



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish Challenge

Summer Term 2025 No: 5

22nd July 2025

Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn 2025	
Wed 3rd Sept	INSET Day
Thurs 4th Sept	Children return to school
Fri 5th Sept	New Year 3 Parents/Carers Coffee Morning (after drop off)
Fri 12th Sept	Individual and Sibling School Photos
Mon 15th Sept	Year 4 Swimming starts
Tues 23rd Sept	PTA AGM and Annual Planning Meeting, 7.30pm
Mon 29th Sept - Fri 3rd Oct	Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill
Mon 6th Oct	Year 6 Bikeability starts
Tues 14th Oct	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Thurs 23rd Oct	Flu Vaccinations - all years
Mon 27th to Fri 31st Oct	Half Term

School Term & Holiday Dates - 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025:

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December

Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

INSET Days: 3rd September & 3rd November

Spring Term 2026:

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Half Term - Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

INSET Days: 5th January & 13th February

Summer Term 2026:

Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

INSET Day: 22nd May

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.

SUMMER

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of this academic year and as we prepare to close the school gates for the summer break, we have been reflecting on what has been a brilliant year! The children went on lots of trips and visits, celebrated Star Wars Day, took part in some fabulous DoubleDays and much, much more! We are already looking forward to all that the next academic year brings: we have some fab dates in the diary already. Thank you for all your support and encouragement—it means a lot! Thank you also for your very kind and thoughtful gifts — sincerely appreciated.

Wishing you all a fun-filled Summer break!

Summer Concert

This year's Summer Concert was another amazing performance which showcased the many musical talents of our children. We listened to a range of music, performed on a variety of instruments and were blown away by the confidence and skills of such young performers. Thank you to everyone who played so beautifully and to Mrs Lucas for organising the event.

Rock Bottom!

Last week, Year 6 put on an absolutely brilliant performance of their Year 6 Leavers Play "Rock Bottom". There was singing, dancing - and loads of jokes which had the audience in stitches! A huge well done to everyone who took part, either on stage, back stage, or in the Directors chair. We really were blown away.

Travelling Book Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased books at last week's book fair. Thanks to your support, we raised over £200 for the school, which is amazing! We will soon be putting the money to good use by buying lots of new books for next year.

Year 6 Celebrations

It is hard to believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. It has been a pleasure to teach them all and to watch them grow (both socially, academically and in height!) over the last 4 years. We wish them all bright futures, and much happiness. The children have been having lots of fun in school over the last few weeks, including a mammoth water fight on the field last Friday and electric buggy racing. We will miss each and every one of them! A huge thank you to the Year 6 Parents/Carers who made the last few weeks so memorable for the children - from creating a beautiful yearbook full of memories from their time at BJS, to organising a super fun leavers disco.

Sports Update

Year 6 Boys Cricket

Last month, year 6 enjoyed a fabulous afternoon at Farnham Cricket Club. The boys played very well and came up against some tough opposition. The group stage was a three-way tie and on the total runs count back BJS contested third place. In an enormously entertaining game, we just missed out on the last ball of a 'super over' as the scores were tied after the regulation innings. Well done boys for a great afternoon.

District Sports

Forget the excitement of Wimbledon, BJS were once again the Overall Winners of District Sports!! On Thursday 10th July, we took along a very talented group of Busbridge athletes, and my word, did they deliver! We were all on the edge of our seats as the various events took place, from long jump, to long distance running. Year 5's won their year group trophy, with Years 3, 4, 6 coming second. We won Girls Overall team and our Boys came a very respectable third. Our 2 'sportsmen awards' went to Violet J and Jude W - well done. The children were all amazing and it was a real privilege to be at the event to see them take part.

A huge thank you to Clare Parsons for organising the event on behalf of all the local schools - and a huge thanks to Bill and Clare for all the training and prepping of our athletes! A real success!

PTA Update

Fundraising for new science resources - A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far towards new science resources for the school. So far we have received over £600 towards our £1000 target, which is amazing! A special thank you goes to Mr Marcus McEwen, who raised £200 at a recent Busbridge Dad's Cricket event - such a generous amount! If you feel that you are able to contribute, then please follow the link on Classlist.

PTA Volunteers & Reps needed! If you haven't already done so, then please consider volunteering for our PTA, or becoming a class rep next year. Our PTA simply couldn't run without the kind of help of our volunteers and we have quite a few vacancies to fill - please see attached flyer with this newsletter. Class reps also provide invaluable reminders about what's going on each week and help to coordinate PTA activities. Many hands make light work - so please consider if you can step up this year. Thank you so much to all those who stepped up over the last year - we couldn't have done it without you!

Dates for your diary:

PTA AGM on Tuesday 23rd September (school hall). Please come along to support the PTA, share your ideas, plan out events for next year, and to help decide where the money raised will be spent. Everyone is welcome, please come if you can.

Saturday 11th October - Parents/Carers 80s and 90s Disco - tickets available on Classlist.

Summer holidays

Koosa Kids will be running their very popular holiday clubs in school over the Summer. Please visit their website if you would like to book a place at the club. We also have some other work taking place over the holidays, including painting the school library, refurbishing the staff toilets and installing new school gates.

Twelve15 School Meals

Please note that from the start of the next academic year, school meal prices will be increasing by 10p, to £2.90 per day / £14.50 per week. Prices are set by Surrey County Council. Payment in advance should be made ideally by our online payment system Arbor.

Pet Day!

The school went pet crazy on Friday 4th July at our biennial Pet Day! We saw hamsters, guinea pigs, cats, dogs, a snake and a hen - to name but a few! Throughout the day, the children learnt all about pet safety, pet care and how to be safe around dogs. All the dogs were impeccably behaved in the afternoon for the dog show: very impressive! A fun and informative day for all.

Ambassadors Award

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

3B	Jake S & Aviana S	3BF	Rik V & Hugo B
4LT	Jacob G & Matilda L	4S	Bea B & Ben S
5E	Nitha N & Lucas H	5W	Ellie H & Charlie B
6S	Alex D & Tabby H	6W	Tommy D & India D

Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, children are invited to take part in the **Busbridge Summer Reading Challenge**—a fun way to keep reading through the holidays! They can choose how they want to complete the challenge: **Track the books they read** using the reading log, **or use the reading grid** to explore different types of books. If they read 4, they earn a certificate, 8 for a silver badge and 12 for a gold badge. Simply print the tracker (attached with this newsletter), fill it in over the summer, and return it to their new class teacher in September. Printed copies are available in the office. Happy reading and enjoy the adventure!

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 our last newsletter, we have added:

- ♦ Joshua S (3BF) - For completing Level 4 in swimming! Amazing work, Joshua!

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

NB: We have received some SuperStars recently but simply not had time to put them up. Sorry! They will be posted in the Autumn Term!

October 2026 Half Term Break

In September we will be carrying out a short survey to collect parental views re moving from a 1 week to 2 week October 2026 half term break. There are many factors that our Governors need to consider before making this decision, and your input will be helpful.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October:

Year 3 : £104.40

Year 4 : £107.30

Year 5 : £107.30

Year 6 : £92.80

Amount per day: £2.90 Amount per week: £14.50

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.

Session costs from 1st September 2025 will be as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.60

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.35

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £16.70

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

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