



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 24th April 2026

Reminder

Bank Holiday Monday, 4th May – School is closed.

Year 6 SATs

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

All Year 6 pupils are invited to join their friends for a free SATs breakfast every morning of their tests, from 8.20am in Miss Stiff's classroom.

Enter via the Key Stage 2 gate.

Nursery Places – September 2026

We are currently 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).

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 (Foundation Stage)
- Danbury Park trip Cedars/Elders/Larches
- Boydells Farm trip – Cherries class
- Colchester Zoo trip – Magnolias class
- Performance for Cedars/Elders/Larches
- Aerozone trip – Birches/Spruces classes
- Residential trip (current Year 5)



School Dinners

WINTER MENU

Week commencing Monday 27th April – Week 3

Week commencing Tuesday 5th May –Week 1

Week commencing Monday 11th May – Week 2

We will start our new summer menu week commencing 18th May. A copy of the new menu is attached for your information and paper copies are available from the school office.

Community Food Basket

Reminder:

The Community Food 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.



Open Afternoon

Our next whole school open afternoon will be on Thursday 21st May, when we break up for the Half-Term holiday. Parents and carers will be welcomed into the classes from 2.30pm via the classroom doors, to view their child's work and to read or play with your child in the classroom.

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 20th May 2026 –
SEND Provision available in school

Wednesday 1st July 2026 –
Supporting Transition

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



Year 6 Taster Days

Our Year 6 pupils will be moving on to senior
school in September and will have taster days
at their new schools, as follows

Tabor Academy: Thursday 25th June and Friday
26th June 2026

Alec Hunter Academy: Thursday 25th June and
Friday 26th June 2026

Notley High School: Wednesday 24th June and
Thursday 25th June 2026

Pupils should go straight to their senior school
on these days and not come to John Bunyan
first.

Class Photos

The school photographer will be here on
Wednesday 3rd June for our class photos.

Fidget and Sensory Tools

Fidget and sensory tool use is considered on an
individual basis by the SAFs team, and each
class has guidelines in place to support their
appropriate use. Where it has been agreed that
a fidget tool is helpful for your child in the
classroom, please ensure that it is small enough
to fit in a pocket. Students will be encouraged to
use the tool discreetly, keeping it under the table
within their lap area to minimise distraction to
others. If a tool is not being used as intended,
staff may ask for it to be put away.

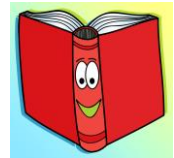
To support consistency, we kindly ask that fidget
tools are not brought into school for play and
remain in the classroom, to be used as agreed
with staff.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

We will shortly be sending information about
Year 6 leavers hoodies – please check you
ParentPay items for information about ordering
these.

Reception Year

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



Reminder

Please be reminded that false nails and make-
up are NOT appropriate in school and should
not be worn in school under any circumstances.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th April - Cedars, Larches and Elders classes – trip to Danbury Park
Monday 4th May – May Day Bank Holiday, school is closed
Friday 8th May – Firs and Conifers classes to Braintree Library
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs tests in school
Tuesday 15th May – Cherries class trip to Boydells Farm
Thursday 21st May – Whole School open afternoon from 2.30pm
Friday 22nd May – Non-pupil day, school is closed
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half term holiday
Monday 1st June – Non-pupil day, school is closed
Tuesday 2nd June – Magnolias class trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 3rd June – Class photos
Friday 5th June – Spruces and Beeches to Braintree Library
Friday 12th June – Birches and Poplars to Braintree Library
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
Thursday 18th June – Hazels and Yews trip to Discovery Centre
Friday 19th June – Science Day (further details to follow)
Friday 19th June – Hazels class to Braintree Library
Friday 26th June – Yews class to Braintree Library

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