



Newsletter – Friday 17th April

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break.

We cannot quite believe that we are already in the summer term – it promises to be a busy and exciting time, filled with lots of learning and memorable experiences for all of our children.

There is so much to look forward to this term. We have trips planned for Reception and Year 2, plenty of engaging learning opportunities, and important transition activities to help prepare the children for their next steps.

For our Year 1 children, the phonics check will take place this term, and our Year 2 pupils will take part in their optional SATs. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and know they will do their best.

This is also a very special term for our Year 2 children as they come to the end of their journey with us. We look forward to celebrating their time at our school and making their final term both enjoyable and memorable.

It is set to be a fantastic term, full of excitement, growth and achievement. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With warm wishes,

Mrs Chalk & Mrs Jones



House Captains for the Summer Term



Congratulations to our final Year 2 House Captains. These children were voted in democratically and have taken on this important role within the school.

They will continue to play an important role in our weekly Celebration Assembly and will meet with Mrs Chalk to discuss ideas for the final school reward. This will be then democratically voted by the whole school. They are also excellent role models for other children, demonstrating responsibility, leadership, and positive attitudes.

Our new House Captains for the summer term are:

Team Baloo: Finn A & Elspeth

Team Rupert: Adam & Lawrence

Team Paddington: Cassy & Mabel

MCAS

From next week, uniform will be available to purchase via MCAS—please look out for an announcement.

We have been pleased to hear from many of you about your positive experiences using MCAS to book enrichment clubs. It seems to be much more straightforward than our previous platform.

Art Competition

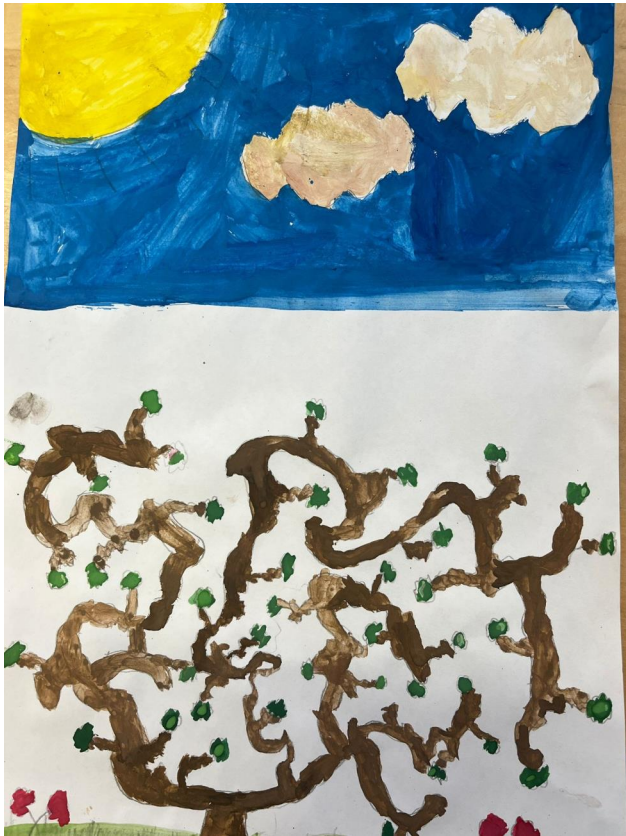
As part of our house reward programme, we were delighted to host a vibrant art competition organised by our art lead, Mrs Visioli. The theme of the competition was *Spring*, and children were encouraged to explore their creativity using a wide range of mediums and imaginative concepts.

The results were fantastic, with artwork featuring beautiful use of pastels, collage, and watercolour. Each piece reflected the children's individuality and creativity, capturing the spirit of the season in unique and thoughtful ways.

We are proud to share that selected winners have been entered into two external competitions: Godalming Library and Godalming in Bloom. We look forward to announcing any further successes in these regional events in the near future.

This competition has been an excellent showcase of our school's creativity, talent, and enthusiasm for the arts. Well done to all who took part!









Our School Grounds



Over the Easter break, Mr Gratwick has been very busy helping to make our school look even better!

We now have a freshly painted hall and a lovely new rockery area outside our entrance on Hambledon Road. Mr Gratwick has also planted lavender and sown wildflower seeds in the grass area near the car park, which we're excited to see grow.

Please ensure that your children do not walk on or play in these areas, so that we can protect the plants and keep our grounds looking their best for everyone to enjoy.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that children must not climb on the fences or gates, and they should not be around the school bungalow area.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school safe and looking beautiful.

Year 2 Sports Festival

Last term, some of our Year 2 children took part in a sports festival at South Farnham School alongside Mr Holmes, Mrs Chalk, and their families. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to try out new sports and develop their skills in a fun and supportive environment.

The event aimed to encourage all children to take part, particularly those who are still building their confidence in sport. It was a beautiful afternoon at South Farnham, and our children made us incredibly proud with their positive attitude, excellent behaviour, and enthusiasm throughout.

A special thank you goes to the families who kindly helped transport the children to South Farnham School — your support is greatly appreciated.





Stay and Read



We are looking forward to welcoming you back into school to share a story with your child. This is such a special time and plays an important part in promoting our love of reading for pleasure.

If you haven't already signed up, please do so using the link provided [here](#). A reminder that this runs from Monday 20th until Thursday 23rd of April.

We understand that not all families are able to attend, and we always ensure that these children are supported—either by sharing a story with a friend or enjoying this time with a member of staff.

