



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Reminder

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

### Termly Learning Conferences

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended their child's termly learning conference. We hope you found this useful in supporting your child with the next steps in their learning.

### 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).

### Litter

We have been asked to remind pupils and parents to use rubbish bins and not drop litter or food waste in the streets around the school.  
Thank you.

### 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
- Danbury Park trip
- Boydells Farm trip – Cherries class
- Residential trip (current Year 5)



### Wrap-Around Childcare

Due to an increase in demand, from September, the school will be providing before and after school care - known as wrap around care. This will include both a breakfast club and **new after-school childcare**. To help us plan effectively, we would appreciate knowing how many families may be interested in using this service. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form available on ParentPay as soon as possible.

### School Dinners

#### WINTER MENU

- Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Week 1
- Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Week 2
- Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Week 3

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website [www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) and paper copies are available from the school office.

### Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 pupils are currently working hard towards their SATs tests, which will take place in school 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### Community Food Basket

After the Easter holidays the school will be putting out a

#### Community Food Basket

This basket will contain surplus food and fruit from our school that would otherwise go to waste. Please feel free to take items if they are useful for your household. It will be situated outside the main Reception doors/Nursery gate.

Please note:

- Items may have a **short shelf life** and should be consumed promptly.
- Some items **may contain allergens** or may have been stored near allergens.
- Food is provided **as a goodwill gesture and taken at your own risk**.
  - Please check items carefully before consuming.

Thank you for helping us reduce food waste and support our community.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 –  
SEND Provision available in school

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 –  
Supporting Transition

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



### After School Clubs

Spring Term clubs have now finished. New clubs will start for the Summer Term when we return from the Easter holidays and we will notify you when these are available for children to choose.

The Year 6 Reading and Year 6 Maths clubs will continue straight after the holidays (16<sup>th</sup> April) for the same pupils who already attend. These Year 6 homework clubs will finish on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### Reception Year

Reminder: Reception Year Reading Café every Tuesday, 2.30 – 3.00pm

### Sports News



Our boys football team extended their winning streak with a fantastic performance at their recent tournament. They won all 5 of their matches against local primary schools. Well done boys!

The boys football team then continued their fine form in their second league match of the season, defeating Rayne Primary in a comfortable victory. The first 5 minutes of the game were scrappy, but the boys soon flicked into action. From deep inside his own half, Damon sent a long, cross-field ball to Frankie who nestled the ball into the bottom corner. Soon after, Jack whipped in a corner and Frankie was there again to nod it home. 2-0 up and cruising, Jack, Dylan and James all added their names to the score sheet. Solid defending from Maxwell, Damon and Harry meant that the boys kept a clean sheet. Final score: 5-0. Man of the Match - Damon. Thank you to Mr Stoneham and Mr Town for coaching and officiating.

### Reading

Please keep reading with your child over the holidays. Comics, story books and fact books all count!



Turn the Subtitles on and help your child learn to read! Research shows that by simply turning on the subtitles on your television exposes children to countless words. This can help your child learn to read by helping them to establish a link between the written word and the spoken word.

**Turn On The Subtitles**  
Read As You Watch



So curl up on the sofa this holiday, watch a family film and **TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!**

# The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

## Diary Dates

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Back to school  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Swimming starts for Group 2 (Rowans class and some Larches pupils)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Cedars, Larches and Elders classes – trip to Danbury Park  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday, school is closed  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs tests in school  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Cherries class trip to Boydells Farm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Whole School open afternoon from 2.30pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Non-pupil day, school is closed  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term holiday  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Non-pupil day, school is closed  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Class photos  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Spruces and Beeches to Braintree Library  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Birches and Poplars to Braintree Library  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Cedars, Larches and Elders classes to see The Marriage of Figaro  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Year trip to Stansted Airport  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Year trip to Stansted Airport  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Science Day (further details to follow)

## Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

**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*