



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter



**Autumn Term 2024 No: 7**

**13th December 2024**

### Term Dates 2024/25

<b>Autumn 2024</b>	
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
<b>Mon 6th Jan 2025</b>	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>
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
Thurs 6th Feb	Author Visit - Joseph Elliott
Fri 7th Feb	Chinese Dance Workshops
Tues 11th Feb	Parents Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 13th Feb	Parents Evening, 6pm to 8.30pm
Fri 14th Feb	Class 3B Assembly
<b>Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb</b>	<b>Half term</b>
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
Wed 2nd April	Easter Services at Busbridge Church
Fri 4th April	End of Term - 1.30pm



It's hard to believe that next week is our last week before the Christmas break - where has this term gone?! We look forward to seeing many of you at next week's play, Stable Manners. The children have been rehearsing daily and it really sounds fab! We hope some of you can also join us at our Church Service next Wednesday

18th. Please note that we will be breaking up next Friday 20th at 1.30pm.

#### 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!

#### DoubleDay - Marvellous Me!

In January we will be holding our first DoubleDay of 2025 - 'Marvellous Me!' We will be spending two whole days thinking about how wonderful and unique we all are. Please can all the children bring in a plain white T-Shirt on Thursday 23rd January, that you would be happy for them to write on for one of the activities. We will send a reminder out near the date.

#### Smartphone Free Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Smartphone Free Survey a couple of week's ago. We found all of your feedback extremely useful. The results overwhelming indicated that parents/carers support us becoming a smart phone free school from September 2025. Further information about this will be sent out by Mr Catchpole next week.

#### PE Days - Spring Term

Year 3	Spring 1 - Wednesday & Thursday (cricket)
Year 4	Spring 1 - Tuesday & Friday (cricket)
Year 5	Spring 1 - Monday & Tuesday (indoor)
Year 6	Spring 1 - Thursday & Friday (indoor)

**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

### Sportshall

Year 4 girls and boys had an action-packed afternoon at Broadwater School for the Sportshall Athletics event in November, testing themselves alongside other schools. Activities included the standing jump, running, relays, and hurdling, where the children showed their agility, teamwork, and determination. The team spirit was incredible, with everyone cheering each other on and giving their best. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop athletic skills, resilience, and confidence while having lots of fun. Thank you to Broadwater School for hosting and to all staff involved. Well done, Year 4 – great teamwork and effort all around!

### Years 3 & 5 Football

Two weeks ago, two Busbridge teams attended the Tillingbourne football tournament. It was a beautiful afternoon and both teams played extremely well. The Y5 team began brilliantly with a 8-0 win, however were just pipped to a semi-final place in the final round of matches. The Y3's won the entire competition! Having won the semi-finals in extra time they went on to win the final 3-1 against St Barts. Many thanks to the parents who helped coach and with transport. A great day was had by all.

### Christmas 2024 Events

Celebrating Christmas at school has been a real joy so far this year. The children were very excited when our large Christmas Tree arrived in the hall—thank you to Oxenford Farm for once again donating an amazing tree! The PTA Christmas shopping event last week was huge success and we are very much looking forward to the Christmas Fair after school today!

### Upcoming Whole School Christmas Events...

**Christmas Play - Stable Manners** - Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December.

**Church Christmas Services, Wednesday 18th** - Lower School, 9.15am and Upper School, 10am. Parents/Carers are very welcome to join us at the church.

**Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 18th** - the children are very welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

**Wishing Service** - Friday 20th - children only

### 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:

- ◆ Florence M (4S) - for passing her Level 1 NICAS Climbing Award - and in super quick time! Florence can now tie herself safely, billet her partners and free climb on the bouldering wall! Amazing work, fearless Florence!

**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](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)**

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