

Newsletter – Friday 12th September



Dear Families,

Welcome Back! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break, and a special warm welcome to our new families joining us in Pre-school, Reception, and Years 1 and 2 – do come and say hello if you're new to the Busbridge community.

The autumn term is already off to an exciting start, with our Reception children settling into full-time school life brilliantly, and voting is now complete for our School Council and House Captains. The winners were announced and awarded their badges in assembly today. There is a calm and purposeful learning atmosphere throughout the school, with a real buzz of excitement for the term ahead. We're all raring to go.

With warm wishes,

Mrs. Chalk & Mrs. Jones



1 - Congratulations to our new School Council children for the Autumn Term from Year 1 & Year 2.

Ffion & Georgia (Brown Bears), Jos & Teddy (Brown Bears), Indy & Harry DH (Sun Bears), Oscar & Annabelle (Spectacled Bears)



2 - Congratulations to our new House Captains for the Autumn Term.

Reuben & Arlo (Baloo House)

Finley & Lily B (Paddington House)

Elizabeth & Henry (Rupert House)



3 - The Continual Pursuit of Excellence

Outstanding News....



Outstanding OFSTED! If you haven't heard yet we are absolutely thrilled to share that Busbridge Infants was judged *Outstanding* in **all five Ofsted areas** by Ofsted this summer!

We are delighted with the report and how beautifully it sums up school life here at Busbridge. This achievement is a true team effort, and we would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff, our loyal families, SFET for their ongoing support and of course our enthusiastic children who make our school such a special place.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Meet the Teacher



Meet the Teacher Meetings

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Year 1 and Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. These meetings gave families the chance to learn more about new routines, the

curriculum, and the year ahead. We really value our partnership with families – working together makes such a difference for our children.

For **Reception**, the curriculum meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10th September at 9am in the school hall**.

If you weren't able to attend or you can't attend on Wednesday, don't worry – all presentations will be uploaded to the school website, under the curriculum tab and your child's year group.

The return of the "Mystery Reader"

"Mystery Reader is Back!"

We're delighted that our much-loved *Mystery Reader* sessions are returning! Each week, one family member is invited to come in and share a favourite book (or two!) with the class. Your wonderful class reps will organise the sign-up slots via WhatsApp.

It could be a parent, grandparent, or another family member – the children absolutely love the surprise of wondering who will walk through the door! If you're not sure what to read, Mrs Jones will be happy to give you some ideas. This is a fantastic way to promote a love of reading and create magical moments for our children. Sessions will begin on **Friday 19th**, running from **3:00–3:10pm**.

Keeping Our Children Safe

This week, there was an incident where a child was injured near school. We must all work together to keep our children safe at all times.

- **Hambledon Road:** Please keep children close to you at all times, as there is no pavement. Drivers are asked to travel slowly, stay alert for parked cars, and be mindful of families walking between them. Polite reminder that Hambledon Road is a no through road and has lots of children walking to school on it so please try to park on neighbouring roads as well.
- **Parking Considerately:** Please remember to park thoughtfully and to always leave driveways clear. There has already been a complaint from a neighbour about a driveway being blocked. This is not in keeping with our school value of respect.
- **Playground Guidance:** Children should wait with their families before and after school, and should not play on any equipment before or after school. Gates, walls and fences are for safety and not to be climbed on – children should keep to the paths please.

Please remember that the playground is a no phone zone and dogs must be left outside the school grounds.

- **Leaving School Safely:** Please keep your children with you as you leave so that everyone exits calmly and safely.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and for working with us to protect our school community.

Keeping up to date

Keeping up to date is one of the best ways you can support both your child and yourself.

We email a monthly newsletter on the first Friday of each month, to share key updates. Our school website is the place to find calendar dates, curriculum maps and much more, while class WhatsApp groups and reps will pass on reminders and any messages from class teachers.

We do our best to minimise emails to avoid overwhelming you, but you can also keep connected through our school **Instagram** and **Facebook**, where we share what's happening in school and signpost useful information.

Newsletter dates for this term are:

3rd October, 7th November & 5th December

News from Busbridge Pre-school



We are delighted to welcome all our children and families both new and returning to the start of an exciting new academic year at pre-school. It's been a happy and positive start, and we're so proud of how well the children have settled in.

