

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 No: 1

17th January 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

Spring 2025	
Tues 21st Jan	Year 4 Sayers Croft Info Evening, 6pm
Thurs 23rd Jan	Parents English - Spelling & Phonics Workshop, 6.30pm
Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Jan	'Marvellous Me' DoubleDay
Tues 28th Jan	CANCELLED - 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
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb	Half term
Mon 3rd to Wed 5th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 13th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Sat 15th March (1.30 to 3.30)	Swimming Gala
Fri 28th March	Class 4LT Assembly
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
Fri 2nd May	Class 4S Assembly & Star Wars Day
Thurs 8th May	Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photo



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely festive break. School life is already back in full swing and the children have thrown themselves back into the new year with their usual enthusiasm and buzz. We have lots planned this term, including our 'Marvellous Me' DoubleDay next week, an exciting Chinese Dance workshop and author visit in early February, and the Year 4 residential to Sayers Croft in March! It's going to be busy!

Parents Evening

The booking system for our upcoming parents evenings will open on Wednesday 29th January at 6pm. An email reminder will be sent out nearer to the date, together with a short guide explaining how to book. This term's parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 11th February (4pm—6.30pm) and Thursday 13th February (6pm to 8.30pm).

'Marvellous Me' Double Day

Just a reminder that next Thursday and Friday, we will be holding our first DoubleDay of this year! We do need your input in a couple of key areas - 1) Writing a letter of encouragement to your child, and 2) Sending in a white T-shirt that your child can decorate and paint. A copy of the DoubleDay letter is attached to this email. Please note, both days will be non-uniform days!

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality at Busbridge CE Junior School is good, but it could be even better. Our current attendance rate across the school is 96.79%. It is so important that your child attends school regularly, as good attendance not only benefits children's confidence and friendships, but is also essential if children are to make good progress with their learning - there is a proven link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement. Further information can be found in our [Attendance Policy](#).

Generous Donation from Wellington College

This week, we were delighted to receive an incredibly generous donation from Wellington College, an independent boarding school in Berkshire. They run an initiative whereby they offer charitable donations and on this occasion kindly selected our school! Our thanks go to Mrs Mead (Year 3 parent), who kindly put us forward. If your company runs a similar programme, then donations are always greatly appreciated - no matter how big, or small.

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

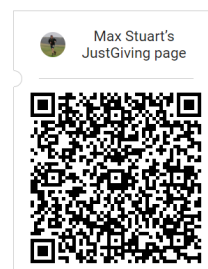
PTA update

The children's disco that was scheduled for January 28th has been cancelled. We will try to plan another one for the summer term.

We are having a PTA meeting on Monday 3rd February, 8pm on Zoom. Please join to discuss future PTA events/spending - or speak to your class rep to feed in your ideas. Please already be thinking about whether there are future events you can take a lead on. Thank you.

Mr Stuart's 100-Mile Epic Race!

On Friday 24th January at 12:00, the incredible Mr Stuart will be taking on the Arc 100 Ultra Marathon to raise funds for a new AV system in our school hall! The new system will enhance assemblies, performances and events for the children. The Arc 100 is an epic 100-mile race along the Cornish coast, with a 36-hour cut-off time! Mr Stuart will be running through the night, tackling over 5,000m of elevation in one of the UK's toughest events. If you would like to sponsor Mr Stuart and help make a difference to the school hall, then please use the following [link](#), or scan the QR code opposite.



Train to Teach with the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP)

The Godalming Learning Partnership has partnered with Winchester University and its *outstanding* PGCE programme for the last 7 years and maintained a 100% pass rate. Many of our graduates work in GLP schools and are already reaching middle and senior leadership positions. Training with the Godalming Learning Partnership offers the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in local schools and academic study at Winchester University. If you would like to find out more about training to teach, then further information can be found at www.getteaching.org.

Art Theme of the Month

This term, we have changed from artist of the month to 'theme of the month'. We have chosen to focus on winter landscapes inspired by the chilly weather! We have displayed work from a variety of artists including Monet, Kandinsky and even the work of Pieter Bruegel the younger, dating back to the 1500s! If you have any suggestions for future themes, then please do let Mrs Friend know.

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. Who will be our first Superstar of 2025?!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025:

Year 3 : £84.00

Year 4 : £75.60

Year 5 : £81.20

Year 6 : £84.00

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](#)