



BUCKLESHAM BULLETIN

Bucklesham Primary School

12th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminders

- Mon is the last day to book a Sports Day picnic lunch using the links already sent to you, as we have to confirm on Tuesday morning.
- Wed is class photos
- Thurs is Yew Class trip am, packed lunch
- Fri is BSA 'Donuts with Dad' event – prebooked slots.

Would you be a Bucklesham Highwayman?

You may have noticed that the path to school is getting very overgrown with hemlock, brambles and stinging nettles again. This causes a lot of difficulty for children walking to school, and any residents using the path to Brightwell Road for the bus service. Please note that hemlock is a poisonous plant and should not be touched without wearing gloves.

Your Parish Councillors are a proactive bunch and, along with the [Bucklesham Highwaymen](#), are planning to tackle the weeds on Sunday 14th June, starting at 10am. We are meeting on Main Road, just past the last cottage, Potash, by the pumping station. If you are willing and able to help please do come a long and join us. More hands make light work and it will mean we can all finish sooner and enjoy the rest of our Sunday.

Curriculum Enrichment

This week we have been celebrating World Oceans Day and finding out about what action we need to take to keep our oceans clean. Yesterday, I took a team of Year 6 to represent Bucklesham in a Maths Challenge at Kesgrave High School against other Primary Schools. The team represented the school really well, working together to solve maths challenges and problems. The problems were really hard but they didn't give up – well done Barnaby, Connor, Tom and Sapphire.

Wellbeing Fayre

Kesgrave High School have a Wellbeing Fayre on Wednesday 1st July 4-6pm which parents are invited to from Bucklesham. There will be a variety of stands and professionals there to support parents with their children's wellbeing. The following professionals have been invited to attend and publicise their services to our families:

Anglia Care Trust, 4YP, Just 42, Kesgrave Town Council, Suffolk Mind, Outreach Youth, Papyrus, School Nursing Team, SENDIASS, Suffolk Families, Terrence Higgins, TOPE, Travel Training, Wellbeing Suffolk, Young Carers.

You are welcome to attend at any point during the session.

Staff changes

Unfortunately, Mrs Emma Nicholls will be leaving her job in the Office at the end of this term. I know a lot of parents, children and staff have been very well supported by her over the last few years and will miss her in the Office.

We have got an advert out for her job, that you might want to share with your wider network:

[Office Administrator - Suffolk Jobs Direct Careers](#)

We are advertising for another Teaching Assistant to support the needs of the children in school:

[Teaching Assistant - Suffolk Jobs Direct Careers](#)

Until we have recruited for this job, I cannot say definitely which Teaching Assistants will be in which classes. The teachers will remain the same in each class, with Miss Nash working 4 days a week in September, and our regular supply teacher, Mrs Bull, working the other day.

Willow – Mrs Greatrex Mon-Thurs, Miss Cocker Fri

Oak – Mrs Bull Mon, Miss Nash Tues-Fri

Ash – Mrs Holmes Mon-Fri

Yew – Ms Kuzminsky Mon-Fri

Poem of the fortnight

The poem of the fortnight is

Link – take this out if Amy hasn't given me the link by then!

Walking bus

The link to book on the walking bus for next week back is below. **There is no Walking Bus next Friday** as we have no staff to run it. We have opened the Forms to book on until 8pm on Sundays now, following requests from parents.

Link for walking bus

Summer holiday Activity Programme

Please see the attached leaflet about 10-15:15 care for children aged 8 and above – which is free to all children eligible for free school meals.

Healthy Start application

Healthy Start helps eligible pregnant people and families with children under four buy healthy food, milk and vitamins. Although Suffolk's uptake has increased to 77%, over 1,000 eligible families are still missing out. Families can receive up to £9.30 per week, worth around £1,000 per child over four years.

[How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

Story writing competition

Born & Read in Suffolk celebrates the Year of Reading 

The Story With 100 Endings...short story writing competition has now launched. Open to all ages from 5+. We'd love to see as many people as possible get involved and share their

creativity! 📌

Find out more at [One story, 100 endings – could yours be one of them? | East Anglian Daily Times](#)

Certificates and Awards

Well done to the following children for their Headteacher's Award:

Willow Class Jordan, for super concentration all week in sessions

Oak Class Jack and Jaxon, for great progress in phonics.

Ash Class Austin, for modelling school learning behaviours consistently and encouraging others to do so

Yew Class Scarlett, for working hard and demonstrating a positive attitude towards her learning

Silver reading: Daisy

Gold reading: Theo

Platinum reading: Liberty, Jace, Cora

Independent: Rupert, Lottie, Emily, Keira

Well done to Autumn for competing last weekend in her swimming competitions and knocking over 2 seconds off her personal best for backstroke and freestyle. Well done to Poppy T for her gymnastics award, Explore Working Together 1 and Cora for her Learn to Swim 5 award. Well done to Grace H and Willow for another haul of swimming medals, 7 and 5 respectively and 5 new PB's for Grace. It's lovely to see how your hard work and dedication is paying off.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Rachael Rudge
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Clubs next week: Mon Homework, Tues Fun club, Wed Dance club, Thurs Gardening club, Fri Football club

Wed 17th June

9am, class and leavers photos

Thurs 18th June

Yew class RE trip, am

Fri 19th June

BSA event Donuts with Dad, more details to follow

Wed 24th Thurs 25th June

Copleston Induction days 8:20-3, selected pupils

Fri 26th June

BSA Summer Fayre

Mon 29th July

Cricket sessions for each class, PE kit in school

Wed 1st July

9-1pm Sports Day, come in PE kit, wear colour t shirt of the house you are in, pre-order picnic lunch (see email this week) or bring your own

Fri 3rd July

FOSS Day, packed lunch needed

Mon 6 th July	3:20-4pm, Family Booknic
Tues 7 th July	Move up morning, Kesgrave Induction day
Wed 8 th July	9-1pm back up date for Sports day
Thurs 9 th July	FOSS swim gala, 9:30-11, selected pupils Y4-6
Fri 10 th July	Leavers Fest for the whole school
Mon 13 th July	1:15-2pm, school Booknic
Tues 14 th July	Yew class, Pleasurewood Hills trip
Wed 15 th July	KS2 Production, one morning showing and one afternoon showing, tbc
Fri 17 th July	9am Leavers assembly

TERM DATES 2025-2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2026

PD Day Monday 20th July 2026

TERM DATES 2026-2027

PD Days Tuesday 1st Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October 2026

PD Day Friday 23rd October 2026

Half term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027

PD Day Monday 4th January 2027

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February 2027

Half term: Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027

PD Day Monday 1st March 2027 (different to other schools)

Easter: Friday 26th March – Friday 10th April 2027

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027

Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July 2027

All dates are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change