With great courage and resilience, they have embraced this transition, gently separating from their families and beginning to form trusted relationships with us. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing day by day as they explore their new environment, become familiar with our routines, and start building friendships with one another.

This is just the beginning of an exciting adventure filled with friendship, curiosity and discovery.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Team

Our safeguarding team remains unchanged with Mrs Jones being the named DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Chalk and Mrs Scully both remaining as DDSLs (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads). A reminder that the email address for the DSL and DSL team is dsl.busbridge@sfet.org.uk and we're here at school anytime for any queries, questions or support. There is always a member of the DSL team available to talk to.

Children's Services

If you have a concern about a child or young person being abused or neglected, or an adult who is concerned about a young person's safety and wellbeing during the weekend or school holidays, please remember that you can contact Surrey Children's Services' Single Point of Access, also known as CSPA. Lines are open between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday.

The telephone number for CSPA is 0300 470 9100 or for out of hours, the emergency number is 01483 517898.

Attendance



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Attendance is a safeguarding priority.

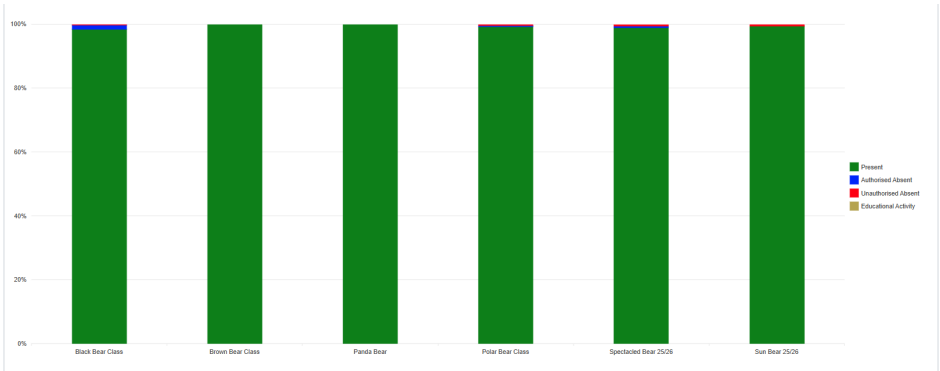
Let's make sure every child has the chance to shine! Regular school attendance is crucial for academic success, building friendships, and developing essential life skills

Please book any routine appointments during the school holidays.

If children have to miss school for a medical appointment, please make sure they attend school before or after their appointment and that their time away from school is minimal. Better still, please try to book the appointment for the end of the school day. We are happy to administer medicine (with a completed medical form) in school so please send your child back to school as soon as possible.

Please remember, as per our policy, that we do not authorise term-time holidays and that we do fine families accordingly.

Attendance chart 05.09.2025 -12.09.2025



Events and dates for Autumn 1



September

Wednesday 17th - **Reception** Curriculum Information at 9am in the school hall

w/c Monday 15th - Woodland starts for **Reception** and **Year 2**

w/c Monday 15th - Clubs commence for **all** year groups.

October

Tuesday 7th at 9am - Zones of Regulation Workshop: how to help your child at home.

Tuesday 14th at 2.30pm - Harvest celebration for **Y2** at the Church

Wednesday 15th at 2.30pm - Harvest celebration for **Y1** at the Church

Thursday 16th at 2.30pm - Harvest celebration for **EYFS (Pre-school and YR)** in the school hall

Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October (3.30 - 6.30pm) - **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** Parents Evening in the school hall

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st October (3.30 - 5.30pm) - **Pre-school** Parents Evening in Bear Cubs

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - Half Term

Remember to check our website for dates further ahead and for Woodland days

Dates for the Academic Year 2025 -2026

AUTUMN 2025

Start of Term: Friday 5 September 2025 **Half Term:** 27 October to 31 October 2025 **End of Term:** 19 December 2025

SPRING 2026

Start of Term: 5 January 2026 **Half Term:** 16 to 20 February 2026 **End of Term:** 27 March 2026

SUMMER 2026

Start of Term: 13 April 2026
of Term: 17 July 2026

Half Term: 25 May to 29 May 2026

End

*** Remaining Inset Days for 2025-2026 are Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July 2026*

**** In October 2026, in line with Surrey schools, we will be closed for a 2 week half term between the 19th and 30th October.*