



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2026 No 5

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Our school vision... To be a school that reflects the love of Christ: cherishing each other as unique individuals & challenging all to achieve and succeed.

Term Dates 2025/26

Summer 2026	
Wed 8th July	Book fair arrives in school (until 13th)
Thurs 9th July	District Sports (invite only)
Fri 10th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Tues 14th July & Thurs 16th July	Year 6 Play (PM)
Wed 15th July	End of Year Assemblies at Church —Y6, 9.15am (parents welcome); Years 3,4 & 5, 10am (children only)
Thurs 16th July	Summer Music Concert
Fri 17th July	Strawberry 'Thank You' Tea
Mon 20th July	Open Afternoon (2.15pm –4pm)
Wed 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly End of Summer Term—1.30pm

2026/27 School Term & Holiday Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December

Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Inset Days - Tuesday 1st September & Monday 2nd November 2026

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.



It has been an interesting couple of weeks in school with the exceptionally hot weather! Thank you to everyone who lent us

their fans and air conditioning units, and to those of you who dropped in treats for the team - we really did appreciate it! Whilst we were incredibly sad to cancel our trip to West Wittering, the children still had a fantastic time in school. We had paddling pools, water gun battles, mini water 'fights' on the field and refreshing ice lollies! A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to collect at 1pm the other week at such short notice.

Book Fair Helpers Needed

Later this week, we will once again have the Scholastic Book Fair in school. The fair is always a brilliant way of raising funds for the school and the children always love visiting the fair. This year the fair will be run on **Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Monday 13th July at 3.30pm each day**. To help the fair run smoothly, we would be extremely grateful for parent/carer volunteers who could help man the stall on Thursday, Friday or Monday. If you are available to help on any of the dates, please do let the office know. Set up usually starts around 3.15pm and the fair lasts approximately 15-20 minutes.

New School Caterers

As you may be aware, like many local authority services, Twelve15, our school dinner provider, is ceasing to exist at the end of this school year. We have been busy with fellow Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) schools finding alternative providers and are delighted to announce that our new provider for school lunches from September will be The Pantry. They will also be the provider at Godalming Junior School, The Chandler and other local schools. This is a very exciting development and we are confident that the full offer from our new providers will be even better than we had before! A 'welcome' letter from The Pantry is included with this newsletter, with more information being shared before the end of term.

Free School Meals

From September, Free Schools Meals will also be available to families in receipt of Universal Credit, please contact the office in confidence if you are receiving Universal Credit and we will apply on your behalf. The Pantry will provide these meals in the same way that Twelve15 did.

Sports Update

Summer 2026	Sports Calendar
Thurs 4th June	Y4 Cricket Tournament (invite only)
Thurs 4th June	Year 5/6 Rounders (invite only) - Cancelled due to weather
Wed 10th June	Year 5/6 Girls Cricket (invite only)
Thurs 11th June	Year 5 Boys Cricket (invite only) - rearranged
Tues 16th June	Year 5/6 Football (invite only)
Thurs 18th June	Sports Day Field Events—children only, no parents/carers
Fri 19th June	Sports Day
Tues 23rd June	Year 6 Open Cricket (invite only)
Wed 1st July	Girls Cricket Final (invite only)
Thurs 9th July	District Sports (AM) (invite only)
Fri 10th July	Busbridge Inter-House Football World Cup (All years)

A sports round-up will be included in the next newsletter!

PTA Sponsored Bike Ride

On Saturday 20th June, a group of BJS children and their parents took on the annual sponsored bike ride from Bramley to Cranleigh along the Downs Link Path. The children rode really confidently and enjoyed ice creams and singing along to their favourite songs. It was a brilliant, fun afternoon and a fab way to raise funds for the PTA. A huge thank you and 'well done' to everyone who took part! We are in the early stages of organising a PTA Downs Link cycle (Bramley to Shoreham) for adults of all cycling abilities. The provisional date is Saturday 3rd October, so pencil it in.



Godalming Bike Bus!

Don't forget that you can join the Godalming Bike Bus every Friday morning and safely cycle to school with your child and other families. Further information can be found in the attached flyer, including information on how you can join the Bike Bus WhatsApp group!

Year 6 Leavers' Service

Year 6 enjoyed a memorable visit to the Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral, where they joined pupils from many other schools for a special celebration. We were incredibly proud to be selected to read the prayer, with Elise and Eddie doing a fantastic job speaking confidently in front of an audience of around 500 people. During the visit, the children also took part in five different reflection stations, each offering a chance to think about their time at primary school and the journey ahead. It was a really special day and a lovely way to look back on everything they've achieved.

Staff Conquering the Marathon Mighty Hike!

On Saturday 4th July, three of our amazing members of staff took part in the Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Mrs Carter, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Sauveur hiked an amazing distance of 26.2 miles, all for a great cause. They are back at school today, and we are very proud of their tenacity and fortitude in completing such a challenge in this heat. If you would like to support them, please [click here](#) — all donations are greatly appreciated, no matter how big or small!

PTA Update

Class reps and PTA committee next year

A huge thank you to all of the people who have volunteered to help, donated, and given up time and money over the last year. It really does make a difference to the school. It was fantastic to be at the new parents presentation last week surrounded by PTA financed projects - the new AV system, new large screen, wall bars, and the MUGA. If you would like to be part of making a difference for next year 2026- 2027, please email BJSCChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk and let us know what you would like to help with. Being a new chair, a new committee member, a secretary, a Class rep, an event organiser, or another role you would like to fulfil. It takes a community to make this happen. Thank you in advance for all of your offers - however great or small.

Maths Primary Team Challenge

On Monday 29th June, a group of four Year 6 children took part in an exciting Maths competition at The Royal Grammar School (RGS) in Guildford. The team worked through a number of different maths activities (designed by the UK Maths Trust), including cross number; group; logic; make a number; relay and shuttle rounds! They worked really well as a team - and we are delighted (and extremely proud!) to report that they came second overall! They were only beaten to first place by RGS Prep, by 1 point! How amazing. A huge well done to Freya M (6W), Scarlett E (6W), Eddie W (6S) and Harry A (6S).

Save the Date! Open Afternoon, Monday 20th July

As you are probably aware, we do not have a formal parent/teacher meeting event in the summer term. Instead, we hold a more informal parents/carers 'Open Afternoon'. This year, we will be holding this on Monday 20th July. The open after-noon is an opportunity for you to come into school so your child can show you their work and talk about their achievements this year. Please note, there will not be an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher. Further information will be sent out soon, including timings.

Future Stars—football boot collection

Our current assembly theme is Service. In assembly today I talked to the children about some friends of mine (Jonathan and Anna Alphonse) who are serving with a charity, Future Stars, in Cape Town, South Africa. They are helping to run a community football programme that engages with children between 8 and 19+, providing them with a safe place to play football, learn life skills, be mentored and be signposted to other support. Cape Town is a very beautiful city in the world, but it also has huge inequality. The youngsters all come from a very impoverished area of Cape Town, where they are at risk of being pulled into a life of crime and gang-lifestyle.

Jonathan and Anna have asked me if Busbridge CE Junior School can help these children by donating any football boots which our children no longer have use of. So with the footie season over (?!) please send into school football boots that would enjoy a new home and lease of life in Cape Town.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club.

Session costs from 1st September 2026 will be as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.80

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.60

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £17.20

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 -

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