



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery

Friday 9th October 2026



Reminder

Non-Pupil Day: Friday 23rd October 2026
Half Term Holiday: 26th – 30th October 2026

Termly Learning Conferences

If you have not already done so, please book your TLC appointment with your child's class teacher via

<https://johnbunyan.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Details of how to book your appointments have been sent out but please contact the school office if you need further assistance with this.

Clubs

Please note after-school clubs and tutoring will not run during the week commencing 19th October, due to Termly Learning Conferences taking place in school.

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.

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 at the O2
- Sports events
- Year 6 trip to Duxford



School Dinners

SUMMER 2026 MENU

Week commencing Monday 12th October – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 19th October – Week 2

Half Term Holiday

Our new, Winter, dinner menu will start after the half term holiday. This will be sent out with the next Friday Flyer.

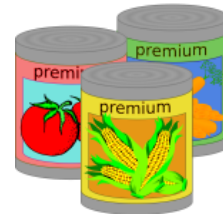
Harvest

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.



A Little Reading Book Reminder!

We are currently missing quite a large number of our school reading scheme books! We know that books can sometimes find their way under beds, behind sofas or into book bags and bedrooms, so please could you have a quick look at home to see if you have any school reading books that need to come back to us.

Every book returned means another child gets the opportunity to enjoy it, so we would really appreciate your help in getting our books back where they belong. Thank you.



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

Save the Date

Pupils can wear something spotty for Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**. If they do not have something spotty, children may wear their own clothes for the day. Donations to Children in Need can be made via ParentPay, the link will be available nearer the time.



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.

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.



Weather

Please ensure your children have clothing for cold/wet weather with them each day, including a named warm coat and suitable shoes.



Every Day Matters

Every school day builds learning, friendships and confidence

0 days off school

100%

perfection

5 days off school

97%

good

10 days off school

95%

slight

20 days off school

90%

concerned

30 days off school

85%

very

38 days off school

80%

alarmed

Missing even a few days **CAN** make a difference

Diary Dates

Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th October – Year 6 Bikeability (Group 1)
Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th October – Poplars class Termly Learning Conferences
Tuesday 13th October – Archery event
Wednesday 14th October – Cross Country event
Friday 16th October – Whole School Open Afternoon from 2.30pm
Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th October – Year 6 Bikeability (Group 2)
Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October – Termly Learning Conferences
Tuesday 20th October – Football tournament
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
Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day – Wear something spotty
Friday 13th November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
Wednesday 18th November – School photos (individual and sibling groups)
Friday 4th December – PTFA Christmas non-uniform day

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