Newsletter – Friday 6th November



Dear Families,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some time to relax and recharge. It was wonderful to finish Autumn 1 with our Harvest celebrations and Parents' Evenings, celebrating all that the children have achieved.

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for Autumn 2 – a magical and busy term, with lots to look forward to, including our Family Create and Make event and, of course, our much-loved Christmas shows!

With warm wishes,

Mrs Chalk & Mrs Jones

Busbridge Infant School

1 - **The Continual Pursuit of Excellence**

Time to talk about Christmas



Christmas Events – More Information next Friday!

Following feedback from families, we will be sharing a dedicated Christmas Sway with all the information about our upcoming festive events. This will provide a helpful guide to what each event involves and what families can expect. The Sway will be shared next Friday, 13th November.

All Christmas event dates are already available on our school website calendar and are included in this newsletter to help you plan ahead.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 – Break the Silence



We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from **Monday 16th** to **Friday 20th November.** This year's theme, **'Break the Silence'**, encourages children to speak out about bullying, seek support and help create kinder, safer communities.

To launch the week, Miss Bowen (PSHE Subject Leader) will lead a whole-school assembly on **Monday 16th November**, introducing the theme and encouraging children to think about speaking up, supporting others and celebrating our differences.

Monday 16th November is also Odd Socks Day! Children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and remind us that everyone is unique.

Throughout the week, children will take part in activities and discussions focusing on kindness, respect, inclusion and what to do if they experience or witness bullying.

Families can support the week by talking to children about friendships, kindness and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if something worries them. The Anti-Bullying Alliance has also produced a free Parent and Carer Pack with helpful activities and advice.

We look forward to celebrating everyone's individuality and promoting kindness across our school—a value we champion every day, but especially on this day!

Harvest Celebrations

Our children did us incredibly proud during this year's Harvest celebrations! We loved watching our Year 1 and Year 2 children perform at the church. Year 2 shared some thoughtful insights into the meaning of Harvest, alongside fabulous poems (written collaboratively) and some wonderful singing, including a few new additions to our repertoire! Year 1 were equally impressive, showing confidence in their speaking and performances.

Our Reception and Pre-school children also showed fantastic resilience and confidence as they performed to a packed hall. Everyone loved their retelling of *The Little Red Hen*, and *The Big Red Combine Harvester* continues to be a firm favourite!

A huge thank you to all our families for coming along to support the children and for your generous contributions to the Godalming Food Bank. We would also like to thank the church for so warmly welcoming us and providing such a lovely setting for our celebrations.

The children were fantastic, and their performances have certainly made us even more excited for our upcoming Christmas shows!






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INSTANT MINESTRONE SOUP WITH CROUTONS AND NOODLES.
kidney
chilli sauce
Sainsbury's
BE UNFORGETTABLE



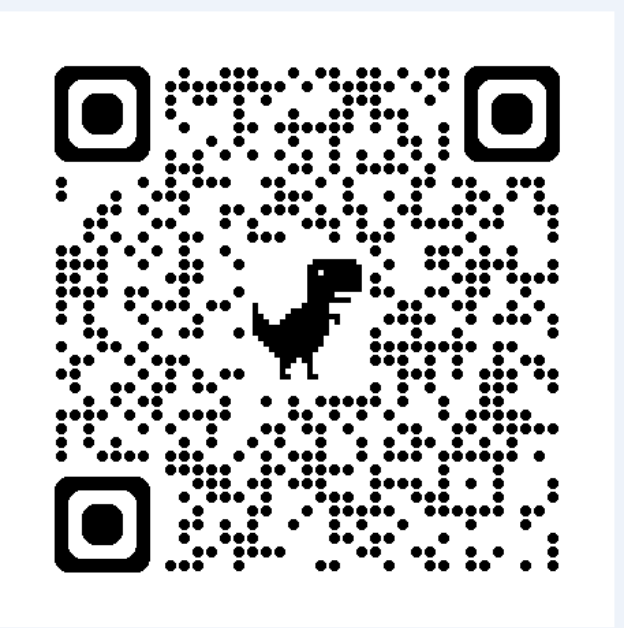
Children In Need - Friday 13th November

As part of a recent School Council meeting, the children decided that they would like to support **Children in Need**. They discussed different ways to raise awareness and funds for this wonderful charity and chose to organise a **Mufti Day** on **Friday 13th November**.

