



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 31st March, 2023

This term we have welcomed Elizabeth Bartholomew as Executive Head into John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her wealth of experience and expertise as we move into a new term with our new Head Teacher, Lisa Waters. We wish her well for the future.

Reminder

Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
Non-Pupil Day for staff training: Monday 17th April
Back to school: Tuesday 18th April

After School Clubs

New after school clubs will start for the Summer term after we return from the Easter holidays. You will be able to choose these in the Easter holidays. A notification will be sent.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5 & 6)
- Home School Agreements
- Spruces swimming
- Residential trip 2024 (current Year 5 pupils)



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We are very excited to announce that we have organised a 4 day (3 night) residential trip at Kingswood in West Runton in Norfolk. This will take place between Tuesday 19th and Friday 22nd March 2024. There will be a range of fantastic activities for the children to take part in. Please see ParentPay for further information and to book your child's place.

Singing Club

Year 2 Singing Club took part in Braintree Sings last week. A massive well done to all the children, they sang beautifully and were a credit to John Bunyan.



School Dinners

Week commencing Tuesday 18th April – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 24th April – Week 2
Week commencing Tuesday 2nd May – Week 3

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.

Attendance Matters

Every student is expected by the **Government** to maintain at least 96.1% attendance. Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better life chances.

Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason (01376 321814).

Lateness

Obviously occasional late arrival at school can be unavoidable, however, when lateness is more frequent the children concerned may become anxious and miss valuable teaching times. Lateness also causes disruption to the class and therefore we are asking for your co-operation to ensure that your child/children attend punctually.

Foundation Stage and Lower School (Years R, 1, 2): Gates open 8.45 am and registration closes 8.55 am
Middle and Upper School (Years 3, 4, 5, 6): Gates open 8.40 am and registration closes 8.55 am.

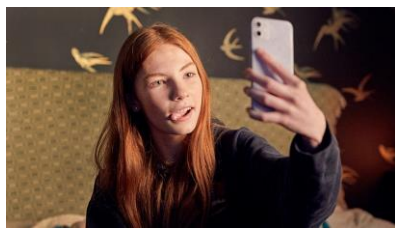
Children arriving after 8.55 am are required to come into the school via the school office with a parent/carer who must sign them in.

Holidays and absence in Term Time

It is the position of the Local Authority that pupils should not be granted leave of absence in term time unless for an **exceptional reason**. To comply with the attendance regulations parents **MUST** please complete an absence request form for any time that they are planning to take their child out of school, even if they know that it will be unauthorised. It is the directive of the Local Authority that if a parent decides to take their child out of school for **5 days or more** that they will incur a Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child. This money does not go to the school but to the Local Authority.

Online safety

Keeping children safe online | NSPCC



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Understanding online safety is tricky for all ages – the NSPCC has advice and guides to help you learn about staying safe online as a family.

www.nspcc.org.uk

Year 4 Swimming

Spruces class will start swimming on Monday 24th April, after the Easter holidays.

Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to all the children who are completing their Mathletics homework and using the TTRockstars at home to practise their times tables. The high scorers for this half term were:

<u>Mathletics – most points earned</u>	<u>TTRockstars – most coins earned</u>
1st: Rowans, year 5 - 184,230	1st: Junipers, year 5 - 1,361,488
2nd: Elders, year 6 - 86,150	2nd: Chestnuts, year 4 - 934,127
3rd: Willows, year 3 - 81,430	3rd: Spruces, year 4 - 907,739

Keep up the good work everyone!

Diary Dates

Friday 31st March – Last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Easter holidays, school closed

Monday 17th April – Non pupil day for staff training

Tuesday 18th April – Back to School for start of the Summer Term

Wednesday 19th April – Reception Year heights and weights check

Monday 24th April – Class/Group photos in school

Monday 24th April – First swimming for Spruces class

Thursday 8th June – Year 5 trip to Sutton Hoo

Thursday 8th June – Reception Year road safety event

Friday 9th June – Year 5 road safety event

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June – Termly Learning Conferences

Friday 23rd June – Year 4 trip to Abberton Reservoir

Tuesday 4th July – Sports day for Upper School (Years 5 and 6)

Wednesday 5th July – Sports day for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 5th July – Year 6 trip to Frinton

Thursday 6th July – Sports day for Middle School (Years 3 and 4)

Friday 21st July – Last day of Summer term, break up for the holidays

Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Spring Term: **Thursday 5th January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023**

Half Term Holiday Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Summer Term: **Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023**

Half Term Holiday Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May, Monday 8th May

Have a lovely Easter Holiday

