



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 26th April 2024

Reminder: Bank Holiday Monday 6th May
Non-Pupil Day, Friday 24th May
School is closed on these days.

Mad Science Day

On Thursday 2nd May, we are having a Science Day. The day will be filled with science. We are asking for the children to dress up as 'Mad Scientists', a scientist who has inspired them or a scientist they have learnt about. This is for all year groups, including Nursery. There will be prizes for the best dressed in each year group.

If your child is not dressing up, they **MUST** come in school uniform as normal.

PTFA Events

Years 1 and 2 cinema evening
Wednesday 15th May, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Years 5 and 6 disco
Wednesday 22nd May, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Years 3 and 4 disco
Thursday 23rd May, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

There will be no after school clubs on those days

Term Dates 2024-25

Next year's term dates are available to view on the school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk under the "Parents" tab.

TT Rockstars Day

Wednesday 5th June is our Times Tables Rock Stars and Number Day. Years 2–6, come to school dressed as your favourite rock star! Nursery, Reception Year and Year 1 can dress up as a number or anything to do with numbers. It will be a day filled with lots of maths fun!

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 leavers hoodies are now available to order via ParentPay. The hoodies come in a range of colours and sizes – we have sample hoodies in the school office if pupils would like to try one on for size. Please remember to state size and colour required when placing your order. Orders must be received via ParentPay by Monday 20th May. No orders can be accepted after this date. The hoodies will be delivered to school shortly before the end of term. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

School Dinners

SUMMER 2024 MENU

Week commencing Monday 29th April – Week 3
Week commencing Tuesday 7th May – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 13th May – Week 2

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

Year 6

Year 6 SATs will take place during the week commencing Monday 13th May. SATs breakfast will be served each day, free of charge, to all Year 6 pupils at 8.30am in Mrs Bower's classroom.

Eco Schools Event

Well done to our Year 6 team of Millie, Freya S and Nicole, for representing our school so well at a recent eco event. The students had to create a planet saving idea and make a presentation to a panel of adults, alongside 9 other schools. Our team had the idea to create flowers that would hold sugar water as a way to help the bee population around our school. We were awarded £150 and a lovely book all about bees, for our school library.



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:

Reception Year: Monday 8th July, 9.30am–10.30am

Years 1 and 2: Friday 5th July, 1.30pm–3.00pm

Years 3 and 4: Monday 1st July 1.30pm–3.00pm

Years 5 and 6: Wednesday 10th July, 9.15am–10.45am

Nursery parents will be notified separately when the Nursery sports and games day will be held.

Bikes and Scooters

Reminder: Any pupils who use their bike or scooter to and from school should wear a helmet please.

Scooters and buggies should not be stored in front of the school office and nursery area, but taken home.

SEND Parents

Support for parents and carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Drop in coffee afternoon and chat in school
1.45pm – 2.45pm on

Monday 17th June 2024

Monday 15th July 2024

Come along for an informal chat



Trips and Activities now booking

- Year 3 trip to Danbury Country Park
- Year 6 leavers hoodies
- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 trip to Frinton
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Current Year 5 residential trip



Nursery

We will shortly be allocating places in our Nursery for September. We can accept children into Nursery from the age of 3. If you would like to register your child for a September start, please contact the school office.

Sports



2024 is an Olympic year and we are running the Bunyan Olympics again this term during PE lessons. Each class has been allocated a country to earn points for and classes will earn points by competing in events, making the most creative flag for their country and teamwork.

Points will be updated every Friday during assembly to let the children know which country is winning.

We hope the children will enjoy this event!

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd May – Mad Science Day

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Week commencing Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May – PTFA cinema evening for Years 1 and 2

Thursday 16th May – Year 3 trip to Danbury Country Park

Wednesday 22nd May – PTFA disco for Years 5 and 6

Thursday 23rd May – PTFA disco for Years 3 and 4

Friday 24th May – Non-Pupil Day for staff training

Week commencing Monday 27th May – Half Term holiday

Monday 3rd June – Back to School

Monday 1st July – Years 3 and 4 Sports Day, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Friday 5th July – Years 1 and 2 Sports Day, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Monday 8th July – Reception Year Sports Day, 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 10th July Years 5 and 6 Sports Day, 9.15am – 10.45am

Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024

Half Term Holiday Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24th May, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Attendance Matters

At John Bunyan we value good attendance and punctuality.

Leave of Absence

The school is not permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Evidence of exceptional circumstances needs to be provided alongside a completed leave of absence form. Forms are available from the School Office. If you have any queries, please ask the School Office.

If an absence request is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the Local Authority can issue a penalty notice.

Be Punctual

We expect pupils to be in school before the gates close, ready to start learning. If pupils are on time they will be calm and ready to begin learning. They will not miss out on the vital introduction to a lesson or feel anxious about walking into a classroom once the lesson has started.

Let us know

We do understand that children become ill. If that is the case, please remember to phone the school by 9.30am on the first day of illness.

Absence Line: 01376 321814, option 1

Illness:

Children should not be in school:

- For 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea
- If they have anything contagious. Your doctor or the school will be able to advise you on when they should return.
- Until you have discussed any broken bones or fractures with the school

If you are not sure, please speak to the school.

Please think carefully before keeping your child at home

**90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK.
1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED!
Learning and achievement will be severely affected.**

Attendance

Attendance is important
Together we can achieve the best for each child
There is advice and support for parent/carers
Establishing good habits from the start
Not being in school affects life opportunities
Discuss with your child what goes on in school
Arriving late can be disruptive
Notify the school when your child is absent
Celebrate good attendance
EVERY DAY COUNTS

Above all we want your child to be happy and successful at school and we believe that only by working in partnership with you, will this be possible.