



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Tues 12th Dec	Christmas Church Services - Lower School, 9.15am & Upper School, 10am
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas Lunch in School
Fri 15th Dec	Last Day of Term—1.30pm
Spring 2024	
Tues 2nd Jan	Spring Term Starts
Thurs 18th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 19th Jan	6W Class Assembly
Tues 30th Jan	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting - 7.30pm, School hall
Fri 2nd Feb	4W Class Assembly
Mon 5th Feb	Capoeira workshop
Tues 6th Feb	Parents Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Thurs 8th Feb	Parents Evening 6pm to 8.30pm
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
w/c 19th Feb	PTA Football Tournament—info to follow
Fri 23rd Feb	3B Class Assembly
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Fri 8th March	5GT Class Assembly
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thurs 21st March	Music Works Concert, 9.30am
Fri 22nd March	4S Class Assembly
Thurs 28th March	End of Spring Term

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The countdown to Christmas has officially begun and there has been lots of excitement in school! I am sure you will agree that the Christmas Plays last week were a huge success, and everyone loved the PTA Christmas shopping event in school along with our eagerly awaited PTA Christmas Fayre! Next up - the Christmas Church services and Christmas lunch, before our last day of the Autumn Term - Friday 15th December. Please note that pick-up will be at 1.30pm.

PE Days in the Spring Term

Year 3 - Spring first half: Wednesday and Thursday.
Spring second half: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Thursday and Friday. These days remain the same for both halves of the Spring term.

Year 5 - Spring first half: Tuesday and Friday.
Spring second half: Monday and Tuesday.

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday. These days remain the same for both halves of the Spring term.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box is back in reception! If your child would like to post a Christmas card to their friends, please make sure they include their friends full name and class on the envelope. The cards will be sent out to the classes in the lead up to Christmas by the magical Year 6 elves!

Primary engineers award success!

Very exciting news. Charlie B's (4S) invention for the primary engineer award last year ('The Handy Greywater Pump') not only won a distinction award, but has also been chosen by Canterbury Christ Church university to be made into a prototype! Only **one** entry from all the schools that entered the competition is chosen to be made into a prototype. Charlie will be working alongside the university to bring his invention to life. [Huge congratulations to Charlie](#), what an amazing achievement - we can't wait to see how the prototype works out. To view a larger A4 version of his idea, please see the attachment sent out with this newsletter.



Road Safety

We know that many of our families live locally and therefore walk to school during pick up and drop off times. Brighton Road is a very busy and often fast road and it has been brought to our attention that quite regularly there are adults who will cross the pedestrian crossing outside school when it's showing the red man. I'm sure you will agree that we all want to teach our children the best road safety, so please can we ask that adults/parents lead by example and wait for the green man, even if the road is clear. The safety of all our children is our main priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas 2023 Events Round Up...

Celebrating Christmas at school has been a real joy so far this year. The children were very excited when our very large Christmas Tree arrived in the hall—thank you to Oxenford Farm for once again donating an amazing tree! The Friends of BJS PTA Christmas events, such as the Fayre and Secret Shopping day, were a huge success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed our visiting pantomime, Cinderella, on Friday afternoon! Thank you to the PTA for funding this 'extra'.

I'm sure you will agree that our **Christmas Plays - 'Rhyming Christmas'** were a blast. It was heart-warming to see all the children singing, dancing and acting with such enthusiasm. The teachers deserve a big round of applause for their efforts in organising such enjoyable shows alongside everything else that happens in school. It would be remiss of us not to credit the wonderful author of 'Rhyming Christmas' upon which the play was based, Bob Hartman. It really is a lovely book if you can pick up a copy.



Upcoming Whole School Christmas Events...

Church Christmas Services, Tuesday 12th - Lower School, 9.15am and Upper School, 10am. Parents/Carers are very welcome to join us at the church.

Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 13th - the children are very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

Wishing Service, Friday 15th - children only

Sports Round-Up

Glebelands Cross Country

All year groups had a fantastic time competing at the cross-country event at Glebelands on Saturday 18th November. Year 3 and 4 took on the 1km challenge, and Years 5 and 6 conquered the 1.6km course. Despite it being very muddy underfoot, everybody showed incredible resilience and determination to succeed, especially considering some had never run that far before. The children walked away with multiple medals for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in many of their races! A huge well done to everybody who competed.

Sportshall

On Wednesday 8th November, a group of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a sportshall competition (indoor athletics) at Woolmer Hill School. There were two parts to the competition —field events (javelin, speed bounce, long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump and chest push) and track events (sprints, relays). All the children worked so hard - and it paid off, as they came 2nd! What a fantastic achievement.

'Intro to Rugby' Festival

On Tuesday 21st November the Rodborough rugby field came alive with energy and enthusiasm as a group of Year 5 and 6 children immersed themselves in an exhilarating rugby coaching session. The session was packed with skill-building exercises, thrilling games, and an abundance of tries - well done to everyone who took part!

Hockey

Last Tuesday, a group of Year 5 children took part in a hockey coaching morning at Broadwater School. It was more than just a sports event; it was a celebration of learning, friendship, and the joy of being active. As we look forward to future sports initiatives, let us carry the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship into every aspect of our school community.

Sports Crew

On Monday 13th November, twelve Year 5 children attended Sports Crew training at Broadwater school. Over the course of the morning, the children learned how to lead small groups in different sporting activities. All the children participated with lots of enthusiasm and all successfully achieved their Bronze award. Since the training, Oscar W (5GT) has delivered a warm-up in a Year 4 PE lesson and he, along with India D (5GT) and Dylan M (5GT), are planning to help lead lunchtime Clubs in the Spring term. This will help them achieve the Silver award.

Reading at Busbridge CofE Junior School

We have updated our website to give an overview of our approach to reading here at BJS. On the dedicated reading webpage there is information about our whole school approach to Reading including information about Little Wandle, VIPSERS reading lessons and the ways in which you can support your child at home. Please do take a look at: www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/reading/665345

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 19th January—Class 6W	Friday 2nd February—Class 4W	Friday 23rd February—Class 3B
Friday 8th March—Class 5GT	Friday 22nd March—Class 4S	Friday 17th May—Class 3BF
Friday 28th June—Class 5S		

Statutory Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2025/26 – Busbridge Infant School

Busbridge Infant School is consulting to remove the “nearest School” priority from their Admissions Policy in line with latest guidance. The proposed admissions policy can also be accessed on the school's website [here](#). Should you wish to make any comments, please send them to the Chair of Governors, marked Admissions Consultation via the following email address: info.busbridge@sfet.org.uk or by post at the school address. The consultation period runs until 21st January 2024.

PTA Update

Thank you for all of your amazing support at the Christmas Fayre: a cold but joyful occasion. We have raised lots of Christmas cheer this season, and just over £4k in total across the fayre, secret shopping and wreath making. Well done everyone! The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 30th January 7.30pm in the school hall where we will be planning fundraising events for the year ahead. Please come along to share ideas, and/or give feedback in advance to chair - BJChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk or vice chair - bjsvicechair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. We will no longer have a separate PTA newsletter, so look out for PTA updates in the main school newsletter. A very Happy Christmas to you all, from the PTA committee.

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 the last newsletter, we have added:

- * Jacob R (3B), Toby D (3B) and Joshua B (3BF) - for becoming Lodge Leaders for Beavers! This means they look after and lead a group of other Beavers—great fun!
- * Jessica D (5GT) - For winning a huge number of swimming medals for her club! What an achievement.
- * Darcey H (5GT) - For beating all the adult members of her family at a game of Countdown! Top job Darcey!

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

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our latest Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge C of E Junior School \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](#). It outlines roles, responsibilities and procedures in the school along with 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 Mr P Samuels are our Safeguarding Governors.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2024:

Year 3 : £78.30

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £78.30

Year 6 : £78.30

Amount per day: £2.70 Amount per week: £13.50

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 from Tuesday 5th September. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book. Session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.10

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £7.70

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £15.40

To make a booking please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail on 07432 304562 or by email: club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

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