

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN 1 2026 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, we have some important staff news to share with our school community.

Sadly, next week we will be saying goodbye to Mr Moody, who will be leaving us to begin an exciting new chapter at another school. Mr Moody has worked alongside me for over ten years and has been an incredibly important part of our school journey. His dedication, commitment and contribution to school life have helped shape the school we are today, including playing a significant role in our journey towards achieving an Outstanding judgement from Ofsted.

Mr Moody will be greatly missed by the children, families and staff who have had the pleasure of working with him. We thank him sincerely for everything he has contributed to our school over the years and wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Cass will be taking over Mr Moody's Year 4 teaching post at the start of Autumn 2. We look forward to welcoming her into the role and supporting the children as they begin the next stage of their learning journey.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Macey, who will be starting her maternity leave. We send her our very best wishes as she prepares for this exciting and special time and we look forward to hearing her happy news in due course.

I hope you all enjoy a restful half-term break when it arrives and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for Autumn 2.

Thank you

Penny Barefoot
Head Teacher



Important Reminders for Parents and Carers

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping our school run smoothly. As we move into the next half term, please take a moment to read through the following important reminders.

1. Winter Uniform

After the half-term break, please ensure that your child wears the correct winter uniform in accordance with our school uniform policy.

Full details of our uniform requirements can be found on the school website: [Uniform](#)

Please ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, jumpers, PE kits and accessories, are clearly labelled with your child's full name. This makes it much easier for us to return lost property to its rightful owner.

2. Hair and Appearance

Children with hair that is shoulder-length or longer should have it neatly tied back for school. This helps maintain a smart appearance and supports good hygiene and safety during lessons and activities.

3. Punctuality

Arriving at school on time each day is essential to ensure that children can make the most of their learning.

When children arrive late, they can miss important instructions, morning routines and valuable learning opportunities. Lateness can also disrupt the learning of other children and the start of the school day for the class.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child arrives promptly each morning, ready to learn and begin the day positively.

4. Forgotten Items: Lunches, PE Kits and Water Bottles

If you need to drop off a forgotten lunch, PE kit, water bottle or other essential items during the school day, please leave it in the designated box in the school foyer.

All items must be clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. A member of staff will ensure that the item is passed on to your child.

To minimise disruption to lessons and the school office, please do not ask for forgotten items to be delivered directly to classrooms.

5. Contacting the School by Email

When emailing the school, please always include your child's full name and class. This helps us identify your child quickly and ensures your message reaches the appropriate member of staff.

Please use the following email addresses:

- General office enquiries: parents@busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk
- Reporting sickness or absence: absence@busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk

Please ensure that all absences, whether due to illness or other reasons, are reported using the appropriate absence email address.

6. Medical and Dental Appointments

We understand that it is not always possible to arrange medical and dental appointments outside school hours or during the holidays.

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment, please notify the school in advance by email or inform your child's class teacher that morning. This allows us to make the necessary arrangements and ensures that staff are aware of the planned early collection.

Please remember to include your child's full name and class in any email correspondence.

7. Parking and Road Safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and responsibly when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not block residents' driveways, obstruct access routes or park inappropriately in designated parking zones.

Please remember that there is a car park at the end of the road, and parking permit forms are available from the school office.

If you have permission to use the school staff car park, please park within a designated bay and drive slowly and carefully at all times. Children and families may be walking through the car park, so we ask everyone to remain vigilant and take extra care.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, cooperation and partnership. By working together and maintaining these important routines, we can ensure that our school remains a happy, safe and positive environment in which every child can thrive.

Date	Summary
15 October 2026	[FOS] School Disco (all year groups)
16 October at 09:00	Class Rep Meeting 1
20 October 2026	Year 2 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
21 October at 14:30	SEND Parent/ Carer Review 1
23 October 2026	[FOS] Dress Down Day
23 October at 15:20	[FOS] Bake Sale
26 - 30 October	Half Term
2 November 2026	Reception 2027 - system opens to apply online
2 November 2026	Inset Day 2
3 November at 16:00	Parent/ Carer Review - All
4 November at 09:00	Parent/ Carer Review - KS2
4 November at 13:00	Parent/ Carer Review - KS1 & EYFS
16 November 2026	Year 6 Hertsmere Crucial Crew Safety Event
17 November 2026	Nursery 2027 - system opens to apply online
18 November 2026	Flu Immunisation second session
26 November 2026	Reception walk to post box
3 December 2026	Year 6 trip to Sky Studios
3 December 2026	GB Meeting 2
4 December at 15:00	Children's Christmas Market
7 December at 13:45	Year 1 & 2 Dress rehearsal to the school
8 December at 13:45	Year 1 & 2 first play performance to parents/ carers
9 December at 10:30	Year 1 & 2 second play performance to parents/ carers
9 December 2026	KS2 trip to Watford Palace Theatre
10 December at 14:30	Reception Christmas songs
11 December at 09:15	Nursery Christmas songs
12 December 2026	[FOS] Christmas Fair
15 December at 14:00	KS2 Christmas songs 1
16 December at 09:15	KS2 Christmas songs 2
16 December 2026	Year 1 trip to Church of St Peter
16 December 2026	Christmas dinner
18 December 2026	Autumn 2026 Term ends 2:00 pm