



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Spring Term 2025 No: 5

21st March 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

| Spring 2025 | |
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| Thurs 27th March | Music Works Concert - 9.30am |
| Fri 28th March | Class 4LT Assembly Year 3 Dance Festival (invite only) |
| Mon 31st March to 3rd April | Easter Bake Off |
| Wed 2nd April | Easter Services at Busbridge Church - Y3/4 at 9.15am & Y5/6 at 10am. Parents/carers welcome. |
| 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 |
| Thurs 15th May | Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley Year 5 Greeks Workshop |
| Fri 16th May | Class 3BF Assembly |
| Mon 19th May | Year 6 Egyptian Math's Sessions |
| Fri 23rd May | INSET DAY |
| Mon 26th to Fri 30th May | Half Term break |
| Wed 4th & 5th June | Splatt Theatre Group - WW2 Workshop |
| Tues 10th & 11th June | Year 3 Feet First Training Year 5 Drama Workshop |

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.



With only 2 weeks left of the Spring term, school life is still as busy as ever! On Saturday we smashed the Swimming Gala at Charterhouse (more about this below!), last week we had several exciting school trips, including a Year 6 trip to Godalming Museum and a Year 5 visit to the Winchester Science Centre and of course our eagerly awaited PTA Bouncing for Boards event was held last Friday! Over the next two weeks we are looking forward to the annual Music Works concert, the 4LT class assembly and of course our Easter services at Busbridge Church, to name but a few things.

Year 6 Trip to Godalming Museum

"Year 6 had a fantastic time at Godalming Museum. We set off from school and walked down to the town; when we arrived, we got to go upstairs in the Pepperpot which was very cool! We learnt a lot about Jack Phillips and his role on the Titanic; we even got to dress up like some of the passengers! We also had a go at creating our very own messages in Morse Code. We also went on a tour of Godalming, where we learnt some really interesting facts about our local area - did you know that a bull once broke into a school in Godalming and a girl had to jump out of the window to escape?! At the end of the day we all survived the long walk back up the hill to school - just about! "

Music Works Concert

On Thursday 27th March, we will be treated to a number of songs played by the children who have Music Works instrumental lessons at school. The performance is open to all parents and carers and will start at 9.30am in the school hall. If you would like to attend, please complete the following [Form](#) by Tuesday 25th March. We look forward to seeing you there. If your child is interested in starting lessons with Music Works, you can find out more at <https://www.themusicworks.uk/>

Positive Parenting in a Digital World Workshop

Earlier in March, St James Primary School held a 'Positive Parenting in a Digital World' workshop by Laura Nott from the Lucy Faithful Foundation. The slides and live recording are now available on their website if you would like to view them - [click here](#)

Winchester Science Centre - Year 5 Trip

On 13th March, Year 5 visited the Science Centre in Winchester. Much fun was had as the children explored the sound, hearing, and vibration exhibition. The children were able to experience the acoustics of a sonic rocket and make sounds in enormous echo tubes. One of the most popular activities was slime-making. The planetarium was an awe-inspiring experience, exploring the incredible solar system that surrounds us. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025

Don't forget to take part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel starting next week! The aim of the challenge is for families to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school, which not only boosts health, but also improves air quality and makes a difference to the world around us. Further information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter and attached to the covering email!



TRAIN TO TEACH in Godalming schools with Winchester University and the GLP 26 March, 7-8pm Webinar



Join our hour-long webinar to learn all about starting your teaching career, training in local schools, with an outstanding PGCE provider.

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.

Find out more about our fantastic teacher training PGCE course based in Godalming schools, with a focus on providing excellent experiences and support:

- **Access to a range of schools:** you'll gain experience in multiple schools, all committed to prioritising the child's broadest educational experience.
- **Travel bursary:** you can apply for a travel bursary of up to £800 to help with the costs of commuting.
- **Small cohorts:** you'll be part of a deliberately small group to provide a personalised, hands-on training experience.
- **Focus on resilience:** you'll be guided to build resilience, key for navigating the challenges of this rewarding teaching career.
- **Excellent employment opportunities:** Graduates of the *GET Teaching* programme are in high demand, with some schools in the GLP network now employing *GET Teaching* alumni as 50% of their teaching staff.
- **Career advancement:** *GET Teaching* alumni don't just stop at being classroom teachers. Many are already progressing into middle management roles, with a clear path toward senior leadership positions.

Continued support for career development: Even after completing the course, we offer ongoing support for early career development, helping *GET Teaching* alumni to continue building resilience and grow in their profession.

Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the QR code or link below: [Train to Teach with the GLP](#)



For more info in the meantime, see our [GET Teaching website](#) and our [GET Teaching information evening flier](#).

Art Theme of the Month

This half term, our Art theme of the month is inspired by Spring and new beginnings. In the hall, there are examples of many different artist's work on display. These include Monet, Van Gogh and more modern artists such as Deborah Newman. Look closely at this picture created by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, can you see what it is made from?



There is always too much to mention in one newsletter...

