



# Bushbury Lane Academy Newsletter



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## A message from Mrs Sleigh



A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to see the school once again filled with the buzz of excitement as the children have returned, eager to learn, play, and reconnect with friends. Our classrooms are alive with energy and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to welcome both familiar faces and new families into our school community.

The start of term has been focused on helping children settle back into the routines of school life. Whether they are returning students or joining us for the first time, we've been working hard to ensure everyone feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. Establishing positive relationships, setting clear rules and routines, and creating a welcoming atmosphere have been key priorities for all our staff.

In addition to settling in, we've already launched into some exciting learning projects that have captured the children's imaginations. From art and design to History, there's a lot of rich learning to look forward to this term. We can't wait to see the children's curiosity grow as they dive deeper into these new topics.

To our new families, we are delighted to have you join our vibrant school community. We look forward to getting to know you better and working together to support your child's learning journey.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with growth, joy, and success!

Warm regards,

**Mrs Sleigh**



We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Mrs. Smith has welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Penny, into the world! Both mum and baby are doing great, and big sister Darla is thoroughly enjoying her new role, embracing every moment of being a big sister. Mrs. Smith will be popping in to visit children and staff over the next few months, and we can't wait to see her and baby Penny. We wish her and her family all the joy and happiness during this special time!

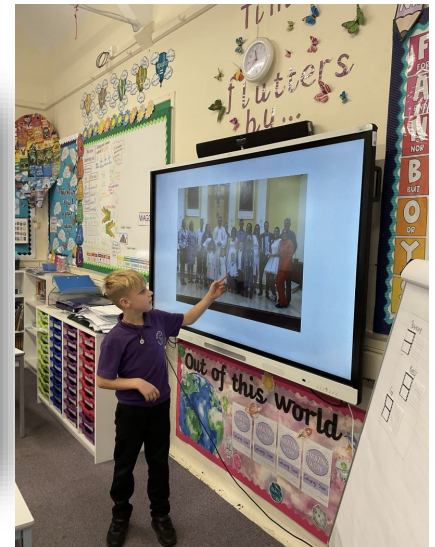




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Our recent whole school focus weeks on cultural diversity were a tremendous success! The children engaged in a wide range of activities, learning about different cultures through reading, music, art, and the sharing of personal experiences. These weeks provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community, helping students to gain a deeper appreciation for the variety of backgrounds that make our school so vibrant. Although the focus weeks have ended, our commitment to celebrating cultural diversity continues throughout the year. We believe that embracing and learning from each other's cultures is essential to fostering an inclusive and respectful environment.





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## Our new House System!

We are excited to introduce our new House System at school, designed to foster a sense of community, teamwork and healthy competition among our children and staff. We wanted to create a system that not only encourages positive behaviour but also allows children to feel a sense of belonging and pride in their house. Earlier this term, all children had the opportunity to vote on a theme for the houses, with options including famous explorers, famous authors, significant women, and famous rivers. The results were overwhelming, and "famous rivers" won by a large margin! Every child has now been placed into one of the four houses: Missouri, Thames, Nile or Amazon. Each time a student earns a dojo for their hard work or good behaviour, it adds a house point for their team. At the end of each term, the house with the most points will receive a special reward. We look forward to seeing the children work together and take pride in their house!

A huge well done to **Luke Singh in Year 5**, who has won the house logo drawing competition. Take a look at the wonderful logos he has designed!



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## Reading spines

In addition to encouraging pupils to read often, we are also passionate about our pupils reading widely and subsequently have introduced class reading spines. Class reading spines include a series of high quality texts, which vary in author and genre and feature an array of key themes. Pupils receive their new reading challenge cards at the start of every academic year and are challenged to read the selected books for their year group in addition to the banded books that match their reading ability. If pupils are successful in this challenge, they will have read 100 high quality texts by the time they leave us in Year 6.

Year 3 Library Book Challenge!



	Year 3				
Quality Texts					
Diversity					
Traditional Tales & Myths					
Wellbeing / PSPE					
Non-fiction					



Reading at home with your child is one of the most valuable activities you can do to support their learning and development. Regular reading not only strengthens literacy skills but also fosters imagination, curiosity, and a love for learning. It builds vocabulary, improves concentration, and enhances comprehension. We kindly remind parents that the expectation is for children to read daily, as this consistent practice is key to their progress. Please use your child's reading diary to capture their daily reading and any reflections on their progress. Together, we can nurture confident, enthusiastic readers!

