



Newsletter – Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Families,

Welcome back after a wonderful, sunny half term! We were so lucky with the weather and hope you enjoyed your week.

We can hardly believe how quickly this year has gone — it's hard to think that we are already in the final half term. There is so much to look forward to and plenty to celebrate over the coming weeks.

This term brings our Summer Fete, Camp Out, Sports Day, trips, and of course, some sad but special goodbyes as we say farewell to children and staff moving on to their next adventure.

Please remember to check MCAS regularly for updates and refer to the Year 2 Sway for year-group-specific information and key reminders.

With warm wishes,

Mrs Chalk & Mrs Jones



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Staffing Update

This year, we will be saying goodbye to two of our teachers.

Mrs Blackaby, who has been with us for four years, is moving on to a new adventure at a private school. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best. She will be greatly missed by staff, children and families alike, and many of you will have fond memories of her as a kind, caring and nurturing Reception teacher.

We will also be saying goodbye to **Miss S. Owen**, who is moving on to a junior school to gain experience teaching in Key Stage 2—an exciting next step in her career. Miss Owen completed her SCITT training with us and has successfully completed her ECT years, showing real dedication and care for the children she teaches. We will miss her greatly and thank her for all she has contributed to the school.

We are very pleased that Mrs Visloi will be staying with us following her return to cover Mrs Wilson's maternity leave. We are sure you will all join us in celebrating this news, and we are delighted that she will continue to be part of our school community.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss A. Owen to the team. Miss A. Owen is an enthusiastic teacher who will bring great energy and positivity to her role. She be spending time around the school this term as she gets to know the children, staff and families.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be able to share staffing arrangements for each year group for the new academic year.

Year 2 Maths Competition

We were delighted to be selected to take part in a Year 2 Maths Competition hosted by Great Bookham School as part of the SFET Trust Competition.

Four Year 2 pupils proudly represented our school in a series of exciting mathematical challenges, including telling the time, solving calculations, working with tangrams, and cracking a tricky code. Throughout the event, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, perseverance, and enthusiasm approaching each challenge with confidence and determination.

We are especially pleased to share that they went on to become joint winners of the competition. Congratulations to Cassie, Henry, Matthew, and Reuben on this fantastic achievement.

Boogie Wonderland at G Live

A huge well done to the amazing children who took part in the Boogie Wonderland event on 9th May, organised by Boogie Pumps.

The children performed two spectacular dances at G Live in front of a sold-out audience. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, confidence, and courage they showed while performing in front of so many people. We were proud to hear that the children performed with enthusiasm, energy and smiles and representing the school brilliantly.

The Big Listen



Parents | Teachers | Pupils 8th - 19th June

We are inviting all families to take part in *The Big Listen from the 8th to the 19th June*, an important survey that gives everyone within our Trust the opportunity to share their views and experiences.

We encourage all families to complete the survey and share their thoughts. Your feedback is invaluable and will help us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve to provide the best possible experience for our school community.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes and we thank you in advance for taking the time to make your voice heard and contribute to the future development of our school and Trust.

Please click on the link below between the 8th and the 19th June to share your views. Please note, the link is only live between these dates. <https://edurio.com/poll/1fBOK3W0j3hND7eGSko0Ovij8cE>

