



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025 No: 4

14th November 2025



Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn 2025	
Wed 19th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
Thurs 20th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Fri 28th Nov	6S Class Assembly, 9.15am PTA Donations Day for Hamper Goodies & Sweet Treats PTA Winter Wonderland Event, 5.30pm—7.30pm
Fri 5th Dec	Children's PTA Christmas Shopping, AM
Mon 8th Dec	Year 3 Choir at Busbridge Church
Mon 15th Dec	School Council singing at Leonard Cheshire Home, 2pm Year 3 at Busbridge Infants School to watch Christmas play
Tues 16th Dec	Christmas Play—9.15am (LS), 1.45pm (US)
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Church Services
Thurs 18th Dec	Christmas Play—9.15am (US), 1.45pm (LS)
Fri 19th Dec	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Spring 2026	
Mon 5th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 6th Jan	Children return to school

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Half term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Inset days - Monday 5th January & Friday 13th February

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.

AUTUMN

It's been full speed ahead since we returned from half term. As you will know, we have spent the last two days thinking about how we can all be more eco con-

science. The children took part in a variety of activities, from creating posters, to considering how we can be more sustainable in our shopping, to going on a nature walk! It has been a brilliant two days, which really made us all think about how we can make a difference. We are now in full swing getting ready for Christmas and all the festive events we have planned. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the Winter Wonderland event on Friday 28th November and at our upcoming school Christmas plays.

Church Remembrance Service

This week we marked Remembrance Day in school by attending a beautiful, thought provoking service at Busbridge Church. Thank you to all the children who contributed towards making the service such a special one. Readings - *Monty C (3BF)*, *Tommy L (5W)*, *Rosie B (3B)* & *Florence M (5E)*. Remembrance Prayers - *Millie J (4GT)*, *Elise G (6W)* & *Thomas R (6S)*. Church Bell Ringing - *Harry R (3BF)* & *Oscar L (6W)*.

Spring Term Clubs List

We are busy drafting our Spring Term clubs list, which will be sent out to you in the coming weeks. As a parent/carer, if you fancy running a club, please do get in touch with us! We are always open to new club ideas.

Busbridge CofE Junior School Backpacks

If you have any spare BJS branded backpacks or string bags lying around at home, we would be extremely grateful for any donations! The bags are always very handy when we go out on school trips and events.

Cut Your Carbon—BJS campaign

Hot off the heels of our Eco-Action Double Day we are encouraging children / families to reduce carbon emissions for a month. Info out on Monday.

Sports Update

Autumn 2025	Sports Calendar
Thurs 6th Nov	Basketball (Y3, Y4)
Mon 10th Nov	Dodgeball, Y5
Sat 15th Nov	Cross Country, PM (open to all)
Fri 28th Nov	Sportshall Festival , Y4
Thurs 4th Dec	Football, Y3 & Y5 (rearranged tournament)
11th Dec	Basketball Festival, Y5 & Y6

Waverley Schools Cross-Country event - Saturday 15th November at Glebelands School, Cranleigh

Good luck to all our cross- country runners who are taking part in the Glebelands Cross Country competition this Saturday 15th November. You should have received an email last week with all the final details so please contact Clare on sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. if you didn't receive one. A quick reminder, Y4 races start at 12:30, Y3 at 12:50, Y5 at 13:10, Y6 at 13:30.

Year 4 Basketball

Well done to our fantastic Y3 and Y4 Basketball teams who enjoyed an exciting and very active festival at Rodborough last week. The children loved playing all the mini matches and it was lovely to see them develop their skills and grow in confidence.

Year 5 Dodgeball

On Monday 10th November, a group of Year 5 children took part in a Dodgeball Tournament at Glebelands School, Cranleigh. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Here is what a couple of the children who took part had to say:

"Dodgeball was really fun as we got to play against different teams and try a new sport!" *Lucy J, 5W*

"Dodgeball was really exciting and it was great to play a new sport! It was fun to play against other teams, make new friends and see old ones. Since it was the first time playing the sport, at the end we could say we were all winners!" *Faith P, 5W.*

Netball

The BJS netball club welcomed a new member this week: Connie Francis. Everyone said she was quite talented. Not surprising really, as she is an international netball player from Jamaica. Huge thanks to Priors Field School for lending Connie, their new Netball coach, to us.

Young Writers Competition

Spark imagination, build confidence and celebrate writing! We would like to invite any children who have a passion for writing to take part in the Young Writers, Creative Writing Competition for 7 to 12 year olds! Your child can choose any character, person, animal or object to write about, as long as their story, diary entry or recount stays within a 100-word limit! There are incredible prizes to be won for the top writers, including a chance for their story to be featured in a real-life book, and £1000 for the top school. If your child would like to take part, please pop to the office to collect a worksheet! Please ensure all stories are returned to the office by **Monday 1st December** and we will submit them before the closing date. Further information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Class Assemblies

Friday 28th November—6S; 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)

Year 3 Pedlars Wanted!

It's not too late to sign up to be a Pedlar at the Winter Wonderland event on Friday 28th November! Each year at our Christmas event, Year 3 children have the opportunity to become a Pedlar – dressed in Christmas attire and with a tray, selling irresistible goodies around all areas of the event. There is absolutely no obligation for any child to be a Pedlar, but if your child is interested we would love to have them! Please contact Mrs Barker on rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk to sign up!

Food bank donations

With Christmas fast approaching, the Godalming Community Store are always very grateful for any food, personal care and household items that we can donate. If you feel able to contribute any items, please leave them in the basket outside the office.

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:

- ◆ Phoebe S-C (5W) - For performing with Stagecoach at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London - Wow! Top job.
- ◆ Phoebe H (3B) - For learning how to ride her bike. Phoebe showed amazing resilience and kept going - Be proud, Phoebe!

Do you have a spare smartphone or tablet you no longer need?

For our new electronic sign-in system in the office, we are looking for a working second-hand, uncomplicated smartphone or tablet that we can use in the event of an emergency. If you have any at home that you no longer need, please let us know! We will of course restore any devices to their original factory settings and the device will be connected to the school Wi-Fi, not a mobile network.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday
4th November to Friday 19th December:

Year 3 : £98.60

Year 4 : £98.60

Year 5 : £95.70

Year 6 : £95.70

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 -

YoungWriters[®]
Est. 1991

Your work
could be
published
in a real
book!

THE ADVENTURES OF...

**Creative Writing Competition
For 7-12 Year-Olds**



Choose a **character**
to write about

You could win a
fantastic goody bag
worth over £100

WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?