# #GetReading!



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Day	Dates	After School Club	Dismissed From
Mondays	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 30 <sup>th</sup> September 7 <sup>th</sup> October 14 <sup>th</sup> October 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Musical Theatre Club Miss Bush (Year 5 & 6)	Front Office
Tuesdays	24 <sup>th</sup> September 1 <sup>st</sup> October 8 <sup>th</sup> October 15 <sup>th</sup> October 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Book Club Miss Roberts (Year 5 & 6)	Front Office
		Craft Club Mrs McCall (Reception & Year 1)	Nursery Door
		Football Club Sports Coaches (Year 1, 2 & 3)	Hall Door
Thursdays	26 <sup>th</sup> September 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 10 <sup>th</sup> October 17 <sup>th</sup> October 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Yoga Club Miss Walters (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Hall Door
		Art Club Miss Cross (Year 2 & 3)	Front Office
		Football Club Sports Coaches (Year 4, 5 & 6)	Hall Door

We are pleased to offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs this term, which play an important role in enhancing children's skills, interests, and social development. There are still some spaces available, so if your child is interested, please contact the office to ensure they are booked in!



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We are excited to announce that our ProStrike, fundraising event will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th October** during the school day! ProStrike is a fun and active event where children will have the chance to test their football skills in a series of engaging challenges. There is no fee for participation and every child will take part!

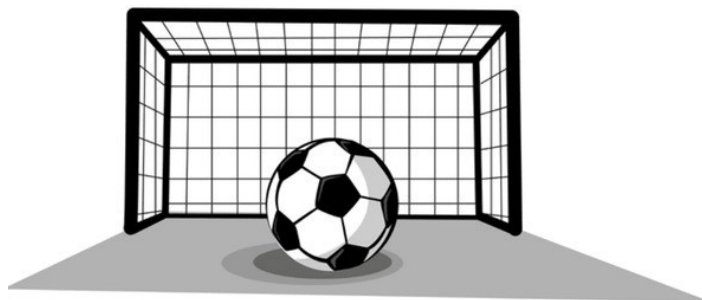
The children will be taking part in a Speed Challenge which involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed camera system. When a pupil (or teacher) takes a shot at goal the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. Every child in the school will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event.

Our children have already been shown a virtual assembly where the event was explained to them in full. During this assembly we informed the children about the importance of safe fundraising. We have asked that all funds raised are received from friends and family only and pupils are not to knock on doors or ask strangers to sponsor them.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their full PE kit on the day. It promises to be a fantastic day of sport, teamwork, and enjoyment!

Your child should have already brought home a letter and sponsorship form. The sponsorship form shows what prizes can be won and also outlines ProStrike's website and contact details. Please note: All ProStrike Events nationwide are now cashless, so all donations need to be made via their secure website. Please do not bring cash into school.

**The deadline for all payments is 11:59pm Sunday 13th October.**





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### Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd October	Reception Open Day for September 2025 Intake 4:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday 3rd October	Reception Open Day for September 2025 Intake 4:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday 3rd October	“World Animal Day” special menu and class activities
Monday 7th October	School Nursing Team in to complete Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
Tuesday 8th October	ProStrike Football Event
Tuesday 8th October	Coffee Morning 9:30am—10:30am—All welcome
Friday 11th October	Reports out to parents
Tuesday 15th October	Vaccination UK in to administer flu vaccines for Reception—Year 6
Tuesday 15th October	Parents’ Evening—more details to follow
Wednesday 16th October	Parents’ Evening—more details to follow
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Children break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 20th November	Vaccination UK Flu Vaccination catch-up session

### Attendance

We understand that some absences during the school year can not be helped, however, we find the need to stress to all our parents the importance of your child being at school every day if they are fit and well. Excellent attendance at school is crucial if your child is to achieve his/ her very best potential. We do not authorise absence during the school term, unless in exceptional circumstances or if sufficient medical evidence is provided. I would therefore seek your full support in aiming for your child to have 100% attendance during his/ her time at Bushbury Lane. **Please be aware that we will be sending letters out to those families where we are concerned about attendance and will have our Education Welfare Officer involved.**

### Punctuality

We are thankful to those of our parents who get their children to school on time daily but are still concerned that some of our children are continuously arriving to school late every morning and need your support to help this improve.

In Year 1—6, we start the school day with our spelling programme. If your child misses the first 15 minutes of school daily, they will never have spelling delivered to them at Bushbury Lane. Your child **deserves** to access these lessons.

### Important

Could we remind parents to please make use of our car park, rather than parking in front of the school; and also to be considerate to pedestrians and other vehicles by keeping to a maximum speed of 5mph when driving in front of the school to and from the car park—thank you for helping to keep our children safe.