



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 13th March 2026

Reminder

Easter holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April.
Back to School on Monday 13th April.

Open Afternoon

Our next whole school open afternoon will be on Friday 27th March, from 2.30pm. Parents will be welcomed into the classes via the classroom doors, to view their child's work and to read or play with your child in the classroom.

Nursery Places – September 2026

We will shortly begin allocating Nursery places for September 2026. If your child will be 3 years old by 31 August 2026 and you would like them to be considered for a place, please ensure you contact the school office and add their name to the waiting list.

Please note that our Nursery fills up very quickly, so we strongly encourage you to register your interest as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. (Please note: Adding your child's name to the waiting list does not guarantee a place).

SEND Parents

Parent Support Group
Support for parents and carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Drop in Coffee Afternoon
1:45pm – 2:45pm

Wednesday 18th March 2026:

SEND Provision in School

Come in for an informal chat - Contact Mrs Powell or Mrs Lewis for further details.



Lancaster Way

Please be careful to not block the pavement when waiting outside the Key Stage 2 gates. If your Upper School child comes to school on their own, please remind them to be careful about blocking the path with bikes/scooters.

Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences for the Spring Term will take place in school next week (16th and 17th March).

There will be no after school clubs next Monday and Tuesday.

School Dinners

WINTER MENU

Week commencing Mon 16th March – Week 1
Week commencing Mon 23rd March – Week 2

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

Comic Relief

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 20th March**. Children can come to school wearing something red on this day. If they do not have something red, they can come in their own clothes.

Donations to this charity can be made via ParentPay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=20444>

or via the official Comic Relief website at www.comicrelief.com

Please do not send cash donations into school.



Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Year 4 swimming
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Year 5 trip to Layer Marney Tower
- Conifers/Oaks/Willows to Colchester Castle
- Sports events
- Danbury Park trip
- Boydells Farm trip – Cherries class
- Residential trip (current Year 5)



ParentPay

World Book Day

Our children had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day.



Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a range of exciting activities designed to promote a love of reading. They shared stories with children from other year groups, designed their own imaginative book characters, turned their stories into their own books and took part in fun book scavenger hunts, along with many more activities.

The day also included two special Key Stage assemblies. In KS1, the children worked together to guess which phonic sound our staff had dressed up as and in KS2, the children worked collaboratively to guess each class's book that they had written clues to throughout the day. There was lots of fun and excitement all round.



It was a wonderful day filled with creativity, teamwork and, most importantly, a shared enjoyment of books and reading, being even more special as it's the National Year of Reading.

Sports News

High Five! Frankie fires five in goal fest

John Bunyan Upper KS2 Boys football team defeated Notley Green Primary 6-0 in the first league game of the season. Bunyan ball was in full swing as the boys cruised to victory despite a tricky first half. During the first half, strong blocks from Max, Maxwell and Damon meant the game was even, heading into the break.

Shortly after the game resumed, chaos ensued with Frankie coming off the bench to run riot, linking up beautifully with Dylan and James to finish numerous chances. Opposition MOM: Maxwell for his blocks and clearances. Coaches MOM: Dylan for his assists.



Bunyan Girls go for Gold!



A huge well done to the John Bunyan girls team on their success at their football tournament this week. They played four matches against other local primary schools, winning three and drawing one match! They all played brilliantly.

Diary Dates

16th & 17th March – Termly Learning Conferences
Wednesday 18th March – Boys Football Tournament
Friday 20th March – Willows and Sycamores classes to Braintree Library
Friday 20th March – Wear Red for Comic Relief
Monday 23rd March – Home football match (school team)
Tuesday 24th March – Year 5 trip to Layer Marney Tower
Tuesday 24th March – Reception Year to St Peter's Church
Thursday 26th March – Year 1 trip to Colchester Castle
Friday 27th March – Whole School Open Afternoon – Parents are welcome in School from 2.30pm
Friday 27th March – Break up for the Easter holidays
Monday 13th April – Back to school
Tuesday 28th April - Cedars, Larches and Elders classes – trip to Danbury Park
Tuesday 15th May – Cherries class trip to Boydells Farm
Tuesday 9th June – Cedars, Larches and Elders classes to see The Marriage of Figaro
Tuesday 9th June – Reception Year trip to Stansted Airport
Wednesday 10th June – Reception Year trip to Stansted Airport

Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Spring Term: *Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026*
Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: *Monday 13 April 2026 – Friday 17 July 2026 (1.20pm finish)*
Half Term 25 May – 29 May
May Bank Holiday - 4 May
Non-Pupil Days Friday 22 May, Monday 1 June, Monday 20 July