



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 8th May 2026

Reminder

Non-pupil Day: Friday 22nd May
Half Term Holiday: 25th – 29th May
Non-pupil Day: Monday 1st June

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 SATs tests 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.

Sports Days

We would like to invite parents and carers into
school from 9.15am on the following days to
watch their children taking part in sports days,
weather permitting:

Monday 15th June: Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 16th June: Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 17th June: Years 1 and 2

Thursday 18th June: Reception Year

Nursery sports and games day will be held on
Thursday 18th June

Morning Nursery at 11.00am

Afternoon Nursery at 2.00pm

For all day Nursery pupils, parents can attend
either the morning or afternoon session.

Cherries class sports and games day will be
held separately and we will advise parents when
this will be, nearer the time.

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)
- 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)
- Singing event (choir)
- Sports events



School Dinners

WINTER MENU (Existing menu)

Week commencing Monday 11th May – Week 2

SUMMER MENU (New menu)

Week commencing Monday 18th May – Week 1

Week commencing Tuesday 2nd June – Week 2

Week commencing Monday 8th June – Week 3

We will start our new summer menu week commencing 18th May. This has already been sent out, for your information

Paper copies of the dinner menu are available from the school office, or it can always be viewed on the school website.

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.

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

Honywood School: Thursday 25th June and Friday 26th June 2026

St John Payne School: Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 23rd 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.

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

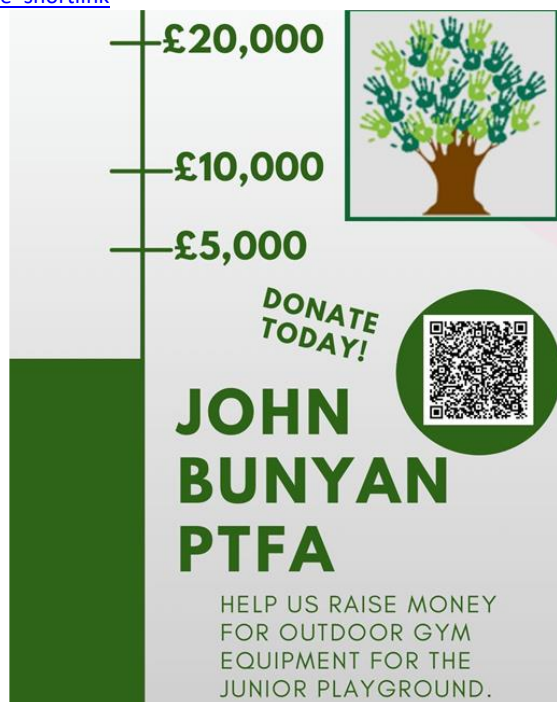
Come in for an informal chat - Contact Mrs
Powell or Mrs Lewis for further details.



PTFA News

Our PTFA are currently raising money to
upgrade our Key Stage 2 outdoor equipment,
please see the link below:

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/gr/dyRpzGBW?utm_campaign=sharemodal&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=shortlink



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 leavers hoodies are now available to
order. A link has been sent by ParentPay
message giving details. We have samples of
the hoodies in the school office, if the children
would like to try one on for size.

Science Day

On Friday 19th June, we will be celebrating
Science Day.

We would love for children (and staff) to come
dressed as a scientist or as someone who uses
science in their job. This could be anything from
a hairdresser or chef to an ecologist, engineer,
doctor, or astronaut. We want to highlight how
science plays an important role in a wide range
of careers, and we can't wait to see the
creativity and variety of outfits on the day. If
your child is not dressing up, they should come
to school in uniform as normal. This day is for
all year groups, including Nursery.

During the day, there will be an engaging
science show called "Energy Live"—an
exciting, audience-led experience that explores
different stores of energy and how they affect
our lives.

From 3:30 to 4:30pm, we will host a special
community performance. This fun, interactive
show brings science to life through
demonstrations and audience participation.
Pupils, friends, and family members are all
welcome—please book your free tickets via
ParentPay.

From 3.30 to 4.30pm parents and children are
invited to a community science show. Tickets
are available on ParentPay on a first-come-first-
served basis.



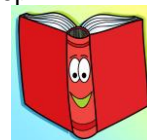
Nursery Places – September 2026

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).

Reception Year

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



Diary Dates

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs tests in school
Tuesday 15th May – Cherries class trip to Boydells Farm
Monday 18th May – Boys Football Team match, home game at 3.30pm
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
Friday 12th June – Local walk to Bocking for Elms, Firs and Sycamores classes
Monday 15th June – Sports Day for Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 16th June – Sports Day for Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 17th June – Sports Day for Years 1 and 2
Thursday 18th June – Sports Day for Reception Year
Thursday 18th June – Sports and Games Day for Nursery AM and PM
Thursday 18th June – Hazels and Yews trip to Discovery Centre
Friday 19th June – Science Day
Friday 26th June – Yews class to Braintree Library
Friday 3rd July – Hazels class to Braintree Library
Friday 3rd July – Music festival for choir children (further details to follow)
Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6.00pm
Friday 3rd July – Year 6 trip to Frinton

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