



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Autumn Term 2024 No: 6

29th November 2024

Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn 2024	
Tues 3rd Dec	Charterhouse Science Workshops - Y5
Fri 6th Dec	PTA Children's Christmas Shopping Event
Fri 13th Dec	Year 3 Prime Time Singing Munstead House Event, Elf Run After School PTA Christmas Event
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsals
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Play - Lower School 9.15am & Upper School 1.45pm
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Church Services - 9.15am Lower School & 10am Upper School
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Play - Upper School 9.15am & Lower School 1.45pm
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term—1.30pm
Mon 6th Jan 2025	Start of Spring Term
Thurs 16th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Tues 21st Jan	Year 4 Sayers Croft Info Evening, 6pm
Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Jan	'Marvelous Me' DoubleDay
Tues 28th Jan	Children's Disco
Fri 31st Jan	Class 5W Assembly
Tues 11th Feb	Parents Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 13th Feb	Parents Evening, 6pm to 8.30pm
Fri 14th Feb	Class 3B Assembly
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half term
Mon 3rd March to Wed 5th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 13th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Fri 28th March	Class 4LT Assembly

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The countdown to Christmas has officially begun and there has been lots of excitement in school! Rehearsals are well underway for our Christmas Play, Stable Manners; we have two PTA festive events to look forward to

(more information about these are on the next page!) and we have the eagerly anticipated Munstead House Elf Run on Friday 13th December! It's definitely going to be a fun-filled month in school.

BJS Smartphone Free Survey

Last week we sent out a link to our BJS Smartphone Survey. As you are no doubt aware there has been an increasing amount of coverage in the press and social media regarding smartphone usage and access by children. As a school we are considering becoming a Smartphone Free school from September 2025. Before taking a decision on this, it is important for us to collect the views of our parents, carers and guardians on this matter. There is still time to complete the survey if you would like to have your say - the survey can be completed anonymously if you wish. <https://forms.office.com/e/kJfNtsfds> (ends today).

Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Haslemere Museum on Wednesday 13th September as part of their Egyptians topic. The children got the opportunity to handle 3000-year-old artefacts (!), see a genuine mummy (toe nails and all) and practice the mummification process on a teddy bear! The day was a great success.

Holloway House Book Event

The Holloway House Book Event last week was a huge success. The year groups took it in turns to visit the hall and choose their 'new' book to take home - there was lots of excitement as they found out which one they had got. Well done to Holloway House for organising such a brilliant event!

Would you like to be our new Clerk to the Governing Body?

We are recruiting for a new Clerk to the Governing Body, with a view to the role starting in January 2025. Further information about the role can be found on our website - [Current Vacancies](#). Please note, the closing date for applications is Friday 6th December (noon), with interviews taking place on Monday 16th December 2024.

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 P Baker and Mrs A Watson are our Safeguarding Governors.

Class Assemblies

This years' class assemblies will be as follows (9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 31st January — Class 5W

Friday 14th February — Class 3B

Friday 28th March—Class 4LT

Friday 2nd May — Class 4S

Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA Update Christmas Events

Friday 6th December - Elf Christmas shopping morning at school. Children need to bring in a named carrier bag, £5 (£1 coins helpful), completed shopping list form and named stickers.

Thursday 12th December - Donation day for the Christmas event - mince pies, cakes, donuts or large bags of popcorn (no nuts or alcohol).

Friday 13th December - Join us on Friday 13th December from 3.30-5pm for a Christmas celebration event in the school playground. There will be delicious hot chocolate, mince pies, Christmas craft, carols and a disco! Wrap up warm as it will all be outside. Purchase your £5 book of vouchers on Classlist that will buy you: hot chocolate, paper craft, food craft and a sweet treat. (Pre purchased vouchers will be printed and ready for collection at the event itself.) Don't forget to bring your 50ps and £1s for Christmas cards, Yr3 Peddlars, Christmas tattoos, Christmas gifts & bits. We don't have a raffle this year, but will be taking card payment donations for drink selection bags (to enjoy at home and not at event!) To make this event happen we need lots of help please, so please do sign up via Classlist if you are available & remember to purchase your vouchers in advance (also on Classlist). Don't worry if your child attends a club, the party will still be in full swing until 5pm.

Artist of the Month

Last month, our artist of the month was Lubania Himid. In assembly, the children learnt about her and her fantastic sculptures. We also learnt about other artists linked to Black History Month.

The artist of the month for December will be Kerry Hyndman. She is an illustrator and has illustrated books such as *Coming Home* by Michael Murpogo, based on a story about a robin trying to get home for Christmas. Mrs Friend would love some drawings or paintings of robins to go on the display in the hall. The children can do this at home or in 3BF during Wednesday lunchtimes. Please hand any work into 3BF.



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. Our latest Superstars are:

- ◆ Elliott P (4LT) - for taking part in his first ever Judo competition! Elliott won one match and drew 2 others. Well done Elliott!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024:



Year 3 : £98.00

Year 4 : £98.00

Year 5 : £95.20

Year 6 : £95.20

Amount per day: £2.80 Amount per week: £14.00

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 are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.40

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.10

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £16.20

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](#)