



# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



### Christmas jumper/wear something festive day

We invite everyone to wear a Christmas jumper or something festive to school on our last day of term, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not buy something especially for the day – a top dressed up with tinsel/decorations will be great!



Donations can be made to Save the Children online at

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here)

### Reminder

**Last day of term:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (normal collection time)

**Back to School:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### School Dinners

#### WINTER 2023 MENU

Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Week 3  
Week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Week 1  
Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Week 2



### Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

The menu will be:

Roast turkey and chipolata, or  
Quorn fillet and veggie sausage  
Yorkshire pudding  
Roast potatoes  
Peas/carrots/broccoli  
Gravy  
and  
Christmas crinkle cookie or fresh fruit

### FS and KS1 mini market

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual Mini Market for **Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 & 2 pupils**. Children will be able to buy Christmas presents for members of their family – mums, dads, grandparents and siblings! On the day the children can buy up to 3 gifts, prices will range from 50p to £1.00, money should be brought in a named purse or envelope. After shopping the children will wrap and label their presents. This will be an exciting cross-curricular learning opportunity whilst being great fun! We do hope all the children will have the opportunity to participate.

### Year 1 Story Sessions

The Year 1 story sessions will finish next week, due to performances and activities in school during the last weeks.

### Christmas Cards

Post boxes will be available in classrooms from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December if children would like to send Christmas cards to their classmates.



### After School Clubs

The last after school clubs for this term will be next week (4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December). New clubs will start for the Spring Term when we return to school in January and we will notify you when these are available for children to choose.

### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Hedingham Castle for Year 1
- Choir performance at St Mary's Church
- Year 4 swimming
- Year 4 performance



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### **Farleigh Hospice Reindeer Run**



On 18<sup>th</sup> December (weather dependent) we will be holding a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Farleigh Hospice, our local hospice charity. This is for our youngest children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children can take part by walking/ jogging our 'Golden mile' wearing their reindeer antlers, which Farleigh Hospice will provide. More details will follow.

Farleigh Hospice provides care to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and bereavement across mid Essex, free of charge. All of the money we raise will help the Farleigh doctors, nurses, therapists and counsellors to continue to support local people in their time of greatest need. Sponsor forms will be sent home soon. Please bring your donations into school on 18<sup>th</sup> December and give to Mr Stoneham and Mr Taylor on the gate, which will prevent mixing up donations and Mini-Market money.

### **Tag Rugby Tournament**

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the recent tag rugby tournament. They showed great resilience when trying out a new sport.

### **Parking**

If you drive to school, please park with consideration to other road users and our neighbours near the school. Please do not park in front of driveways, even for a few minutes.

### **Breakfast Club Parents**

Please do not park in the staff car park when dropping children to breakfast club in the mornings. Thank you.

### **School Applications for Reception Year 2024**

From 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 you can apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2024. Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

### **SEND Parents**

Support for parents and carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Drop in coffee afternoon and chat in school

1.45pm – 2.45pm on

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Come along for an informal chat



### **Swimming**

The last swimming sessions for the current group of children will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The next group (Oaks class and the second half of Conifers) will start their swimming lessons on **15<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **PTFA**

We are really excited that our PTFA will be holding a Christmas fayre in school this year. This will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm, with face painting, crafts, stalls, refreshments, Santa's Grotto (pre-booking essential) and a Grand Raffle. Raffle tickets and booking for Santa's grotto will be available from PTFA members on the playground in the mornings.



### **School Photos**

School photos were taken on 16<sup>th</sup> November. You can view and order photographs direct from the company, Kittle Photographic, by scanning the QR code on the ticket your child was given or alternatively you can go to [www.kittleorders.com](http://www.kittleorders.com)

# Diary Dates

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Larches performance 9.30am  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Cedars performance 9.30am  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Elders performance 9.30am  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Choir to perform at St Mary's Church, Bocking  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 performance 9.15am and 2.00pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery celebration  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Hazels performance 9.15am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Beeches performance 2.00pm  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Christmas fayre 3.30pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Yews performance 9.15am  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Mini Market for Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2, in school time  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Farleigh Hospice Reindeer Run for Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays

## **Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year**

- Autumn Term:** **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October*
- Spring Term:** **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February*
- Summer Term:** **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*  
*Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

## **Christmas diary dates 2023**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Larches performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cedars performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Elders performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 performance of Dragon Days at 9.15am and 2pm.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Celebration am & pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Hazels performance of The Nativity at 9.15am
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Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

