



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Spring Term 2025 No: 6

4th April 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

Summer 2025	
Tues 22nd April	INSET DAY - Staff only
Wed 23rd April	Children return to school for Summer Term. St George's Day
Thurs 24th April	Year 6 SATs Information Evening - 6pm
Mon 28th April	Year 4 Bikeability Starts
Tues 29th April	Children's Disco
Fri 2nd May	Class 4S Assembly & Star Wars Day
Thurs 8th May	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers' Photo
Thurs 15th May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley Year 5 Greeks Workshop
Fri 16th May	Class 3BF Assembly
Mon 19th May	Year 6 Egyptian Math's Sessions
Fri 23rd May	INSET DAY
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half Term break
Wed 4th & 5th June	Splatt Theatre Group in school
Tues 10th & 11th June	Year 3 Feet First Training Year 5 Drama Workshop
Fri 13th & Mon 16th June	Year 6 First Aid Training
Wed 18th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
Thurs 19th June	Sports Day Field Event (children only, no spectators)
Fri 20th June	Sports Day (AM: Y3/4 ; PM: Y5/6)

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.



It's almost the Easter Holidays! What a fab Spring Term we have had. The buzz in school has not slowed down even with the end of term approaching. Last week, we were treated to a brilliant musical perfor-

mance by our Music Works teachers and students; Class 4LT performed a song-filled assembly all about their residential trip to Sayers Croft (who knew a Taylor Swift song could be adapted so well?!) and we visited the church for our annual Easter services. We hope you have a lovely, relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Wednesday 23rd April (Tuesday 22nd is an Inset Day).

PE Days - Summer Term

Please note that the PE days for the Summer term will be as follows:

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 6 - Thursday & Friday

Do you want to be part of the BJS Eco-team?

One of our school strategic long term aims is to "become a model school for environmental sustainability". We plan to achieve this by 2030. This is a big task, and we need to pull together a team of people from across the school community who might be able to lend a hand. In the Summer Term we will be carrying out a Climate Action Audit which will feed into a Climate Action Plan. The Plan will focus on key areas picked up by the audit, and we will speak to volunteers who may be able to help us work on these areas. If you would be interested in being a part of the BJS Eco-Team, then please complete this short survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/msF6aKnvQ8>

St George's Day—Wed 23rd April

To celebrate St George's Day on Wednesday 23rd April, we would like to invite all children to come into school wearing their Cub, Beaver, Boys Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies uniform etc. if they wish. If your child is not a member of the above groups, or does not wish to wear their group uniform, please can they come to school in their usual school uniform. If your child usually has PE on Wednesday's they are very welcome to take part in their club uniform.

Sports Update

Year 3 Dance Festival - On Friday 28th March a group of Year 3 children took part in a Dance Festival at Broadwater School. A huge amount of fun was had by all! Here are a couple of write-up's from two year 3 children: "We got to try cheerleading and really enjoyed it! We also did lots of gymnastics. I think that we are much better at dancing now!" *Alice L (3BF)*. "We got to make up a dance and learnt a dance to the Greatest Showman song! We had so much fun" *Myla F (3BF)*

Sportshall - On Tuesday 1st April, 12 girls and 15 boys from years 5 and 6 went to the Spectrum to compete in the Surrey Sportshall competition grand final. They had loads of fun cheering each other on, and they cheered the loudest when they realised that they were the overall winners! Champions of Surrey!! The children showed excellent sportsmanship throughout and it was lovely to see them all celebrating each others successes. Awesome work team BJS!



Hockey - "In the recent hockey tournament both Busbridge teams did really well showing sportsmanship, passion and resilience. The aspiring team did really well, winning 2 and losing 2 but they all played amazingly. The inspiring team did extremely well at the tournament - we won all of our games and kept a clean sheet in all the games. We were all very proud of each other's hard work, dedication and everyone working as a team. Well done team BJS!" (*Dylan M & Oscar W, 6W*)



Touch Rugby Festival - On Tuesday this week, a group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in a Touch Rugby Festival at Guildford Rugby Club. The children did so well and it was great to see them out on the first team pitch with their tags flying behind them! If your child would like to try Rugby, Guildford Rugby Club always welcomes new members and runs sessions every Sunday. Please contact:

Yr. 5 contact - Katy Parker - U10minis@guildfordrugbyclub.co.uk. Yr. 6 contact - Danny Knight - U11minis@guildfordrugbyclub.co.uk. Grizzlies contact - Ade Davies - grizzlies@guildfordrugbyclub.co.uk

Year 6 Football - Earlier this week we took a squad of Y6 footballers to an elite, 4-school tournament at Tillingbourne School. Right from the start it was clear that the standard was really high. Although we came 4th we had a great time. Charlie Wilkins was awarded 'Sportsman of the Tournament' which was very well deserved. Well done to everyone for showing resilience, determination and a positive attitude!

