

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2025 No: 2

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Term Dates 2024/25

Spring 2025	
Mon 3rd Feb	PTA Meeting via Zoom, 8pm
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
Mon 10th March	Class 6S Trip to Godalming Museum
Thurs 13th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
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
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

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.



The Spring term is now well underway and thankfully the weather has started to warm up a little! It has been another busy 2 weeks in school, with sporting events, a Romans and Vikings themed day for Years 3 & 4, and of course, our fantastic Marvellous Me Double-Day, which culminated in a very energetic fashion show on Friday afternoon! The booking link for our upcoming parents evenings also went live this week, so if you still haven't booked your slot, please do so. We look forward to seeing lots of you soon.

Ice and snow

Hopefully we are coming out of the coldest months now, but site safety is always a priority. In the mornings, it can be difficult for staff to get to school early enough to grit the playground before the first children arrive for Breakfast club. If you would be willing to be part of a WhatsApp group to be 'on call' to help for half an hour on a particularly frosty morning, please e-mail Mrs Barker who will be setting this up over the next week or so - hopefully not to be used for a while, but you never know! rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

One World Week - w/c 10th February

One World Week is coming up soon! Previously the children have studied a specific country decided by their class teacher. However, this year we are providing children with a bit more independence and self-choice over the country they look at and the work they produce. We would be very grateful if you could help your child decide if they want to either work on the country given by their class teacher, or work on a country of interest to them (e.g. a country important to your family). If they are working on the class country then please support them in the given homework tasks. If they wish to work on a country of their own choice, then please help them to find information, pictures and resources that they can bring in to school. Further information can be found in the letter emailed out on Monday 27th January.

Heath Lane - Drop off and Pick up

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are parking their cars on Heath Lane at drop off and pick up times. Heath Lane is the lane to the left of the school as you drive out on to Brighton Road. Heath Lane is very narrow and residents have reported to us that on several occasions they have been blocked coming out of their driveways by parked cars, or have been unable to drive down. The neighbouring farmers have also been affected. Please can we ask that parents/carers do not park on Heath Lane and instead either use the village hall car park (during the designated times) or park considerably away from the school and walk across.

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. So that we can continue to provide this facility, we need to ask parents who use the car park to consider making a voluntary contribution of £15 per year towards these costs. 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.

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.

Mr Stuart's Grueling Race!

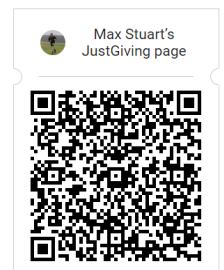
Last Friday at 12:00, Mr Stuart set off on the Arc of Attrition, a grueling 100-mile foot race along the Cornish coastline. The night before, Storm Éowyn battered the area, bringing 70mph winds and torrential rain.

Taking a cautious approach, Mr Stuart started towards the back of the pack, steadily overtaking around 200 runners throughout the afternoon and night. Unfortunately, at around mile 30—just after enduring an hour-long storm of high winds and sideways rain—he slipped and landed awkwardly. Despite this, he pushed on and reached Land's End (mile 56) at 04:00am.

However, a few miles after leaving Land's End, his knee became increasingly problematic. At mile 62, with the most technical section of the course ahead, he was forced to withdraw.

Undeterred by this setback, Mr Stuart is determined to return to Cornwall one day to complete the race!

A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored him so far. There is still time to [donate](#) if you'd like to support him. If you experience issues with the JustGiving page, feel free to email him directly at mstuart@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk



Vex Robotics Competition at Charterhouse School

Yesterday, 12 of our Year 5 and 6s went to Charterhouse School to take part in the Vex Robotics competition, where they put their robot programming skills to the test in a series of tournaments against other schools. Having spent the last 4 months building their robots, this was a celebration of the huge amount of hard work and effort that they have put in. Not only did they show great respect, resilience and teamwork in the robotics element of the competition, but they also had to design a conceptual robot to help clear the sea of plastic for which they received a special mention from the judges for their ingenuity! It was a fantastic day - a huge well done to all of the children involved.



Sports Update

Sportshall at Woolmer Hill

"On Wednesday 22nd January, 18 Year 5 and 6's went to Sportshall at Woolmer Hill. We had loads of fun running, jumping and cheering each other on. We also managed to come back victorious, which means we will next be competing at the Surrey Sportshall! It was a great day out, with lots of success!" - Emi H (6S)



Dodgeball - What a fun time our Y5 Dodgeballers had at their tournament the other week. The Rodborough Sports Leaders (some of them ex-BJS) led some drill and skill sessions, then it was time to play D-ball. Well done to the team who did well to stay so active for such a long time. Champion!

Cross Country

"Earlier this month, we took part in a Cross Country in Reigate with Surrey Sports. The course was really muddy and hilly, but wasn't too long. We did really well, even though there weren't many people in our team and everyone finished. In total there were about 120 competing from schools across Surrey. Everyone was brilliant! We didn't win, but everyone was amazing!" - Madeleine B (5W)

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 14th February — Class 3B

Friday 28th March—Class 4LT

Friday 2nd May — Class 4S

Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA update

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.

Foodbank donations

Thank you to those of you who have been able to donate to our Foodbank collection so far this term. Please do so if you are able to. If you are able to help be part of the team who take the donations to the food bank as and when necessary, please contact Mrs Barker at rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Year 3 Romans Day

Year 3 had a fantastic time dressing up as Romans and acting out different parts in a Roman themed play with the wonderful Rainbow Theatre Company. They also especially loved the impromptu Year 4 Vikings vs Year 3 Romans battle on the play-ground at break time! It was an excellent day.

Year 4 Vikings Day

The Rainbow Theatre Company came and led a Viking workshop for us. We learnt that the Vikings were very vicious, killed a lot of people and were always after more land. We all got to act out different Viking roles. Alice N (4LT) said: "I enjoyed it when the Vikings came rushing in at the start and we had to hide behind the benches pretending to be trapped in a church. It was lots of fun and a little bit scary!"

Parent/Carer Workshop on Reading & Spelling at BJS

Thank you to everyone who attended our reading and spelling workshop last week, we received lots of positive feedback. You can now find the resources from the evening on the [Reading page](#) of our website, including the Powerpoint presentation, recommended reading books for each year group and spelling strategies for parents. We hope you find the information useful.

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. This week we have added:

- ◆ Josh S (3BF) - for achieving the ESF1* Ski Level whilst on holiday in The Alps! What a ski champ, well done!
- ◆ Charlie S (3BF) & Gabriel McG (3B) - for completing their first hike and overnight camp with the Cubs! They hiked an impressive 15km and worked team to navigate the route without adult help! Amazing!

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](#)