Taking inspiration from Pudsey Bear, children are encouraged to come to school wearing **yellow or anything spotty!** This could be a yellow or spotty T-shirt, hairband, socks or any other fun accessory. Every little bit of yellow or spots will help us show our support!

We have set up a JustGiving page, with a QR code to make donating quick and easy. We would be very grateful for any contributions, however big or small. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring in a cash donation on the day.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We look forward to seeing lots of yellow and spots around school!



2 - Scan the QR code to make a donation

Our Grounds – Exciting New Developments!



You may have spotted two new obstacle trim trails on our field! One is designed for our Year 1 and Year 2 children, and the other for our EYFS children (Reception and Pre-school). These are exciting additions to our outdoor provision, providing new opportunities for children to develop their core strength, stamina and gross motor skills, all while having fun! What lucky children!

Mr Gratwick has also been busy working on the Fairytale, outdoor reading area which continues to take shape. We are looking forward to seeing this space develop further!

With this in mind, Mrs Jones is looking for a couple of volunteers who already have a DBS check registered with us, to help set up the book area in this outdoor space. If you are able to help with the initial set-up or would be happy to help replenish the books each half term, please contact the school office.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the team of families who came in before half term to help move and position some of the trim trail equipment, as well as a new shed in our Woodland area. Your time and help were very much appreciated. It is another lovely reminder of what a wonderful and supportive school community we have!







Calling all Authors



As we begin to plan for our Book Week celebrations in March, we would love to hear from any of our families who are authors, or who know someone who is! We would be delighted to welcome an author into school to share their experiences with the children, perhaps through a whole-school assembly or a workshop.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in getting involved, please do get in touch by email. We would love to hear from you!

PTA Vacancy

Our wonderful PTA is looking for a new Secretary to help organise and coordinate the administrative side of the PTA. This is a really valuable role in supporting the team and helping everything run smoothly.

If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to Becca Stow or email **bispta2025@gmail.com**. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Uniform Reminders

As the weather becomes cooler, please make sure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day. We also ask that children have blue joggers for PE, as sessions are held outdoors and the weather has turned. For Woodland Days, children should wear navy blue joggers and trainers, with their usual school uniform worn on top.

OWLS – Outdoor Woodland Learning Sessions



Following the success of our OWLS (Outdoor Woodland Learning Sessions) last academic year, we are delighted to be welcoming families back to our very own school Woodland! These sessions are aimed at toddlers and upwards and provide a wonderful opportunity for little ones to explore, discover and enjoy the outdoors.

Each week brings a different activity, with opportunities for pond dipping, bug hunting, woodland exploring and seasonal crafts, such as making hedgehog homes and fairy houses. There is always something new for little hands to discover!

Sessions run from **9.10–10.00am** and cost **£9 per child**, which includes a snack and drink. The accompanying adult also receives a pre-ordered complimentary hot drink. Led by our friendly school staff, these sessions are a lovely way for little ones to enjoy outdoor adventures while families socialise, meet new faces and make connections.

Everyone is welcome! You don't need to be a Busbridge family to join us, so please do share this opportunity with friends, family or anyone you think might be interested.

Book here **for Friday 13th, 20th and 27th November.** Entry is via our school entrance on **Chestnut Way only**.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Woodland!

News from Busbridge pre-school



This week has been full of exciting learning, creativity and new experiences in pre-school. The children have continued to grow in confidence and independence as they explore their environment, make choices in their play and develop positive relationships with their friends and the adults around them.

We have been learning about **Diwali, the Festival of Light**. The children enjoyed creating colourful diva lamps and exploring Rangoli patterns. These activities helped them learn about different cultures and traditions while encouraging creativity and developing their fine motor skills.

We also introduced our first **Little Wandle Foundation Stage Sound of the Week**. The children have enjoyed taking part in games and activities that encourage them to listen carefully and identify sounds in words. A particular favourite has been our *'What's in the Box?'* game, where they guess the hidden object and identify the first sound they can hear. We will continue to introduce a new sound each week, helping to develop the children's early communication, language and literacy skills.

Safeguarding

A Mobile Phone-Free School

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that our school is a **mobile phone-free zone**. As soon as you pass through the **school, green gates,** please ensure that your mobile phone is put away.