Other News

Our Gardening Club Needs your Help!

It's that time of year again when we are busy getting our school garden Summer ready! If you plan to do a spot of gardening yourself over the Easter holidays and have any leftover seeds, pots or compost, we would be very grateful for any donations! Thank you in advance.

Purple Day - Increasing Awareness about Epilepsy

On Wednesday 26th March, we celebrated Purple Day to raise awareness of epilepsy. We were extremely grateful that during assembly we were visited by two members of India F's family (3B) : India's brother, Frankie (a former pupil of BJS) and India's mum, Eve who volunteers at the Meath. They explained to us what epilepsy is and brought in lots of purple accessories for the children to wear in support of the day. It was a brilliant, informative presentation. Many thanks to the Fordham's for coming in - and for arranging a super fun 'purple balloon dodgeball game' for the Year 3's!



Class Assemblies

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

Friday 2nd May — Class 4S

Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA Update

The Great Busbridge Bake Off this week was a huge success! A truly amazing array of cakes and bakes were brought into school each day and the cake sales are sure to have raised a healthy amount for the PTA pot! As soon as we have a final figure, we will let you know. A huge thank you to all our talented bakers!

We are also delighted to let you know that our **Bouncing for Boards** event earlier this half term raised an amazing £2500! Thank you so much to everyone who took part and sent in sponsorship money - we will be putting it straight towards purchasing new interactive white boards and other technologies for the school.

Kids Disco - Tickets are now available on Classlist for the Kids Disco on Tuesday 29th April. Grab them before they sell out!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025

The results are in for the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025! As a result of your brilliant efforts we came 278 out of 1194 schools nationwide, with 62% of our journeys being classified as sustainable and green! Within the school, the BJS leader board looked like this on 3rd April - **1st Place** - 5E **2nd Place** - 4S **3rd Place** - 5W. However, we think a huge thank you and well done should go out to everyone who took part over the last 2 weeks - keep it up after Easter!

Busbridge Ambassador Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Spring Term 2025 (second half term) are:

Class 3BF - Lev P & Emma C

Class 3B - Jim D & India F

Class 4LT - Charlie W & Olivia K

Class 4S - Lucy J & Joshua B

Class 5W - Oscar L & Scarlett E

Class 5E - Arthur Le M & Effie B

Class 6S - Jacob C & Mabel C

Class 6W - Henry W & Xanthe W

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 board. This week we have added:

- ◆ Darcey H (6W), Emilia B (3BF), Mia G (3BF) & Myla F (3BF) - for taking part in the Gymnastics Factory 20th Anniversary show - Great job girls!
- ◆ Max M (3BF) - For playing in the U-8s Kickstart Academy v Fulham Academy football match! Max plays for Kickstart and scored 4 goals across 5 matches - Top job!
- ◆ Thomas (5E) and Freya (5W) M - for representing their Cub pack Quiz Team at the Godalming Cub Quiz! Thomas & Freya then went on to represent all Godalming Cubs in the Surrey Cub Quiz and came 2nd out of 13 - wow!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Wednesday 23rd April to Thursday 22nd May:

Year 3 : £61.60

Year 4 : £58.80

Year 5 : £61.60

Year 6 : £61.60

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](#)

WED 30 April 7-8pm GLP Train to Teach webinar

Register online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-to-teach-in-godalming-info-webinar-tickets-1303052678639?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Find out more about our fantastic teacher training PGCE course based in Godalming schools, with a focus on providing excellent experiences and support:

- **PGCE course in Godalming:** you'll be based in local partner schools, ensuring a practical and immersive training practice.
- **Outstanding training at Winchester University:** you'll be studying once a fortnight with Winchester University, known for its superior teacher training programmes.
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Focus on resilience: you'll be guided to build resilience, key for navigating the challenges of this rewarding teaching career.

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- **Excellent employment opportunities:** Graduates of the *GET Teaching* programme are in high demand, with some schools in the GLP network now employing *GET Teaching* alumni as 50% of their teaching staff - shows the trust and value these schools place in our training.
- **Career advancement:** *GET Teaching* alumni don't just stop at being classroom teachers. Many are already progressing into middle management roles, with a clear path toward senior leadership positions.

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Why not train to teach with our one-year school led PGCE?
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Train to teach in Sept '25 with the Godalming Learning Partnership!

Find out more about our unique school-led PGCE teacher training programme at our webinar:

Wednesday 30 April @ 7.00pm

Register for this event on Eventbrite using the QR code or link: [Train to teach with the GLP](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-to-teach-with-the-glp)

Our Course Coordinators will take you through how the course runs, entry requirements, the enrolment process, etc. You can then use the Q&A session to answer any questions you may have on the course itself or the partnership schools.





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