

Buxton Junior School Newsletter October 2026



Welcome to the first newsletter of the 26/27 academic year. Our newsletter is a useful way for us to share important messages and some of the great things we have been getting up to in school. Our Facebook page is also a good place to catch up on what's going on. Our Facebook page has been really quiet since September as we've launched a new page but please look out for new posts from now on.

I can hardly believe that the first half term is nearly over, but it's been a really successful and eventful start to the year. We have welcomed our new Year 3 children into our school along with some new starters in other year groups. Everyone has settled well and quickly become part of the Buxton Junior School family. In September, we were really pleased to welcome two new teachers, Mrs Storer and Mr Lockwood and it now feels like they've always been with us. Mrs Storer teaches in Year 5 (5S) and Mr Lockwood teaches part-time in Year 6 (6LF). We also welcomed two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Holland and Miss Staples who both work in the lower juniors and have also been a fantastic addition to our staff team.

As always, our children have represented our school brilliantly at various sporting events. Lots of children took part in the cross-country event which we host every year and we had some first and third places which represents outstanding effort and talent. We have also had a boys' and a girls' football team representing us at a tournament for the Buxton Schools. Both teams did really well and showed superb behaviour. Our Y3 children enjoyed their first local trip to Cavendish Fields as part of their Stone Age topic.

Dates for the coming term:

Mon 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tues 3 rd November	Year 5 Swimming restarts
Mon 9 th November @ 3.35pm	PTFA Meeting – Getting Ready for Christmas (all welcome)
Tues 10 th November @ 9.10am	Year 6 Whitehall Assembly for Parents/Carers
Thurs 12 th November	Individual Pupil Photos
Weds 18 th November @ 11.45am	Year 4 Parents /Carers to Lunch
Weds 18 th November	SEND Parents/Carers consultation evening
Weds 25 th November	Parents/Carers consultation evening
Thurs 26 th November	Parents/Carers consultation evening
Weds 2 nd December @ 9.10am	Year 5 Mouth Watering Maths for Parents/Carers
Tues 8 th December @ 2pm	Year 3 Christmas Play
Weds 9 th December @ 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Play
Thurs 10 th December @ 9.15am	Year 4 Showcase Event for Parents/Carers
Thurs 17 th December @ 3.45	Christmas Fair
Fri 18 th December	Last day of Term

Thanks to Mrs Hewison, our new quads look great.



Mrs Hewison building new planters in the quads over the summer holidays.





EMBARK

FEDERATION



One of the highlight's of the term has been seeing so many parents at our showcase events, including the Y6 Victorian event following their walk around Victorian Buxton, the Y3 Stone Age showcase, the Y5 egg-drop science session and the Y4 Harvest Assembly. Thank you for your harvest donations which will go to the Zink project here in Buxton. It was also lovely to see so many of our Y3 parents/ carers when you came to lunch and we hope that you enjoyed your meal.

A reminder that we finish today. Thursday 22nd October (Friday 23rd October is an INSET Day). We hope that you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 2nd November. Don't forget that there is a fantastic event for all Buxton families in the Buxton Crescent Assembly Rooms tomorrow. It looks really great and is totally free. If you get chance I hope that you manage to go along and have a good day.

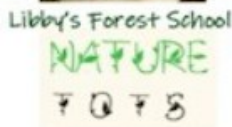


Friday 23rd October 10am to 3pm

Buxton Crescent Assembly Rooms



Creeping Toad



FREE Activities on INSET Day for children with their adults & for teenagers

come anytime & stay as long as you want

If you are worried about a child or need advice, please see any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school: Mrs Dowling, Mrs Sassanelli or Mrs Hewison, or call school on 01298 22156. During holidays and weekends, Starting Point will be able to help on 01629 533190.

It can be tricky navigating screentime in the holidays. ParentZone has some useful advice and a downloadable guide which sets out some top tips and ideas. It is certainly worth making a plan at the beginning of the holidays rather than trying to put boundaries in later. [Digital parenting in the summer holidays | Parent Zone](#)

This is also a reminder that school is now a **completely smartphone free zone**. Children are **not permitted to bring a smartphone onto the school site**. If you believe your child does need a phone then a dumbphone or brickphone is permitted but still needs to be handed in at the beginning of the day. If your child comes to school with a smartphone, it will be stored safely in the school office until it can be collected by a parent. I want to thank all parents/carers who are already supporting us with this.

Term dates 2026 – 2027		
	Term Starts:	Term Ends:
Term 1	Monday 7 September 2026	Thursday 22 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Tuesday 23 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Tuesday 8 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027

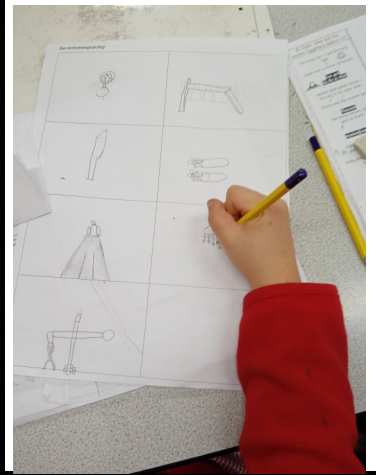
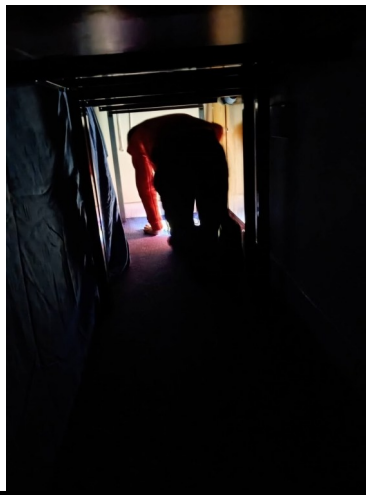
School will also be closed on the following dates for INSET staff training:
 Friday 4 September 2026
 Friday 23 October 2026
 Monday 4 January 2027
 Monday 22 February 2027
 Friday 25 June 2027
 Monday 26 July 2027

Parking on Mosley Road

Please could I ask you to ensure you always park courteously on Mosley Road at the beginning and end of the day.

- Please do not park on the white lines near the gates.
- Please turn off your engines whilst you are waiting to cut down on air pollution.
- Please do not park over any dropped kerbs or in front of driveways.
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The residents of Mosley Road are very patient but sometimes this is tested when people do not park considerately. Please also consider walking to school whenever possible, or parking on College Road or Green Lane and using the back gate to ease pressure on Mosley Road. Thank you.



Year 3 at Lismore Fields

Y4 have been studying the Egyptians and re-enacted climbing through Tutankhamun's tomb

Year 6 Residential at White Hall

