner and festive reindeer shortbread! After the children ate, they were accompanied by a veritable choir of angels and live guitar music (some of our teaching staff and Mr Catchpole!).

The **Christmas Services** at Busbridge Church were also a highlight. Many thanks to Ben and Judith for hosting us and leading the services.



### Class Assemblies

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; (all assemblies start at 9.15am)

### PTA Update

A huge thank you for all the contributions for the Christmas events. The Winter Wonderland event raised a whopping £3.5k and the Christmas shopping event raised £1.6k. So the events combined raised over £5k for invaluable school resources. Thank you for the time, effort, contributions, ticket sales, stall teams, purchasing raffle tickets, clearing up, etc. - a fantastic team effort. Particular thank you to Debbie Baker, Richard Day, Sarah Speirs and Jackie Ahrens.

If you would like to be involved in running similar Christmas events in 2026, it is not too early to step forward. Please let the team know - early planning makes things run smoothly.

There are exciting events coming up in 2026 already: a bouncing event on 27<sup>th</sup> February; an Easter event 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March; a disco on 19<sup>th</sup> May; the Summer BBQ on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June (**note the earlier date this year**).

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas from the PTA team.

### 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:

- ♦ Jacob S, 3BF - For performing in 'School of Rock'. Jacob played the drums and sung — what a Superstar!
- ♦ Harry A, 6S - For passing his Grade 1 electric guitar exam with Distinction! Huge well done.
- ♦ Marni A, 3B - For taking part in her first ballet exam and achieving a Merit! Wow

... some late additions to the board this term will feature in the newsletter after Christmas!



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](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

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