



Bushbury Blog



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Welcome to the new academic year! For our new families, a big Bushbury family welcome to our school. For our existing families, it has been lovely to see you and the children last week. The children seemed really happy to be back and have enjoyed playing with friends and impressing their new teachers! We hope you have all enjoyed your Summer break and are ready for this new and exciting academic year. To keep you in the loop, we issue a paper copy of our Bushbury Blog each half term, share events on our website calendar (which you can subscribe to), share key information on our Class Dojo app and post community events on our Facebook page.

The staff at Bushbury Hill Primary School will work hard to ensure the children will have a great year and we will all be 'the best that we can be'.

<p>We welcome two new staff members this year to the staff team.</p>	<p>Mrs Gosnell Year 4S Lunchtime, Learning and Play Leader</p>	<p>Miss Brooks Year 4H Lunchtime, Learning and Play Leader</p>

OUR CORE VALUES

Our motto is to **'be the best that we can be'**, that's for all children and all staff. We have 5 core values that we live and breathe, that help us to do just that. With your help, we nurture respectful and kind children: they are honest; determined with their work; resilient when things go wrong; and are positive and happy.



Together with Mojo and our class dojo friends, these core values teach us how to learn.

WHAT MAKES A BUSHBURY LEARNER?

POSITIVITY

- Always give something a try
- Be optimistic
- Be alert
- Join in
- Be up for a challenge

RESPECT

- Look and listen
- Stop signal
- Follow instructions
- Show respect to all
- Respect property
- Help others
- Good sitting

HONESTY

- Ask for help if you are stuck
- Share your feelings
- Know how to improve

RESILIENCE

- Learn from mistakes
- Try and problem solve
- Be creative
- Keep going when things are tough
- Bounce back

DETERMINATION

- Have high expectations
- Concentrate
- Work hard and put in 100%
- Evaluate and improve
- Act on advice and feedback
- Never give up, keep trying
- 'Be the best that you can be'

PARENT / CARER COMMUNICATIONS

We are a 'Class-Dojo school' which means that this is main way to communicate with you and it also forms the basis of our reward system for pupils. Please see our Home-School Agreement regarding expectations for class dojo. These include that teachers are not required to reply out of school



hours. Please ensure you get the Class Dojo app on your phone. It is a great system and the main way we communicate with you by sharing important information, good news about your child, class stories and photos. Please check regularly for updates and if you are having trouble accessing the app on your phone, please come into the office, we are always happy to help.

During the week, children earn 'dojo' points for the following good choices. It is a great way of preparing them for modern Britain and managing their finances as each Friday, children can either 'spend or save' their points, when our dojo rewards trolley comes round.

DOJO REWARDS



3 Amazing!	1 Being kind/helpful	1 Completing homework	1 Excellent class contributions	20 points	Bring a cuddly toy in for the day
2 Excellent presentation	5 Good behaviour all...	2 Improved scores	2 Learning objective...	30 points	Pencil or pen from the prize trolley
1 Punctuality	5 Reading at home (five...)	4 Reading at home (four...)	1 Reading at home (once i...)	30 points	Sweet Treat
3 Reading at home (three...)	2 Reading at home (twice ...)	3 Showing core values	2 Super reading to an adult	40 points	Toy or badge from the prize trolley
				40 points	15 mins extra iPad time
				50 points	Play Dough
				50 points	Be First for the Day
				50 points	15 mins of a free choice activity for yourself
				75 points	Book from the vending machine
				75 points	Sit at the teacher's desk for the day
				100 points	Sit near your bestie for the day
				100 points	Wear your own clothes for the day
				100 points	Walk Lola
				100 Points	Sensory room fun
				120 points	Hot chocolate and biscuit with your teacher and a friend
				150 points	Parachute games session with your class
				150 points	Lunch with Mrs Underwood
				150 Points	Silent Disco with friends
				200 points	Just Dance time with your class
				200 points	15 mins extra playtime for your class
				250 points	Movie time for the class



Breakfast Club

Free Breakfast For All Students
8am Every School Day

Breakfast Club



Warburton's

FREE

A great way to start your morning here at Bushbury is with bagels, crumpets, a choice of cereals, fruit and juice and a chance to chat, play and exercise with your friends! We are kindly sponsored by Warburtons who provide us with crumpets and bagels as a community goodwill gesture. Our **FREE** Breakfast Club is for Reception to Year 6 children. Sadly, Nursery children cannot attend due to rules on ratios. Admission into the breakfast club is from 8:00am until 8:20am each morning. Remember parents and carers can drop off using the kitchen entrance or come in via the main office. Please do not leave your children unaccompanied before 8am.

