



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and full Spring term this has been! The children have been fantastic in school, and also representing the school in many of the wider educational experiences that they have had, from singing at the O2, challenging themselves on their residential, representing the school as part of one of the football teams and many more experiences in between. Please have a look at the school blog on the website for photos from the term.

As many of our children may spend a little more time online, I have linked the NSPCC guidance for parents on how to support children keeping safe online - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We hope that you all have a fun filled Easter Break (hopefully with some sunshine) and we look forward to seeing you all return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Waters

### **Reminder**

Last day of term: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Return to School: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### **Term Dates 2024-25**

Next year's term dates are attached, for your information. These are also available to view on the school website.

### **Childcare Vouchers**

Under the Government childcare voucher scheme, from April working parents may be able to request childcare vouchers from their employer towards the cost of breakfast club. If you are interested and you know that your employer takes part in this scheme then please email the school office [admin@johnbunyan.co.uk](mailto:admin@johnbunyan.co.uk)

### **School Dinners**

After the Easter holidays, we will be using our Summer 2024 dinner menu.

Week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Week 1  
Week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Week 2  
Week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Week 3

A copy of the new dinner menu is attached, for your information. Copies are always available to view on our website [www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) under the "Parents" tab and paper copies are available from the school office.

### **Sports**

Well done to the pupils who played in our two recent football fixtures. We won 2 – nil against Great Bradfords Juniors and drew 2 – 2 against Bocking Primary.

### **Trips and Activities now booking**

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Reception Year trip to Gemma's Farm
- Year 6 photo permission
- Year 5 trip to Science Museum



### **Battle of the Bands**

Over the Easter holidays, we are encouraging the children to practice their times tables on TT Rock Stars, in a battle of the bands competition. Each class will compete in their year group and prizes will be awarded to winning classes. Pupils who top the charts will also win awards. The battle will go live at 3.15pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and finish at 8.00pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck everyone and get practicing!

### Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you see any signs of headlice. Please make sure all children are checked before they come back to school for the summer term.

We would encourage pupils with long hair to wear their hair tied back in school.

### Class Photos

The school photographer will be here on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for our class photos.

### Scooters

Please take home any scooters, bikes or pushchairs which you may have left outside the school office. Any items left by main reception over the holidays will be disposed of.

### Breakfast Club

We currently have a few spaces in our breakfast club. Breakfast club starts at 8.00am and there is a weekly cost of £10.00 (regardless of how many days your child attends). We have tried to keep costs low and are very reasonable compared to other providers but we cannot sustain the breakfast club without charging the weekly fee.

For those children already in breakfast club, from the Summer term you will be charged £10.00 every Monday and not £2.00 per day as it shows in your ParentPay now. This will need to be paid in advance or on the day.

One-off emergency breakfast club places will be charged a flat rate of £5.00.

If you have any queries, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Pickard.

### Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to all the children who are completing their Mathletics homework and using TTRockstars at home to practice their times tables. The highest scoring classes for this half term were:

#### Mathletics – most points earned

1st: Willows, year 4 – 41,797  
2nd: Rowans, year 6 – 24,850  
3rd: Birches, year 5 – 19,709

#### TTRockstars – most coins earned

1st: Oaks, year 4 – 234,274  
2nd: Conifers, year 4 – 186,140  
3rd: Willows, year 4 – 155,944

Our individual top scorers were:

For Mathletics:

1st: Erika (Rowans): 16,660  
2nd: Vaiga (Willows): 8,685  
3rd: Alex (Elms): 8,561

For TTRockstars:

1st: Raul (Chestnuts): 41,149  
2nd: Muhammed (Conifers): 33,555  
3rd: Paige (Birches): 29,206

Congratulations to everyone who received their 'Gone Green' certificate this week for turning their heatmap green on TTRS.

**Keep up the good work everyone!**

*Thank You*

A big thank you to everyone who took part in the Easter egg hunt

We raised  
£75.65 profit.

So amazing and couldn't be done without those taking part.

From the PTFA Team

### Singing Club

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



# Diary Dates

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school. Start of the summer term  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Reception Year trips to Gemma's Farm  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Class photos  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 trip to Science Museum, London  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Mad Science Day  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (school closed)  
Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS week  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – PTFA event for Years 1 and 2  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – PTFA event for Years 5 and 6  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – PTFA event for Years 3 and 4  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Non-Pupil Day for staff training  
Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term holiday

## Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

**Summer Term:** **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*  
*Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

## Have a lovely Easter Holiday

