



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 12th June 2026

Advance Notice

School will finish at 1.20pm on Friday 17th 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:

Monday 15th June: Years 5 and 6 (9.15am)

Tuesday 16th June: Years 3 and 4 (9.15am)

Wednesday 17th June: Years 1 and 2 (9.15am)

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.

The children will be taking part in activities in their houses. With this in mind, if you have a plain coloured T-shirt in the colour of your child's house, please send it into school and they will be able to wear it on the day.

As a reminder the houses are; Fire (red), Earth (green), Air (yellow) & Water (blue).

Trips and Activities now booking

Please check ParentPay and add consent to your child's trip.

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Year 4 swimming
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack (Foundation Stage)
- Residential trip (current Year 5)
- Sports events
- Year 6 trip to Frinton
- Trip to Discovery Centre – Hazels/Yews



School Dinners

SUMMER 2026 MENU

Week commencing Monday 15th June – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 22nd June – Week 2

Week commencing Monday 29th June – Week 3

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

Menu Change

Year 6 Celebration Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th July.



Year 6 pupils have voted for their favourite meal and this will be served to the whole school. The menu will be:

Build your own burger with optional cheese, onion rings, gherkins, lettuce, ketchup and burger sauce (vegetarian burger option available)

Build your own ice-cream with optional wafer, chocolate sauce and sprinkles



Free School Meals

For parents of current Year 3-5 pupils

We would like to inform you of changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026.

Under the new criteria, your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any amount of Universal Credit payments.

If you believe you may be eligible, please complete an application using the link below:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/johnbunyan>

Class Photos

Due to one of the photographers being ill, we have had to rearrange our class photos. These will now be on Tuesday 23rd June.

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 1st July 2026 –
Supporting Transition

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



Open Afternoon

We would like to invite parents and carers to our whole school open afternoon on
Wednesday 8th July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Parents will be welcomed in after school to view their child's work from the year in the classroom, catch up and say goodbye to their child's current teacher. Children are also able to visit the classroom of their next year group so they can meet the new teacher and see the work that is done there. Details of the new teacher / class etc will have been sent out the day before the open day.

We hope you can make it.

Wrap Around Care

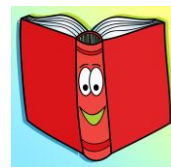
We are delighted to be able to offer Wrap Around Care from September, 2026.

The provision will run from 3:15pm to 5:45pm and will be available to pupils in Reception Year through to Year 6. The cost will be £12.00 per day, which includes a light tea. A sibling discount will be available, with additional siblings charged at £10.00 per day.

Initially, we will have 30 places available. If demand is high, we hope to increase capacity and offer places to more pupils. If you would like to register, please complete the form sent out via ParentPay or get a paper one from the office.

Reception Year

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



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 have our community science show. Places have now been allocated for this.



PTFA Inflatable Day

PTFA Summer Fayre and Inflatable Day will be held on **Thursday 9th July from 3.30pm** on the school field. Tickets are available from the PTFA.

SAVE THE DATE!





Do you have a 3 year old?

(Or a child turning 3 before 31st August 2026?)



**Are you looking for a wonderful Nursery
for term-time only?**

**Come and visit to find out more about
our brilliant setting.**

*** September 2026 enrolment now open!**

(Limited spaces available)



Saturday 27th June 2026

10.30AM - 12 NOON



Our school is a place where **kindness** leads,
resilience grows and every learner is inspired to
achieve their full potential with purpose and **pride.**



(Waiting list available for children turning 3 between 1st September - 31st August 2027)

Year 5 Parents

Notley High School & Sixth Form - Year 5 School Tour – Intake September 2027

Notley High School have asked us to share the following information with Year 5 parents and carers regarding guided tours to learn more about what they can offer students.

Please note that spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, they will also be hosting an Open Morning on Saturday, 26 September 2026 for parents, carers and prospective students where there will be hands-on activities across a range of subjects and you can speak to teachers and staff from all areas of the school.

To reserve your place on a tour, please select one of the dates below (one ticket per person):

Wednesday 8 July – 9am – 9.45am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1990785062713?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 9 July – 9am – 9.45am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1990786287376?aff=oddtcreator>

Friday 10 July – 9am – 9.45am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1990786513051?aff=oddtcreator>

In October, there will also be an opportunity to book a tour with your child.

Notley High have also asked us to share details of an event for current Year 5 students on Friday 10th July. Any parent who thinks their child might attend Notley in Year 7 please contact us for details of an activity morning that their child may want to take part in.

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 their taster days and not come to John Bunyan first.

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).

Diary Dates

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 and Games Day for Nursery AM and PM

Thursday 18th June – Hazels and Yews trip to Discovery Centre

Friday 19th June – Science Day

Tuesday 23rd June – Class photos

Friday 26th June – Yews class to Braintree Library

Thursday 2nd July – Nursery celebrations at 11.00am and 2.00pm

Friday 3rd July – Hazels class to Braintree Library

Friday 3rd July – Music festival for choir children (further details to follow)

Friday 3rd July – Year 6 trip to Frinton

Wednesday 8th July – Summer Open Afternoon, 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 9th July – PTFA Summer Fayre and Inflatable Day

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th 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