



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 No: 3

14th February 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

Spring 2025	
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half term
Mon 24th Feb	Author Visit, Lucy Reynolds
Mon 3rd to Wed 5th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 7th March	Busbridge House Event - Pancake Sale
Mon 10th March	Class 6S Trip to Godalming Museum
Thurs 13th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Fri 14th March	Bouncing for Boards
Sat 15th March	Swimming Gala - 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Mon 17th March	Class 6W Trip to Godalming Museum
Fri 28th March	Class 4LT Assembly
Mon 31st March to 3rd April	Easter Bake Off
Wed 2nd April	Easter Services at Busbridge Church
Fri 4th April	End of Term - 1.30pm
Tues 22nd April	INSET DAY - Staff only
Wed 23rd April	Children return to school for Summer Term
Mon 28th April	Year 4 Bikeability Starts
Tues 29th April	Children's Disco
Fri 2nd May	Class 4S Assembly & Star Wars Day
Thurs 8th May	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers' Photo

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.



In the blink of an eye, the first half of the Spring term is over! It's been a brilliant 6 weeks, with our 'Marvellous Me' DoubleDay, One World Week, Romans and Vikings workshops, an author visit, Chinese Dance workshop to celebrate the year of the Snake, and many sporting events. After half term things will not be slowing down, as we have another author visit to look forward to, our Busbridge House event (a pancake sale!), several school trips - including the Year 4 residential to Sayers Croft—and the ever popular swimming gala. We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the child(ren) back on Monday 24th February.

Author visit: Joseph Elliott

On Thursday 6th February, author of 'Nora and The Map of Mayhem', actor of 'Cook' in 'Swashbuckle' and uncle of our very own Max (3B) and Tommy (5W) visited the school. Joseph inspired the children to read and even write their own books. We were treated to a reading of his book as well as some insights into his next book, which is ready to be released this year. It was a fantastic event which left many inspired and in awe of the power of books.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We will be celebrating books again this year on Thursday 6th March. The theme this year is **RAP!** In school we will be writing our own raps about books. To help get into the spirit, children are invited to dress up as a rapper, or in something comfy that allows them to curl up with a good book!

Chinese Dance Workshops

Last Friday, we welcomed a professional dance teacher into school who spent the day teaching us traditional Chinese dances! The children had a brilliant time learning all about the year of the snake and even got to dance as a group in a dragon costume!

Trick Box Update

This half term has been an exciting one for Trick Box, as all of the children were not only able to learn 3 new tricks, but also put them to the test during our 'Marvellous Me' DoubleDay! Children in Y3 and Y4 had a go at some tricky challenges, which required them to demonstrate resilience, such as building a house of cards. They then explored which tricks would be the best to help them get into a positive mind-set ready to try again if things didn't go to plan the first time. In Y5 and Y6, children had a go at making their very own Trick Box board games, where their characters were presented with challenges and they had to decide whether to use a trick and improve their situation or stay stuck in a negative headspace. Please see the Trick Box attachment sent out with this newsletter, for a roundup of all of the tricks your children have learnt so far!

PE Days After Half Term - Reminder

- Year 3, Spring 2 - Monday and Wednesday
- Year 4, Spring 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 5, Spring 2 - Monday and Tuesday
- Year 6, Spring 2 - Monday (cricket) and Thursday

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 28th March—Class 4LT

Friday 2nd May — Class 4S

Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA update

Classlist - The platform that the PTA use for their communications is stopping their desktop version, so please make that you have downloaded their mobile application. (If you have admin rights then you will still be able to use the desktop version to create and edit events, but you will not be able to toggle between the 'admin' mode and the 'parent' mode).

PTA meeting round up - spending and events - We had a great PTA meeting last Monday. We were able to sign off spending for lots of books, redecorating the hall, funding a Chinese dance workshop and taking part in a new citizenship programme. We also agreed to raise funds for new AV equipment for the hall and some interactive white boards.

Upcoming Events - Please get these events in your diary, look out for information about them, and help out where you can. The next fundraising events coming up are: 14th March - Bouncing for Boards, 31st March to 3rd April - Easter Bake Off, 29th April - children's disco. We are looking for event leaders for the summer BBQ (11th July) and the fireworks event (7th November). These events may not be able to go ahead without leaders. Thank you in advance for your willingness to give of your time to "Create Fun and Raise Funds".

Village Hall Car Park - can you help?

The Village Hall allow our parents to use their car park for morning drop offs and afternoon pickups, however this comes at a financial cost to our school (a four-figure sum per annum). So that we can continue to provide this facility, we need to ask parents who use the car park to make a voluntary contribution of £15 per year towards this cost. If you are able to make this voluntary contribution, we ask that you log into your child's Arbor account and select Village Hall Car Park Contribution under 'Clubs' to make your payment. Thank you!

Like most schools our budget is under enormous pressure and it is hard to fund even the basics. Your support with this contribution will help our school funding go further for the good of the children.

Busbridge Ambassador Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Spring Term 2025 (first half term) are:

Class 3BF - Alice Lucas & Charlie Spicer

Class 3B - William Taylor & Caitlin Dyke

Class 4LT - Jacob Roseblade & Iris Ring

Class 4S - Ele Beck & Hugo Bench

Class 5W - Ethan Woodcock & Emily Brice

Class 5E - Alex Roche & India Taylor

Class 6S - Amelie Stafford & Finlay Hingston

Class 6W - Harriet Meacham & Sean Huddie

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 board.

One World Week

We have had the most wonderful One World Week this year. It has been incredible to walk around the school and see your children beaver away on their independent projects, sharing information they have learnt about their chosen country. Thank you for all the help you provided at home to help ready your child(ren) for this week of self-directed learning. It has been a stupendous success!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025:

Year 3 : £84.00

Year 4 : £75.60

Year 5 : £81.20

Year 6 : £81.20

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

Terms & Conditions are available on our website - [Breakfast & After School Club - Terms and Conditions](#)