



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 25th September 2026

Year R and Year 1 Phonics Meetings

We would like to invite you to a friendly phonics meeting. This will be an opportunity to explore your child's early reading journey and find out more about how we teach phonics at John Bunyan Primary.

We will also share some simple ways you can support your child's reading at home.

Reception Year Phonics Meeting
Tuesday 29th September, 2.30pm

Year 1 Phonics Meeting
Tuesday 6th October, 2.30pm

The meetings will be held in the Key Stage 1 Hall. Entry via main reception.

Choir/Young Voices

Choir is open to all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). The choir meet after school every Wednesday and they sing at various events throughout the year.

As in previous years, the choir also have the opportunity to attend the Young Voices festival at the O2 arena in January 2027. If your child is interested in joining the school choir, please let the school office know.

School Website

Please do take a look at the school website
www.johnbunyan.co.uk

The website contains lots of useful information about the school day, including upcoming events.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Young Voices
- Swimming
- Young Voices at the O2



School Dinners

SUMMER 2026 MENU

Week commencing Monday 28th Sept – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 5th October – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 12th October – Week 1

The school dinner menu is always available to view on the school website
www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

Open afternoons

This year again we would like to invite parents and carers into school once per half term at 2.30pm, for a special afternoon session where your child will be able to share a range of their work with you. These sessions provide an opportunity for children to showcase what they have been learning across the curriculum. Our first open afternoon of this academic year will be **Friday 16th October**.

We hope that you will continue to enjoy coming into school to celebrate your child's achievements.

School Applications – Year 6 Parents

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place now, until 31st October 2026. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above or search the Essex County Council website.

Reception Year 2027 Intake

From 9th November 2026 you can apply for a Reception Year place for a September 2027 start. Applications close on 15th January 2027.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on the website above.

We will be holding an open morning for parents of children who will be starting Reception Year in September 2027. Come along for a tour of our Foundation Stage area and ask any questions:

Saturday 3rd October, 9.30am – 11.30am.

Welcome to Evergreen Club!

Our new wrap around childcare provision is now up and running. This takes place from 3.15pm to 5.45pm, Monday to Friday.

The children receive a snack and light tea and they have a wide variety of toys and activities to keep them busy!



If you are interested in your child attending Evergreen Club after school, either every day or on a part-time basis then please email for a registration form in the first instance.

Any queries, please email:
wraparoundcare@johnbunyan.co.uk

Every Day Counts

Last week, Mrs Inci's class (Yews) and Miss Batchfords class (Maples) had the best attendance in the whole school. As a celebration of their good attendance, our super kitchen team baked a cake for every child in the class and these were enjoyed on Monday. We hope that in time all classes will get to experience this treat for good attendance.



Valentine Court

Please treat our neighbours near the school with respect. We have received reports from residents of Valentine Court, opposite the school building, of parents causing damage to property and becoming verbally abusive.

Year 1 Story Time



Teacher-led story time sessions with your Year 1 child will be held in the school library every Tuesday, on a half-termly basis as follows:

Birches (Miss Walton) - Tuesdays from 15th September to 20th October.

Spruces (Mrs Cutmore/Mrs Wright) - Tuesdays from 3rd November to 8th December.

These story time sessions will run from 2.40pm to 3.00pm.



Harvest

As in previous years, we will be holding Harvest Assemblies in school to celebrate the season. We would welcome any donations of tinned or packet food (not fresh food), which will be passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need. If you are able to make a donation of food, please could your child bring this into school on

Wednesday 14th October.

Thank you.





John Bunyan
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN DAY

Is your child starting school
in September 2027?

Come and visit us before
the application deadline!



Saturday 3rd October 2026
9.30 - 11.30

Come and visit our reception classrooms,
outdoor areas + whole school tours.

Learn
Play
Grow
Together



Our School Values

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



Pride



Resilience



Kindness



Achievement

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th September – Year R Parent meeting
Tuesday 6th October – Year 1 Parent meeting
Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th October – Year 6 Bikeability (Group 1)
Friday 16th October – Whole School Open Afternoon
Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th October – Year 6 Bikeability (Group 2)
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October – Termly Learning Conferences
Wednesday 21st – Thursday 22nd October – Year 6 Bikeability (Group 3)
Friday 23rd October – Non-pupil day
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half Term Holiday
Monday 2nd November – Back to School
Wednesday 18th November – School photos (individual and sibling groups)

Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 Half Term 26 October – 30 October Non-pupil days: 1 September, 23 October
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 Half Term 15 February - 19 February
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 Half Term 31 May – 4 June, May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May Non-pupil days: 28 May, 20 July, 21 July



AutumnCraft

The autumnal craft competition for schools and families everywhere

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Competition time!

AutumnCraft is our brand new competition celebrating all things autumnal! Create something autumn related using any medium you like and share it with us to have your work added to our gallery and a chance to win a prize!

Logo created by Sara, a pupil from Caterham School. Thanks Sara!



Over £700 worth of prizes to be won

- £50 Farshore and Electric Monkey book bundles
- Wicked Uncle prize box and a £50 gift card
- £50 GoGift Global Gift Card prizes sponsored by Not Just Travel, Parentkind and Education Otherwise
- Digital tablet from Born Good (school leaderboard prize)
- Pair of sustainably made Dubs kid's Glide trainers
- ...and more!

How to enter

1. Create an autumnal-themed craft entry in any medium: paper, fabric, clay, paint, collage... the more imaginative the better!
2. Snap a photo or video of your creation.
3. Upload your entry via the competition page on our website ootiboo.com/projects/autumncraft



Free and inclusive

- Free to enter as many times as you like
- Open to everyone, everywhere; no matter your age or ability
- Closes at midnight on Monday 30th November



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