



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 26th June 2026

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.

Advance Notice

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

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.

Trips and Activities now booking

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

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack (Foundation Stage)
- Residential trip (current Year 5)
- Sports events
- Year 6 trip to Frinton



School Dinners

SUMMER 2026 MENU

Week commencing Monday 29th June – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 6th July – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 13th July – Week 2

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:

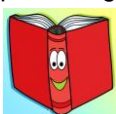
Build your own burger with optional cheese, onion rings, gherkins, lettuce, ketchup and burger sauce (vegetarian burger option available)

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



Reception Year

Our final Reception Year Reading Café for this academic year will be next Tuesday, 30th June at 2.30 – 3.00pm, weather permitting.



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.



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>

Year 6 Leavers Performance

We are delighted to invite Year 6 parents and carers to the Year 6 End of Year Production, Shrek: The Musical, to be held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 6.00pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. The children need to arrive back at school at 5:30pm to change into their costumes. Parents will then begin to be seated at 5:45pm. We kindly request that only 2 people, per child, come to watch the show, no need to book seats.

In addition, our annual awards assembly for Year 6 will be at 9:30am on Wednesday 15th July. Parents are invited to attend the awards assembly, but again no more than 2 attendees per child. Please arrive via the Key Stage 2 hall.

School Lottery



Our school lottery is open to parents, carers, friends and relatives. The lottery supports activities within school.

Use this link for further information:

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/john-bunyan-primary-school-and-nursery>

Good luck and tell your friends and family!

Sports News

The KS2 boys continued their fine league form in a 4-0 victory against Bocking last week. This means they remain unbeaten and are in the running for the league title. The boys were in control for most of the game but had to take their chances as Bocking did not lie down at any point. Hard challenges were a common occurrence throughout the match but both teams played with great spirit. 2 goals each for Jack and Frankie. MOM - Jack for keeping his composure in at times a frustrating game. The boys face a tough John Ray side next week and hope to cement their league position at the top of the table. Thank you to Mr Stoneham for coaching and Mr Town for officiating.
Match report by Mr Town



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)

Free Family Events in Braintree

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out
more here!



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Science Day



As part of our Science Day celebrations, we were delighted to welcome Ted from The Royal Institution, a finalist on this year's Britain's Got Talent, who presented the exciting *Energy LIVE!* show to the whole school. Pupils and staff looked fantastic in their costumes, dressed as a wide range of careers linked to science. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed taking part in a variety of exciting science activities, learning about different STEM-related roles and developing their curiosity and enthusiasm for science.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended our community science show at the end of the day. We especially appreciate your support on such a hot and sunny Friday evening. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a wonderful way to end a fun-filled and inspiring day of scientific discovery.

The winners of our Best Dressed Science Day Competition were as follows:

- Nursery: Nellie
- Reception: Bodhi
- Year 1: Aspyn
- Year 2: Freya
- Year 3: Rosabelle
- Year 4: Tae'veah
- Year 5: Joshua G
- Year 6: Paisley
- Magnolias: Connor
- Cherries: Ronnie M

Congratulations to all of our winners and to everyone who made such a fantastic effort with their Science Day costumes. We were incredibly impressed by the creativity shown and the wide variety of science-related careers represented across the school.

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 Parents

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service has asked us to share with you a questionnaire relating to your child's transition to senior school. Please see the link or scan the QR code below:

[Year 6 Health and Emotional Wellness 26 – Fill in form](#)



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



Do you have a child who is starting secondary school in September?

If so, we invite you to complete a brief questionnaire by scanning the QR code below.

The questionnaire will help us understand key aspects of your child's health, wellbeing, social and emotional development. If any areas where your child may need extra support are identified, a member of our Healthy Family Team will reach out to offer tailored advice, guidance, or resources.

We ask that you complete the questionnaire within 2 weeks of receiving this letter. For further information or support, please visit: www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Thank you for taking the time to help us support your child's smooth transition into secondary school

Please scan the QR code below to complete the online questionnaire



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Diary Dates

Monday 29th June – Boys team football match, home game
Wednesday 1st July – New Reception (September 2026) starters to visit
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
Monday 6th July – Boys team football match, home game
Wednesday 8th July – Summer Open Afternoon, 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 8th July – New Reception (September 2026) starters to visit
Thursday 9th July – PTFA Summer Fayre and Inflatable Day
Friday 10th July – Firs class trip to Bocking Windmill and Church
Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6.00pm
Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Awards, 9.30am
Friday 17th July – last day of term, break up for the summer holidays

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
Non-Pupil Days Friday 22 May, Monday 1 June, Monday 20 July