



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2026 No: 2

30th January 2026

Our school vision... To be a school that reflects the love of Christ: cherishing each other as unique individuals & challenging all to achieve and succeed.

Term Dates 2025/26

Spring 2026	
Fri 6th Feb	5W Class Assembly, 9.15am
Tues 10th Feb	Parents Evening, 4-6.30pm
Wed 11th Feb	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics—AM
Thurs 12th Feb	Parents Evening—6-8.30pm
Fri 13th Feb	Inset Day—No children in school
Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb	Half Term
Fri 27th Feb	PTA Bouncing Event
Mon 2nd to Wed 4th March	Y4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala (1.30 to 3.45)
Mon 9th March	Y6 Godalming Museum trip (1 class)
Wed 11th Mar.	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Fri 13th March	3B Class Assembly
Mon 16th Mar.	Y6 Godalming Museum trip (1 class)
Wed 18th March	Year 5 Rodborough Singing Day - performance to parents at 2.30pm
Fri 20th March	Music Works Concert—9.30am
Mon 23rd Jan to Fri 27th Jan	PTA Easter Event
Fri 27th March	End of Term—1.30pm finish
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer Term

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 D Baker and Mrs A Watson are our Safeguarding Governors.



The Spring term is now well underway and we have continued to be busy in school. We have spent a good chunk of this morning planting our new fabulous trees and hedge whips on the playing field. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who gave up their time to help us—and to the children for all their hard work digging! We look forward to watching the trees and hedges grow. Fun fact: apparently voles are particularly partial to gnawing on saplings, and they are the biggest threat to our baby hedgerow.

Over the last two weeks we have also had the brilliant Rainbow Theatre back in school, a year 5 trip to Rodborough and a Robotics Competition - more on these below. 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.

Rodborough trip

The Year 5 children took a trip to Rodborough school last Thursday. The head of computing, Mr Toombs, began by teaching the students to programme their micro:bits to play a game of rock, paper scissors against the computer. Later on, they used ring:bits to code small cars and tried to move them backwards and forwards. It was insightful and fun learning.

Inset Days for 2026/27 (To be approved by our Governing Board in February)

Inset days for the next academic year will be as follows: Tuesday 1st September; Monday 2nd November; Friday 12th February 2027; Monday 12th April and Friday 28th May. These dates are in line with the majority of GLP schools, with joint staff training being held on some of the dates. Our Governing Board will officially approve the dates at their meeting in February, but we are not anticipating any changes.

Save the Date—Music Works Concert

On Friday 20th March, Music Works will be holding a concert in the school hall to showcase the talents of their Busbridge Junior students! An invite will be sent out nearer the time. We will initially invite only the parents of the performers as space is very tight at this event.

Sports Update

Spring 2026	Sports Calendar
Fri 6th Feb	Dance Festival, Y3
Wed 11 Feb	Sportshall Athletics, Y5 & 6 (Woolmer Hill School)
Sat 7th March	Swimming Gala 1.30 to 3.45pm (invite only)
Mon 9th March	Benchball, Y3 & 4
Thurs 12th March	Football Tournament, Y3 & Y5 (rescheduled date)
Mon 16th March	Hockey Festival, Y5 & 6
Thurs 26th March	Planet Soccer Football Festival at Tillingbourne Junior
Dates TBC	Netball Tournament

Further competitions and festivals will be confirmed as we go through the term

Swimming Gala - Years 4, 5 and 6

We are delighted to be taking part in the Godalming Schools Swimming Gala on **Saturday 7th March, 1.30pm to 3.45pm** at the Charterhouse Club. In order to ensure all the children have at least two races, we will be looking to take a squad of 4-6 boys and 4-6 girls in Y4, 5 and 6. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take any children from Year 3. If your child would like to be considered for the team, then please complete the form sent out with this newsletter and return it to school by Friday 13th February. We will not be able to accept any forms after this date. We will confirm places by Monday 23rd February.

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### **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. The school hall was full of excitement and buzz, as the children brought to life everything they had learnt in their History lessons. They also especially loved the impromptu Roman battle on the playground at break time! It was an excellent day.

### **Year 4 Vikings Day**

Hot on the heels of our Roman workshop, the Rainbow Theatre Company led a Viking workshop for Year 4. The children learnt that the Vikings were always after more land and had a great time acting out scenes and learning all about the Viking way of life. They then had a big decision to make—did they want to become Vikings themselves! All the children looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you to all the parents for pulling their outfits together.

### **Vex Robotics Competition at Charterhouse School**

Recently, 11 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 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 the elderly for which they received a special mention from the judges for their ingenuity! One of our teams came second in the robot tournament. It was a fantastic day - a huge well done to all of the children involved, and a big Thank You to Mr Stuart for running the club and preparing them for the big day. Champion!

## Class Assemblies

Friday 6th February - 5W; Friday 13th March - 3B; Friday 24th April - 4GT Friday 15th May - 5E (**new date!**); Friday 12th June - 3BF; (all assemblies start at 9.15am)

## PTA Update

Friendly Reminder - we have an Amazon wish list where you are able to purchase resources for the classrooms. Please save the following link to your Amazon account: <https://amzn.eu/dBGZgEw> and see the attached for instructions. There are a range of prices and you can combine items with your own shopping - helpful for those moments when you want to make up your total to get free delivery. Please deliver items to your home address and hand in, either to a class teacher or to the school office. If you have any queries regarding the wish list please do not hesitate to contact the office.

There are also still lots of events to get involved in, so please do get in touch if you are happy to help in any way: 27<sup>th</sup> February—sponsored bouncing event; 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March—Easter event; 19<sup>th</sup> May— kids disco; Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June—Summer BBQ (note the earlier date this year).

## 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 SuperStars board. Since the last newsletter we have added:

- ♦ Aurora S (3BF) - For achieving Grade 1 in both her ballet and modern dance exams. Top job, Aurora!

## Tree Planting Day

As part of our Climate Action plan we have just planted 4 trees and 200 hedge whips, including Field Maple, Hawthorn, Green Beech and Dog Rose. These were supplied to us free of charge by the Surrey Tree Planting Team and we cant wait to watch them grow over the coming weeks, months and years! A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help - namely, Mrs Keen (who returned to help us); Ms Badenhorst (mum to Kiersten, 3BF); Dr Barrett (mum to Oran, 3B); Dr Mumford (mum to William, 4S), our very own Mrs Davies and her husband Mr Davies.



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

### **School Meals:**

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 6th January to Thursday 12th February 2026:

Year 3 : £81.20

Year 4 : £81.20

Year 5 : £81.20

Year 6 : £81.20

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**

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