OUR HOUSE CHAMPIONS



Caroline Jawala



Andy Warhol



Jackson Pollock



Andy Goldsworthy



Each child is allocated a Class Dojo 'house' and is given a PE kit in colour to match. Each year, the houses change according to the Summer 2 topic across the school, which in 2025 will be 'A piece of art', where we will get extra creative and contribute to a whole school piece of art. The children collect Dojo reward points for themselves and their house. The winning house each week is celebrated in assembly and the points are updated on the website to see who gets the most over the term.

OUR SCHOOL HOURS



Our school gates open at 8:35am for those not attending breakfast club. The gates close and lessons start at 8:45am. You are late after this point and this is recorded, so please make sure your child is an attendance HERO - **HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME**. We finish now at **3:15pm**.



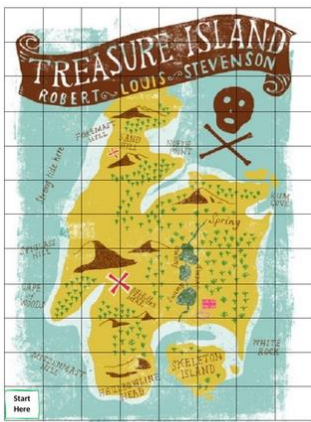
ATTENDANCE TREASURE ISLAND

Good attendance is crucial for your child's learning, socialising and having fun, for both their education and their mental health and wellbeing. We track attendance and each term your child can get a bronze, silver or gold badge.



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Each day as the children come in, they write their name on a raffle ticket which goes into their class pirate chest. Each week, these go into the school treasure chest and prizes are drawn. At the end of each term children have the chance of an even bigger prize! This December 3 lucky children will win a bike, complete with helmet! You've got to be in it to win it, so the more times they are here, the more chance of winning!



If your child is poorly or unable to attend school, please call Miss Claire on our attendance line 558230, option 1. This line allows you to leave a message, so please leave a message stating the reason for your child's absence. Thank you.

HOMWORK CHALLENGES



You helping your child is the key to their success. Homework this year will take the form of reading challenges, learning key maths facts and spellings. Year 6 will have set weekly homework in preparation for their next steps to secondary school. TTRockstars and Numbots are online resources that the children can use at home to help their learning. They get certificates each week in celebration assembly for completing these challenges too.



PARENTS' OPEN EVENING – TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 3:30 – 5:30

We will be having an open evening where you are welcome to come into school, view your child's work so far and chat to your teacher. No appointment is necessary, just choose when you would like to pop back up. It will be a chance to come into school and the children can show where their classroom is and where they sit. Come into the hall to meet the Reflexion team, the learning mentors and sample the new winter menu we have from Miquills, who make our lunches.

UNIFORM

The children are looking super smart, thank you for adhering to the our uniform policy, available on our website - <https://www.bushburyhillprimary.co.uk/school-uniform>

As a reminder, we do not allow anything other than all black shoes. If children arrive in incorrect uniform, these procedures will be followed

1. Breakfast Club staff or Teacher will send child to the office. A phone call will be made home and parents asked to bring the appropriate item of uniform. Child to wait for item to be delivered.
2. If parents cannot get to school with item, pupils will be required to borrow items for the day, which can be returned, so as to allow them to continue their learning.
3. Parents offered to purchase uniform from the pre-loved clothing rail.

Children in full school uniform are rewarded with dojo points.



MON 16th SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Please ensure your child is super smart for their school photograph. Children have individual photos and ones with their siblings. The proofs are sent home to you and you then have the opportunity to purchase from our provider.



OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY THIS YEAR IS PHONICS – OUR NEW MONSTER PHONICS!

We are having a Monster phonics day on Monday 23rd September, where children can choose to dress up in the same colours as our monsters. Choose from ...

RED for Angry Red A

GREEN for Froggy

YELLOW for I

PINK for Miss Oh No

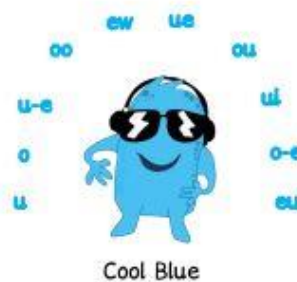
PURPLE for U-Hoo

BLUE for Cool Blue

BROWN for Brown Owl

BLACK for Black Cat

Children can also come as a ghost or tricky witch!