This means:

- All phone calls must be ended before entering the school grounds, including those using hands-free.
- Please refrain from using your phone to show others photographs, videos or other content while on school premises.
- At school events where photography is permitted, please only take photographs of your own child.
- Photographs must not be shared on social media, including WhatsApp.
- Please do not take photographs of other people's children to pass on to friends or families.

We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us to protect the privacy and safety of all our children and to maintain a positive, present and engaged school community.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school a mobile phone-free environment.

Online Safety – A Gentle Reminder

As our children become increasingly confident using technology, it is important that we continue to take an active role in keeping them safe online.

Platforms such as YouTube, You Tube Kids and Roblox can be popular with younger children, but it is important to remember that content and interactions are not always as child-friendly as they may first appear.

We encourage all families to:

- Regularly check parental controls and privacy settings on devices, apps and games.
- Check age ratings and ensure that games and platforms are suitable for your child's age.
- Be aware what your child is watching on YouTube and consider using restricted viewing settings.
- Check communication and chat settings on gaming platforms such as Roblox.
- Talk regularly with your child about what they are watching, playing and who they may be interacting with online.

A little time spent checking settings and talking about online experiences can make a big difference in helping to keep our children safe.

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.

Flu-Immunisations



Just a little reminder if you haven't completed your immunisation consent form yet, that you will need to do this.

For your child to receive this vaccination in school on **TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026**, please complete the e-consent form. Please note that e-consent access will close **4** working days before the visit date.

- Please visit www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and enter your school's unique code **SR125099**
- If you are a **NO CONSENT,** please still complete a consent form but select the 'No' option.

Attendance



Attendance is a safeguarding priority.

A gentle reminder that regular attendance and punctuality are important for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing. Every school day matters, and arriving on time (between 8.45 and 8.55 am) helps children to settle quickly and make the most of their learning.

We have noticed a growing trend of children arriving after the gates have closed. It may only seem like just five minutes here and there, but those minutes quickly add up. Over time, even small amounts of missed learning can have an impact academically. Arriving late can also affect

children socially, as they may miss valuable opportunities to connect with their friends and settle into the school day.

Good attendance and punctuality give children the best opportunity to learn, make progress and enjoy all that school has to offer. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and arrive on time each day.

As mentioned in Mrs Chalk's email on Wednesday, please do take a moment to vote for your preferred holiday pattern for next October half term. Your feedback is important and will help inform our planning.

As outlined in our attendance policy, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. Unauthorised absences may also result in a penalty notice (fine) being issued.

Attendance Chart 02.11.2026 - 06.11.2026



Events and dates for Autumn 1



November

Tuesday 10th - Year 1 Coding Workshop (in school)

Friday 13th - Children in Need (Mufti day. The theme is yellow or spotty)

Monday 16th - Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th - Flu Immunisations and Year R Height & Weight Check

Monday 30th - Create and Make (whole school)

December

Wednesday 2nd - Christmas Jumper Day over normal school uniform, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Church Service (children only)

Friday 4th - PTA 'Elfridges' Christmas Sale

Tuesday 8th - Pre-school and Reception Performance - 9.10am

Tuesday 8th - Christingle for **Year 2 children and families only** in the church - 2.30pm. Parents to be seated before

Wednesday 9th - Pre- school and Reception Performance - 9.10am

Sunday 13th - PTA Christmas film afternoon

Tuesday 15th - Year 1 and Year 2 Performance in the hall - 9.00am

Wednesday 16th - Year 1 and Year 2 Performance in the hall - 2.15pm

Thursday 17th - The Hare and the Tortoise Pantomime, generously funded by the PTA, in the hall for children only

Friday 18th - Class Christmas Parties - 2.00pm

Friday 18th - End of term at 3.15pm

Please remember to check our website for all the key dates for the year ahead, including our Woodland Days.

Dates for the Academic Year 2026 -2027

AUTUMN 2026

Start of Term: 3 September 2026 **Half Term:** 19 October to 30 October 2026 **End of Term:** 18 December 2026

SPRING 2027

Start of Term: 4 January 2027 **Half Term:** 15 to 19 February 2027 **End of Term:** 25 March 2027

SUMMER 2027

Start of Term: 12 April 2027 **Half Term:** 31 May to 4 June 2027 **End of Term:** 23 July 2027

*** Remaining Inset Days for 2026-2027 are Monday 26th, Tuesday 27st July & Wednesday 28th July 2027.*

******* We haven't yet made a decision about October 2027. Please complete the Google Form to have your say!***