Smart Phone Free Childhood



Smartphone-Free School

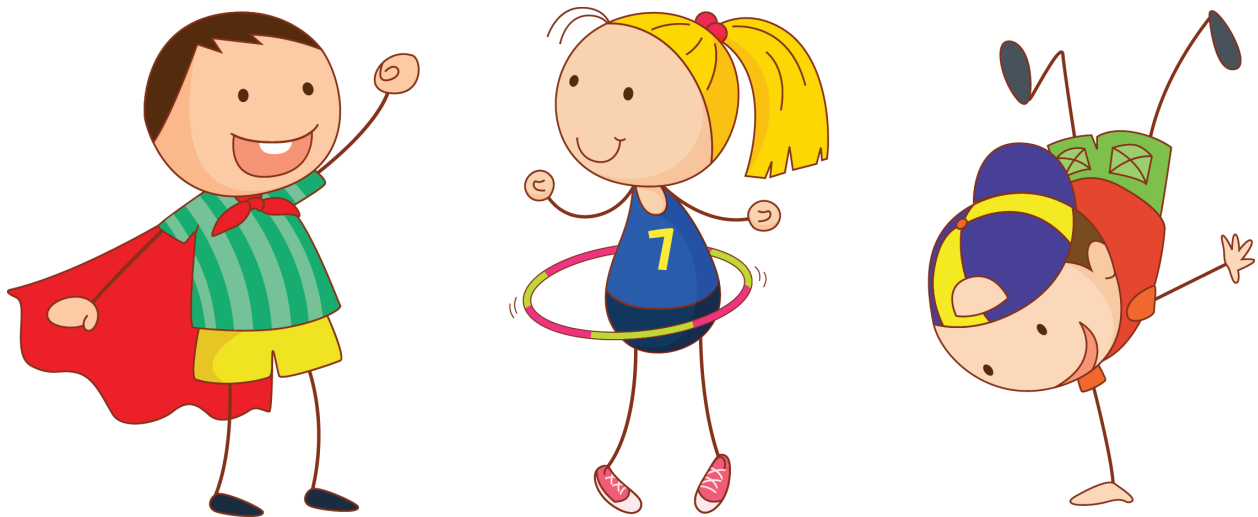
We are pleased to share that Busbridge Infant School is now a smartphone-free school and part of the growing Smartphone Free Childhood network, which is gaining increasing momentum nationally.

Families are also invited to sign the Parent Pact in support of delaying smartphone use for children if you so choose. Over 188,000 families have already signed nationally, and some of our own families have already joined the pledge. The Parent Pact can be found here: [Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact](#)

Families can also visit [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) for further information, guidance, and the latest research, including information around social media use for children under 16.

We are proud to support and be part of this important movement.

Sports Day



Sports Day is almost upon us. Here is a reminder of the information that was shared in our previous newsletter.

Who? All children and their families (each child can bring two adults and any non-school age siblings).

When? Friday June 12th: 9 -10am for Bear Cubs and from 1pm - 3pm for the main school.

Where? On our beautiful school field. Entry will be via Hambledon Road gate only. Gates will open at 9am for Bear Cubs and 1.00pm, once the rest of the school have returned to class from lunch play.

What will happen? Every 15 minutes your child will move stations and you will move with them behind the taped area. Once the event is over, the children will return to class for the usual end of day dismissal. Clubs will run as usual on this day.

What will my child need to wear? We ask that children come to school wearing their usual PE shorts (Bear Cubs, please wear navy shorts, leggings or joggers) and trainers with a t-shirt in their house colour. Where possible, the t-shirt should be plain but if this isn't possible it could be a t-shirt with mainly the house colour on. We do not want families to go out and buy new t-shirts. A reminder of the house colours - **Baloo** is green, **Paddington** is blue and **Rupert** is red. On the day, your child will need to bring their named water bottle, a sun hat and have suncream applied before school (if needed).

Do I need to bring anything extra? There will be strawberries and drinks on sale, which can be paid for via BACS or cash. As you will be moving around the field, you do not need to bring blankets or gazebos.

What happens if it is bad weather and when will I be notified of changes? We will make a decision by 7.30am on the morning of the event. A back up date is planned for Friday 19th June with the same timings.

Open Afternoon and School Reports



Our Open Afternoon will take place on **Friday 3rd July at 2.45pm** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and enjoy seeing the work they have completed throughout the year.

If the weather is fine, up to two family members may attend. In the event of wet weather, attendance will be limited to one adult per child due to space restrictions. Please complete the Google Form [here](#) to confirm attendance. Entry will be via the Hambledon Road gate.

End of year reports will be sent home in children's book bags that afternoon. These reports provide a clear summary of your child's progress and achievements over the year. We hope families find them both informative and celebratory. If, after reading the report, you feel you need to discuss anything further, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher.

