



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2024 No: 6

23rd July 2024



Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn 2024	
Mon 2nd Sept	Inset Day
Tues 3rd Sept	Inset Day
Fri 6th Sept	New Year 3 Parents Morning (9.10am)
Fri 13th Sept	Individual School Photos
Mon 16th Sept	Year 4 Swimming starts
Mon 23d Sept	Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill
Mon 30th Sept	PTA AGM and Annual Planning Meeting
Mon 7th Oct	Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability starts
Sat 12th Oct	PTA Adults Disco
Tues 15th Oct	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Thurs 17th Oct	Flu Vaccinations—all years
Fri 25th Oct	Inset Day
Mon 28th Oct— Fri 1st Nov	Half Term
Thurs 7th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Fri 8th Nov	PTA Fireworks—6pm to 8pm
Wed 13th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
Fri 20th Dec	End of Autumn Term

Term Dates - 2024/25 Academic Year

Autumn Term - Mon 2nd September to Fri 20th December

(Half Term - Mon 28th October to Fri 1st November)

(Inset Days - Mon 2nd Sept, Tues 3rd Sept, Fri 25th Oct)

Spring Term - Mon 6th January 2025 to Fri 4th April 2025

(Half Term - Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb)

(Inset Days - None)

Summer Term - Tues 22nd April 2025 to Tues 22nd July 2025

(Half Term—Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May)



As we prepare to close the school gates for the final time this academic year, we have been reflecting on what has been a brilliant year!

The children went on lots of trips and visits, celebrated Star Wars Day, dressed up for World Book Day, spent the day at the beach, took part in 2 brilliant DoubleDays and much, much more! The children took part in a large number of sporting clubs and events throughout the year, including sports day, District Sports and lots of competitions! We are already looking forward to all that the next academic year brings: we have some fab dates in the diary already. Thank you for all your support and encouragement—it means a lot! Wishing you all a fun-filled Summer break!

Summer Concert

This year's Summer Concert was another amazing performance which showcased many musical talents of our children. We listened to a range of music, performed on a variety of instruments, including the piano and electric guitar. Thank you to everyone who played so beautifully and to Mrs Lucas for organising the event.

I'm An 11-Yr-Old... GET ME OUT OF HERE!

Wow! Hot on the heels of the Summer Concert, Year 6 put on an absolutely brilliant performance last week: "I'm an 11-yr-old... GET ME OUT OF HERE!". There was singing, dancing - and loads of jokes which had the audience in stitches! A huge well done to everyone who took part, either on stage, back stage, or in the Directors chair. We really were blown away.

West Wittering Beach Day

The sun was shining on Thursday 4th July for our annual whole school beach day. We all had an amazing time building sand castles, playing games, paddling in the sea and creating some brilliant beach art! Next year's trip is already booked on Friday 27th June 2025, so we will be off to West Wittering again! We can't wait.

Smartphones

When's the right time to give my child a phone? We're aware this is a hot topic of debate at the moment and that it can be very difficult, as a parent, to know what's the right thing to do. We plan to hold an evening in September for parents to come along and learn more about smartphone issues. It would be great to see lots of you there. More details to follow in the new academic year.

PTA Update

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the summer BBQ - especially those who gave up their time to help on a stall for part of the evening. The evening raised over £2,300! This will be used to fund a refurbishment of the school hall including some new gym bars - thank you and well done!

A huge thank you to the Year 6 team who have been so busy organising events for the Year 6 leavers. The children have had a wonderful time at Airhop, the Year 6 disco and have a beautiful yearbook as a keepsake of their time at BJS. Thank you to all the reps and Year 6 parents who have worked so hard on all of these events. To those leaving BJS this year, thank you for all that you have contributed to the PTA over the years, your experience will be missed.

Sponsored Cycle - Well done to all those that joined in with the annual family cycle event. A great afternoon was had by all, and the children did brilliantly, cycling 5 miles to Cranleigh and raising valuable sponsorship for the PTA. Many families completed over 10 miles as some cycled back in the afternoon before the rain started. Please remember to hand in your sponsorship forms to the office if you haven't already done so. Thank you!

