



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026

#### Reminder

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

#### Advance Notice

School will finish at 1.20pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, when we break up for the summer holidays.

#### Sports Days

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Reception Year (2.00pm)  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Years 5 and 6 (9.15am)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Years 3 and 4 (9.15am)  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Years 1 and 2 (9.15am)

Nursery sports and games day will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### School Dinners SUMMER 2026 MENU

Week commencing Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Week 2  
Week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Week 3  
Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Week 1

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

#### Year 6 SATs

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who worked hard towards their SATs tests last week.

#### Class Photos

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

#### 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)
- Colchester Zoo trip – Magnolias class
- Performance for Cedars/Elders/Larches
- Aerozone trip – Birches/Spruces classes
- Residential trip (current Year 5)
- Sports events
- Year 6 trip to Frinton
- Trip to Discovery Centre – Hazels/Yews



#### Science Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

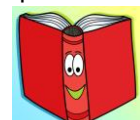
During the day, there will be an engaging science show called "Energy Live"—an exciting, audience-led experience that explores different stores of energy and how they affect our lives.

From 3.30 to 4.30pm we have our community science show. Places have now been allocated for this.



#### Reception Year

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



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

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



### Nursery Places – September 2026

We are currently allocating Nursery places for September 2026. Thank you to those parents who have returned their forms for Nursery in September. We are happy to confirm you have a place and we will contact you during the next half term to confirm time slots etc.

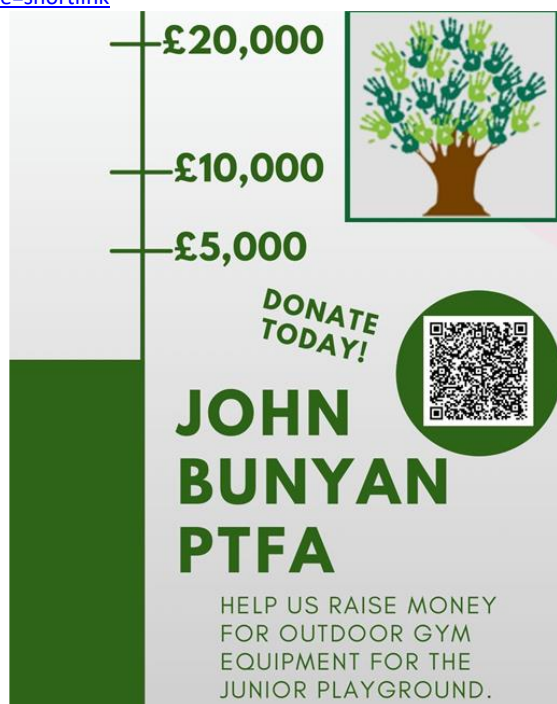
If you have not yet returned your form or your child will be 3 by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 and you would like a place, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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).

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



### 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 25<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Alec Hunter Academy: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Notley High School: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Honywood School: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

St John Payne School: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

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

### Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you see any signs of headlice. Please make sure all children are checked over the half term holiday, before they come back to school.

We would encourage pupils with long hair to wear their hair tied back in school.

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 leavers hoodies are now available to order. A link has been sent by ParentPay message giving details. Please contact the School Office if you would like us to re-send this link to you. We have samples of the hoodies in the school office, if the children would like to try one on for size.

Orders MUST be received by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

### Squishies (Gel filled fidget toys)

Please note that squishies are banned from school with immediate effect. We have had a number of incidents where they have burst, causing disruption and health and safety issues. **Please do not allow your child to bring these into school.** In the interests of health and safety, if your child brings one of these into school it will be taken for safe keeping and then returned at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support.

### Weather

Please remember to send your child in with clothing appropriate for the weather forecast (in particular, a shower proof jacket and/or sun hat).

### Catering News

A huge well done to our fantastic Catering Team for again getting a 5-Star hygiene rating from Essex County Council (Environmental Health), following our recent inspection.



### PTFA Inflatables Day

PTFA Inflatables Day will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will be available from the PTFA nearer the time but for now, **SAVE THE DATE!**



### Football Team

The boys continued their impressive unbeaten league run vs Notley on Tuesday night. They started slow, but when they began linking up and moving the ball quickly, the goals started to flow. After a slow first half, the second half was nothing other than domination from the Bunyan Boys. Goal scorers Frankie x2, Jack, James, Jimmy and Dylan. Final score: 6-0. Opposition Man of the Match - Max. Mr Town and Mr Stoneham's Man of the Match - Jack for selfless play. Thank you to Mr Stoneham for coaching and Mr Town for officiating. The boys will look to defend their league title after half term with some tough fixtures on the horizon. Match report by Mr Town.

## **Diary Dates**

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  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Magnolias class trip to Colchester Zoo  
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  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Reception Year, 2.00pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Local walk to Bocking for Elms, Firs and Sycamores classes  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Years 5 and 6  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Years 3 and 4  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Years 1 and 2  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Sports and Games Day for Nursery AM and PM  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Hazels and Yews trip to Discovery Centre  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Science Day  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Yews class to Braintree Library  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Hazels class to Braintree Library  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Music festival for choir children (further details to follow)  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 trip to Frinton  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – PTFA Inflatables Day  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6.00pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Awards, 9.30am

## **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*