MONSTER PHONICS FUN SESSIONS

There will be lots of opportunities for parents to meet the monsters with training sessions both online and in school. Online sessions are on Wed 25th September at either 10am or 7pm. A special session for Reception and Year 1 parents will be held on Mon 30th September.



RECEPTION PARENT /CARER - TEA and TOUR - TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

Reception parents and carers are invited to join the Headteacher, Mrs Underwood and Class teacher Mrs Jones on a tour of the school, followed by tea and cakes in the hall to officially welcome you to the school.

BOOK FAYRE – FRIDAY 11TH OCT

Our book fayre will be held after school at 3:15 in the hall on Friday 11th October.

This is always a popular event where there are many scholastic books and products on sale.

We take both cash and card.



DIWALI DAY - FRIDAY 25TH OCT



As part of our British Values, we learn about and celebrate lots of festivals. Children are invited to dress in bright colours or traditional dress to celebrate the 'Festival of Light'.

INSET DAYS

Inset days are 5 days during the school year that each school must take for staff training. On these days, the school is closed to pupils. Please make arrangements for childcare on these dates.

INSET DAYS 2024 - 2025

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON THESE DAYS FOR STAFF TRAINING

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025



Mon 16 th Sept	Kingswood Y2 Parent Meeting 2:15pm in hall
Mon 16 th Sept	Whole School Photo Day
Tue 17 th Sept	Rec Parent 'Tea and Tour' 9am
Thur 19 th Sept	Reflexions Parents fun session 1 - 2:15pm - 3:15pm
Mon 23 rd Sept	Bring in Harvest Food from today
Mon 23 rd Sept	Monster Phonics Dress up day
Tue 24 th Sept	Year 4 visits am and pm to Low Hill Library
Wed 25 th Sept	Monster Phonics Online Meeting 10am or 7pm
Tue 24 th Sept	Y3 visit to Wolverhampton Art Gallery
Mon 30 th Sept	Rec and Y1 Monster Phonics session in the hall am
Mon 30 th Sept	Year 6 Online Safety/Computing experience 9am-11am
Wed 2 nd Oct	Year 5 am and Year 6 pm Low Hill Library Visit
Wed 2 nd Oct	Teams Virtual Online Safety Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
Wed 9 th Oct	Year 5 Online Safety/Computing experience 9am-11am
Fri 11 th Oct	Book Fair for parents in the hall 3:15 - 4:15pm
Tue 15 th Oct	Fire engine visiting children in Reception
Wed 16 th Oct	Pioneer Centre Y6 & Kingswood Y2 Residentials
Thur 17 th Oct	Pioneer Centre Y6 & Kingswood Y2 Residentials
Fri 18 th Oct	Pioneer Centre Y6 Residential
Tue 22 nd Oct	Vaccination UK
Tue 22 nd Oct	Y5 Drama Hut - Anglo Saxons and Vikings
Fri 25 th Oct	Diwali Day - Dress up in bright colours
Fri 25th Oct	Break up for HALF TERM
Mon 4 th Nov	Poppy merchandise on sale from office
Mon 11 th Nov	Remembrance Assembly
Mon 11 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week - Theme: Choose Respect
Tues 12 th Nov	Open Evening 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Tues 12 th Nov	Odd socks Day - Wear odd socks o celebrate uniqueness!
Wed 13 th Nov	Y5 visit to Dudley Zoo
Thur 14 th Nov	Reflexions Parent Fun session pm
Fri 15 th Nov	Children In Need - school council are planning!
Wed 20 th Nov	Drama Hut workshops for Years 2 and 3

Mon 9 th Dec	Wear own clothes for a tombola prize donation
Wed 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner day & Wear a Christmas jumper
Thur 12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity to parents
Fri 13 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Nativity to parents
Mon 16 th Dec	Christmas Crafts & Fair 3:15 - 4:15 in hall
Mon 16 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Christmas Magic Show
Tue 17 th Dec	Y3/4H/4S Christmas Craft Morning
Wed 18 th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Craft Morning
Thur 19 th Dec	Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk (No breakfast club)
Fri 20 th Dec	Party Lunch & Father Christmas is hoping to visit!
Fri 20 th Dec	Last day of term
Mon 6 th Jan	Inset Day - No children on this day
Tue 7 th Jan	Children back to school for Spring term



AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October

HALF TERM - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY— Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

HALF TERM—Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February to Friday 11th April

EASTER HOLIDAY— Mon 14th April — Fri 25th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May

Bank Holiday—Monday 5th May

HALF TERM Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 18th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS—Mon 21st July to Fri 29th Aug