Reps needed! If you haven't already done this, then please volunteer to be a rep, or part of a group of reps, for your class. Reps provide invaluable reminders about what's going on each week and help to coordinate PTA activities. Many hands make light work - please consider if you can step up this year. Thank you so much to all those who stepped up last year - we couldn't have done it without you!

Huge thanks to Vikki Scarborough (Year 6 rep) who has done a superb job with second hand uniform, and many thanks to Charlotte Eade (Year 3) who has offered to take this on from September.

Dates for your diary:

PTA AGM on Monday 30th September. Please come along to support the PTA, share your ideas, plan out events for next year, and to help decide where the money raised will be spent. Everyone is welcome, please come if you can.

8th November - Fireworks evening. Thank you so much to those who have offered to be part of the dream team making this event happen, we are so grateful to you.

Have a fabulous summer and see you in September! Ruth, Debs and Rich

Year 6 Celebrations

It is hard to believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. It has been a pleasure to teach them all and to watch them grow (both academically and in height!) over the last 4 years. We wish them all bright futures, and much happiness. The children have been having lots of fun in school over the last few weeks, including a mammoth water fight on the field and electric buggy racing. We will miss each and every one of them!

Summer holidays

Koosa Kids will be running their very popular holiday clubs in school from Wednesday 24th July to Friday 23rd August inclusive. Please visit their website if you would like to book a place at the club. We also have some other work taking place over the holidays, including painting the school hall and continuing work on the new heat pump project, which is now well underway.

Twelve15 School Meals

Please note that from the start of the next academic year, school meal prices will be increasing by 10p, to £2.80 per day / £14.00 per week. Prices are set by Surrey County Council.

Scooters and Bikes on School Site

We would be very grateful if you could ensure that all scooters and bikes are taken home when we break up for the Summer at 1.30pm. Any left behind will be disposed of on Friday 26th July.

Curriculum Information Evenings in September (all 6 to 6.30pm)

Dates for these meetings, during which you can meet your child's new teacher and find out about the year ahead are thus:

Mon 9th Sept : Y6 (includes PGL info) ; Tues 10th Sept : Y4 & Y5 ; Wed 11th Sept: Y3

Ambassadors Award

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Summer Term 2024 (second half term) are:

3B	Timo P & Isobel Y	3BF	Amelie J & George B
4W	Violet E & Joshua S	4S	Vivian S & Tommy G
5S	Harriet M & Sean H	5GT	Finley H & Sophia C
6E	William I & Eloise D	6W	Janushan K & Jemima JW

District Sports

Wimbledon and the Euros were good, but neither compared to the District Sports Athletics event on Monday 8th July. We took along a very talented group of Busbridge athletes, and my word, did they deliver! From the very first Y3 sprint to the final relays, Busbridge bossed event after event. In the end we won 5 out of the possible 7 trophies. What a haul!

Here are the results:

Year three trophy : winners, Year four trophy : winners, Year five trophy : second, Year six trophy : third

Girls team trophy : winners, Boys team trophy : winners

Overall trophy : WINNERS!!

The children were all amazing. They supported each other really well, giving encouragement and praise to every team member regardless of where they finished. It was a privilege to be there with them. Many thanks to Clare Parsons and Billingham for helping to prep the children, and to Kim Snow for leading them on the day. Many thanks also to all the parents and friends of the school who were able to join us at the Spectrum and cheer the children on.

Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting achievements and more. Since our last newsletter, we have added:

- Josh (4S) - For passing his first drum exam with a huge score of 70% - Brilliant! Josh also recently played drums in the Music Works concert in school!
- Alice (4S) - for cutting 32cm off her hair and donating it to The Little Princess Trust! Alice also raised over £300 for the charity by holding the sponsored hair cut—Top job!
- Faith (3BF) - Faith recently took her Grade 1 ballet exam and passed with a High Merit! Brilliant
- Benjamin (4S) - For running his first 5k Park Run—and in an amazing 24 minutes, 45 seconds! Amazing!

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Wednesday 4th September to Thursday 24th October 2024:

Year 3 : £100.80

Year 4 : £103.60

Year 5 : £103.60

Year 6 : £89.60

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

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