



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 14th November 2025

School Applications for Reception 2026

You can now apply online for your child's Reception Year school place for September 2026. Applications are open until 15th January 2026 and should 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.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will finish week commencing 1st December (including the Year 6 homework clubs)

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Year 6 trip to Duxford
- Sibling photos
- Dance Festival - Elders class
- Next year residential trip (current Year 5)
- Year 4 swimming



Christmas Tree Festival

We will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival and Market at St Mary's Church, Bocking on Saturday 13th December. We will have a tree on display, decorated by the children, and our wonderful choir will be singing at the event.



School Dinners **Winter Menu**

Week commencing Monday 17th Nov – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 24th Nov – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 1st Dec – Week 2

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.



Christmas Dinner: **Wednesday 10th December**

Roast chicken and chipolata sausage, or
Butternut squash plait and veggie sausage
Yorkshire pudding
Roast potatoes
Carrots, broccoli, peas or sprouts
Gravy

Christmas tree cookie



Residential Trip

We are excited to announce that we have organised a 3 day (2 night) residential trip to Mersea Essex Outdoors Centre for next year's Year 6 pupils. This will take place between 5th and 7th October 2026 (date subject to change). At Essex Outdoors the children will take part in a variety of activities, for example archery, bushcraft, team challenges, zipwires. Please see the item on ParentPay for further details and to secure a place.

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:

Conifers (Mrs Wright & Mrs Cutmore) - Tuesdays from 11th November to 9th December.
Willows (Mrs Mills) - Tuesdays from 13th January 2026 to 10th February.

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



Parent Support Group

Support for parents/carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Themed drop in Coffee Afternoon
1:45pm – 2:45pm

Wednesday 3rd December 2025: Emotional Regulation



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

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a skilled Parent Governor, who can contribute their time and knowledge to our Governing Body. If you would like to apply for this vacancy, please send your letter of application to Mrs Pickard in the school office by next Friday, 21st November.

Children in Need

We had a fantastic Children in Need Day today. Donations can still be made to this charity via ParentPay.



Let's Make Our Playground Awesome!

We're on a mission to give our playground a fantastic upgrade — and you can help just by doing your usual online shopping!

Here's how:

- 1 Download the **easyfundraising** app (it's free!).
- 2 Type **John Bunyan Primary** into the cause box.
- 3 Choose your favourite online shop and start shopping!

Every time you buy something, our school gets a little donation.

Thank you for helping us build a playground that's full of laughter, adventure and happy memories!



Christmas diary dates 2025

Wednesday 3 rd December	Nursery Christmas celebration: 11am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 11 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 15 th December	Reindeer run for Nursery, Reception, years 1,2 & 3
Monday 15 th December	Performance of Jesus' Christmas Party 2.15pm – Spruces Class (No need to book)
Tuesday 16 th December	Performance of Jesus' Christmas Party 2.15pm – Birches class (No need to book)
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 2 Carol service on the playground at 2.30pm (No need to book)
Thursday 18 th December	Year 1 Performance of Away in a Manger 9.15am & 2.15pm (Please book via ParentPay)
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Donations to Save the Children (online please)
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term, finish at 1.30pm

Diary Dates

Monday 17th November – Year 2 Superhero Day
 Tuesday 18th November – Elders class to Dance Festival
 Wednesday 19th November – School photos
 Friday 21st November – Cedars class to Braintree Library
 Tuesday 25th November – Reception Year and Year 6 heights and weights measurements
 Thursday 4th December – Year 6 trip to Duxford
 Wednesday 10th December – Whole School Christmas dinner
 Thursday 11th December – PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
 Monday 15th December – Farleigh Hospice Reindeer Run for Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3
 Friday 19th December – Wear something festive
 Friday 19th December – Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025
 Half Term 27 October – 31 October
 Non-Pupil Days Monday 1 September, Friday 24 October

Spring Term: Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026
 Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026
 Half Term 25 May – 29 May
 May Bank Holiday - 4 May
 Non-Pupil Days Friday 22 May, Monday 1 June, Monday 20 July

THE PTFA INVITE YOU TO
YOUR
**CHRISTMAS
FAYRE**

**11TH DECEMBER FROM
3:30PM**

Join us for a magical afternoon

Festive stalls, gifts, santas grotto and much more!!!
£1 entry per family

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL THERE!!
ENTRANCE VIA THE
JUNIORS HALL

PTFA Donation Competition
Let's Make It Fun!

We're excited to launch a friendly **competition** to help gather amazing prizes for our upcoming **Christmas Fayre** and we need your help!

How it works:
We're asking each class to collect as many raffle prize donations as possible. Think gift vouchers, hampers, experiences, toiletries, unopened box gifts (smellies), unopened toys, biscuits, sweets, chocolates or anything fun and family-friendly!

Remember, all food and drink items must be new and in original packaging due to Natasha's law. Thank you for understanding.

The class with the most donations wins a special treat!

Deadline for donations: Please ensure all donations are handed in by **Friday 05th December**. The Class winners will be announced after Christmas Fayre.

Please hand in donations to the school classroom clearly labelled with your child's class.

Let's come together to make this our best raffle yet!

Thank you for your support and generosity!
John Bunyan Primary PTFA

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**Oliver's
Plants**

OPEN
EVERYDAY

Christmas Market
SAT 15TH NOVEMBER - WED 24TH DECEMBER

GIFTS
FOOD
WREATHS
HOT DRINKS
WINE TASTING*
FACE PAINTING*
CHRISTMAS TREES
LOCAL STALLHOLDERS
FESTIVE DECORATIONS
TABLE ARRANGEMENTS
+ MUCH MORE

28TH NOV & 5TH DEC
OPEN UNTIL 9PM

FREE ENTRY | FREE PARKING

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Christmas Tree Maze
SAT 22ND NOVEMBER - WED 5TH DECEMBER

LOSE YOURSELF IN THE MAGIC! WANDER THROUGH A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE MAZE.

£4.50 PER CHILD
ADULTS GO FREE
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

TREASURE TRAIL
COMPLETE THE TREASURE TRAIL, TO WIN A SMALL FESTIVE PRIZE!

TORCHLIGHT MAZE EXPERIENCE
EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC AFTER DARK...
28TH NOV & 5TH DEC
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