We do so many exciting things here at BJS, that there isn't always enough space to mention everything - so here is a quick run down of the extra activities that have taken place since our last newsletter! Last week, one of our Governor's, Emily Dove came into school to teach Year 4 Viking Braiding; Class 6S attended a Science workshop at Charterhouse School; a group of Year 5 children attended a Singing Day at Rodborough and yesterday Mr Samson, Headteacher at Godalming Junior School and Mrs Elliott, Head of the Surrey Oak Federation visited us to carry out a Learning walk of the school - they were suitably impressed with everything they saw! Next week we will be holding an assembly on Epilepsy, as well as sending a number of Year 3 children off to a Dance Festival, and attending a Netball Tournament and a Hockey Competition! There is certainly never a quiet day here at BJS!

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

Bouncing for Boards - Congratulations to all who took part in the sponsored bounce last week - it was a great success and we hope you all had fun! Please remember to pay in your sponsorship or donations online or in cash to the office as soon as possible so that we can give the money to the school for their new interactive boards. Thank you. If paying online, please pay into the Busbridge Junior School PTA bank account (**Sort code 60-06-19, Account number 30676878**) with 'Bounce' plus the sponsored child's surname and class as the reference (e.g. BOUNCE SMITH 6E). Thank you. There was some very competitive bouncing on the day, and whilst it wasn't a competition, congratulations to the students in each class with the highest number of bounces:

3B - Finn and Millie, 3BF - Alice and Max, 4S - Jack and Joshua B and Anna, 4LT - Ella and Rory, 5E - Emily K and Arthur, 5W - Maisie and Josh, 6W - Lorenzo, Harry and Laura, 6S - Alex and Mia. Special mention to Arthur in 5E who somehow managed 166 bounces in his minute and was the school's highest scorer! Champion!

Great Busbridge Bake Off! - Calling all baking and caking fans! This year we are encouraging the children to embrace their passion for baking, whisking, mixing and decorating to help raise funds for the school. Starting on Monday 31st March, each child can bring in a set of approximately 6 cupcakes or traybake slices to sell at the end of the school day - the cake sale will be run over four days, one day per year group (Monday - Y3, Tuesday - Y4, Wednesday - Y5 and Thursday - Y6). Certificates will be given out for the best bakes! If baking is not your thing, then we would also gratefully receive donations of long-date Easter treats to donate to the local food bank. Further information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter - we can't wait to see everyone's creations! Please remember NO NUTS and please don't bring in anything that needs refrigeration.

Sports Update - Swimming Gala

We took 30 swimmers to the highly anticipated annual swimming gala at Charterhouse Club last Saturday. The gala was a mix of traditional and fun races and, as holders of the overall cup for the last two years running, the stakes were high! The children were amazingly committed to do their best and encouraging of each other. We took the lead right from the start and after a very hot and noisy gala we were declared overall winners of the whole event! Huge congratulations to the Busbridge swim squad who thoroughly deserved the win. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and to those who came along to support the children. Our trophy cabinet is now overflowing with silverware!!



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:

- ◆ Flynn H (3B) - For moving up to light blue hat in his swimming lessons! Amazing work.
- ◆ Melodi A (3B) - For recently passing the Grade 1 ballet exam and moving on to Grade 2! Well done Melodi.
- ◆ Isla-Rose P (3BF) - For capturing some beautiful photos of Spring flowers on her walk home from school! Brilliant work
- ◆ Max S (6W) & Emi H (6S) - For representing Surrey in athletics! What champions!
- ◆ Zola R (3B) - For moving up to Purple Hat, Level 7 in swimming - and being awarded Swimmer of the Month! Wow.

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](#)

GREAT BUSBRIDGE BAKE OFF!!

Calling all baking and caking fans!

Get involved in the
Great Busbridge Bake Off w/c 31st March!

This year we're encouraging the children to embrace their passion for baking and whisk, mix and decorate their way to prizes!

The Great Busbridge Bake Off will be over four days,
one day per year group:

31ST MARCH - MONDAY.....YEAR 3

1ST APRIL - TUESDAY.....YEAR 4

2ND APRIL - WEDNESDAY.....YEAR 5

3RD APRIL - THURSDAY.....YEAR 6

- Each child can bring in a set of approx. 6 x cupcakes or traybake slices (such as brownies, flapjacks, shortbreads etc.).
- There will be certificates per year group for the best bakes.
- There will be a bake sale on each day to purchase the bakes.
- Remember no nuts of anything that needs refrigeration.
- Bring your bake to the hall in the morning.
- Bring 50p/£1 after school each day for the bake sale (while stocks last).
- (Shop bought gluten free/dairy free cakes will be available.)
- If baking is not your thing, then we would gratefully receive donations of long-date Easter treats to donate to the local food bank.

REMEMBER NO NUTS PLEASE.





**We're taking part
in the Sustrans
Big Walk and Wheel
2025 challenge.**

Join in by walking, wheeling,
scooting or cycling to school
between 24 March–4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

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