Phonics Check Meeting for Y1 Families

Please join us on **Tuesday 27th April at 9am in the school hall to learn more about the Y1 Phonics Check.**

During this session, we'll share everything you need to know about the **Year 1 Phonics Check** (a national phonics screening). We'll also talk through what your child can expect and give you some helpful tips on how you can support them at home.

Please come along to the hall via the school office on Tuesday — we look forward to seeing you there.

SFET Virtual Event: The DOSE[®] Experience

Our trust, SFET, invites all parents, carers, families and staff to an exciting 60-minute virtual session with neuroscientist and bestselling author TJ Power on **Tuesday 16 June at 8pm.**

Learn how four key brain chemicals affect mood, motivation and wellbeing, with simple, practical tips to support family life.

Join from home via Zoom – book using the link/QR code.

TJ Power

DOSE EXPERIENCE FOR SFET
16TH JUNE AT 8PM

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Can you help?



Tesco Blue Tokens – Please Support Our School!

A quick reminder to all families and friends to look out for the Tesco blue tokens when you're shopping at the Milford and Guildford stores. Our school is part of the scheme, and every token really does make a difference!

The deadline has now been extended to **30th April 2026**, so there's still plenty of time to support us. We are hoping to use the funds raised to enhance the **top Year 1 area**, helping to extend and improve our playground space for all the children to enjoy.

Donations Needed – Can You Help?

We are also looking for a few items to support our outdoor learning and play:

- Wooden pallets
- Untreated woodchips
- Spare tyres (for planters and Early Years 'loose parts' play)

- Dress up clothing (which can go on over school uniform at play time)

If you have any of these items available, we would be very grateful for your support.

Additionally, if you are aware of any other available grants, please do contact the school office as we are keen to keep improving the school grounds and facilities.

SFET Connect

Please enjoy reading *SFET Connect*, the magazine produced by the trust. It's a wonderful way to keep up to date with the latest news and to see what other schools in our family have been up to.

Please take a look by following the link here.

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/6626e7049e.html>

PTA update

PTA Meeting – Monday 20th April, 8pm

All are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. We'll be discussing plans for the Summer Fete and voting on how to spend funds raised. We'll also be looking for new committee members for next year—please get in touch if you're interested.

Upcoming Events

- **Challenge 2026** – Now live on Classlist. Can we beat last year's total?
- **Blockbusters** - Saturday 25th April 2-4pm.
- **Break the Rules Day** – Friday 1st May
- **Treat Fridays** – Throughout the summer term (details to follow)
- **Summer Fete** – Saturday 27th June, 12–3pm
- **Summer Camp** – 11th & 12th July

Thank you for your continued support.

Your PTA Committee

Rachel, Phillippa, Kya, Helen and Jess

Are you ready
for a Challenge?

Busbridge
Infant
School PTA

CHALLENGE 2026

CAN YOU RAISE **£20.26** BY FRIDAY 22ND MAY?

It's time to rise to the Challenge!

We're challenging each of you to raise **£20.26** and we're SO excited to see how you choose to do it!

You can choose how you want to raise the money and there will be prizes for -

- ★ The child who raises the most money on their own
- ★ The class that raises the most money all together
- ★ The child who raises money in the most creative way

**MORE DETAILS ON
CLASSLIST**

News from Busbridge Pre-school



Welcome back to the summer term! Preschool have had a fantastic first week exploring the world of plants and how they grow.

The children have enjoyed reading *Sam Plants a Sunflower*, which inspired lots of discussion and curiosity about planting and growing. They each planted sunflower seeds to take home and care for, learning about what plants need to grow, including sunlight and water.

We have also been learning about the life cycle of a sunflower, using words like first, then, and next to describe the stages from seed to flower. To bring our learning to life, the children carried out a fun celery experiment, observing how coloured water travels up the stem to the leaves.

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and we are looking forward to watching our sunflowers grow!

Safeguarding

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.

Events and dates for Summer Term



April

Monday 13th - Summer Term begins

Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd at 8.45-9.00 - Stay and Read: families, please sign up to one session [here](#)

Tuesday 21st at 9.00am - Phonics Check meeting for Year 1 families

Saturday 25th - PTA's Blockbusters see classlist for details.

May

Friday 1st - PTA's Break the Rules Day

Monday 4th - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 20th - Class Photos and Leavers Picture - all children need to be in school uniform (Black Bears bring in woodland kit separately please)

Monday 25th- Friday 29th - Half Term

June

Thursday 4th - Year R trip to Windsor Castle: more details to follow

Friday 12th - Pre-school sports day (9 -10am) and main school sports day (1-3 pm)

Thursday 18th- Year 2 West Wittering Trip: more details to follow

Friday 19th - Sports Day back up date for all years in case of rain or extreme weather. Same timings as the 12th

Saturday 27th - PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th - "Bump Up" afternoon for all years (children visit new class or Surrey Junior Schools and new Year R children attend)

July

Friday 3rd at 2.45pm - Open Afternoon for parents to come into classrooms and spend time looking at their child's work together

Tuesday 7th 2-3pm - Year 2 Production

Wednesday 8th 6.30-7.30pm Year 2 Production with drinks/nibbles afterwards

Saturday 11th - PTA Summer Camp

Tuesday 14th at 2.30pm- Year 2 Leavers Service at the Church (TBC)

Thursday 16th at 2.15pm - Pre-school Celebration in the hall

Friday 17th - Last Day of Term

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

Dates for the Academic Year 2025 -2026

SPRING 2026

Start of Term: 5 January 2026
of Term: 27 March 2026

Half Term: 16 to 20 February 2026

End

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.*