News from Busbridge Pre-school



We have enjoyed a lovely start to our final half term of the year. Although the weather has not always been on our side, it has provided many exciting opportunities for water play, exploration, and discovery outdoors. The children have embraced these experiences investigating puddles, observing changes in the weather, and engaging with the natural world around them.

Our story this week, *What the Ladybird Heard* by Julia Donaldson, inspired lots of fun learning about farms, maps and directions.

In cookery, we made delicious bread rolls while learning about where food comes from and how wheat is grown on farms in the UK. As the children kneaded and shaped the dough, they developed their fine motor skills and hand strength, which are important foundations for mark making and early writing.

During circle time, we played a whispering game just like the ladybird in the story. The children enjoyed seeing how the message changed as it travelled around the circle, and many have continued playing the game together, developing their communication, language and listening skills.

This week, we introduced the children to their new Year 1 buddies. Once a week, small groups of children will spend playtime together, helping them to build relationships and become familiar with children in the school ahead of their transition in September. We hope their buddies will be friendly, familiar faces who can help them learn about moving up to school and provide someone they can look for on the playground. So far, the children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know their buddies, and we hope this is the beginning of some lovely friendships.

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.

Attendance



New attendance rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.


Make sure you use the absence request form. Your holiday will not be authorised. Let the school know before you book anything. As your child will miss 5 school days, you'll be given a penalty notice fine.

1 parent & 1 child = £160
Reduced to £80 if paid in 21 days

For each child a penalty is given...

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

1 parent & 4 children = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days



For a family of 2 parents & 4 children

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

£1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?

Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!




2 What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME
2 parents and...
1 child = £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280
NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT


3rd TIME
A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3 What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice? **YES**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.


PENALTY!

So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

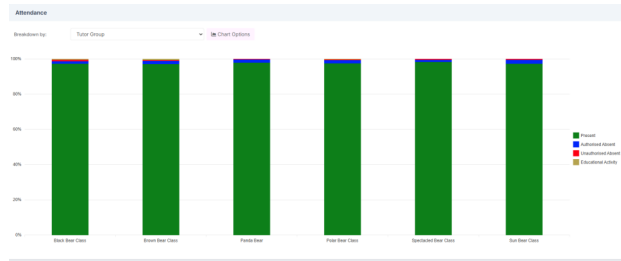


4 What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday	Sickness of parent or sibling	Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given. 
Shopping for uniforms	Sibling's school closed	
Inadequate clothing for school	Refusing to attend, but able to	
Child being used as a carer	Poor family organisation	
Problems with transport	Family holidays	
	No absence request completed	

EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance is a safeguarding priority.

Being in school every day helps children feel settled, confident, and ready to learn. Regular attendance builds strong routines, supports friendships, and ensures steady progress across all areas of learning. When children attend school consistently, they are able to make the most of every opportunity and fully benefit from everything school life has to offer.

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

Events and dates for Summer Term



June

Thursday 11th - Y1 Winchester Science Centre trip

Friday 12th - Pre-school sports day (9 -10am) and main school sports day (1-3 pm). All children to wear PE kit with a house coloured t-shirt all day.

Thursday 18th - Year 2 West Wittering Trip

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

Saturday 27th - PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th - "Bump Up" afternoon for all years (children visit their new classes and new Year R children attend)

July

Friday 3rd at 2.45pm - Open Afternoon for R - Year 2 parents to come into classrooms and spend time looking at their child's work together ahead of reports being distributed for Pre-school - Year 2 at the end of the day

Tuesday 7th 2-3pm - Year 2 Production

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

Saturday 11th - PTA Summer Camp

Tuesday 14th at 2.30pm - Year 2 Leavers service at the Church

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 2026 -2027



Autumn Term 2026

First Day - Thursday 3rd September

Half Term - Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October inclusive

Last Day - Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

First Day - Monday 4th January

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February inclusive

Last Day - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

Summer 2027

First Day - Monday 12th April

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June inclusive

Last Day - Friday 23rd July

**Inset Days for 2026–2027 are Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September 2026 and Monday 26th July, Tuesday 27th July & Wednesday 28th July 2027*