



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 25th April 2025

Reminder

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May – School closed

Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 pupils are currently working hard towards their SATs tests, which will take place in school 12th -15th May.

All Year 6 pupils are invited to join their friends for a free SATs breakfast every morning of their tests, from 8.20am in Miss Stiff's classroom. Enter via the Key Stage 2 gate.

School Dinners

SUMMER 2025 MENU

Week commencing Monday 28th April – Week 2

Week commencing Tuesday 6th May – Week 3

Week commencing Monday 12th May – Week 1

The school dinner menu is always available to view on the school website and paper copies are available from the school office.

SEND Parents

The Parent Support Group will continue this year. It will still be on an informal basis. However, if there is something in particular you would like to discuss within the meeting/chat then feel free to ask Mrs Powell or Mrs Thatcher. The group offers support for parents and carers with children **of any age** with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities: Drop in for coffee and chat, 1.45 – 2.45pm

The remaining dates for this year are:

Monday 19th May

Monday 30th June



Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Maples, Pines, Hawthorns to Gemma's Farm
- Cedars, Elders, Larches to Discovery Centre
- Year 5 trip to Layer Marney Tower
- Year 6 leavers hoodies



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 will 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 Friday 16th 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.

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.

Swimming

Elms have now finished their swimming sessions. Sycamores will start their swimming lessons on Monday 28th April. Please ensure the children have their swimming kit every Monday. Swimming hats are available to buy from the school via ParentPay.

Class Photos

The school photographer will be here on Wednesday 4th June for our class photos.

Science Day

On Tuesday 6th May we will celebrate Science Day.

We would love for the Children (and staff) to dress up as mad scientists or someone to do with Science, such as a scientist who has inspired them. This is for all year groups, including Nursery. There will be a range of science activities throughout the day and prizes for the best dressed scientists! If your child is not dressing up, they must come to school in school uniform as normal.

During the day there will be an engaging science show led by the Royal Society, for Reception Year, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils.

From 5.00pm – 6.00pm we will be enjoying an exciting science show for the whole community. Thanks for the great response – all the tickets for this have now been allocated.



After-School Clubs

After school clubs are available to book via ParentPay.

The Year 6 homework clubs will finish on 7th May.

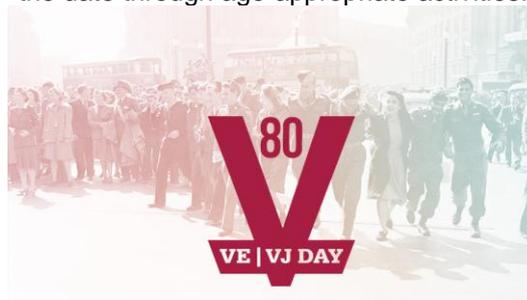
Reminder

Any pupils who use their bike or scooter to and from school should wear a helmet please. Bike and scooter storage is provided outside Key Stage 2 for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

Scooters and buggies should not be stored in front of the school office and Nursery area, but should be taken home please. We do not have enough space for them to be stored on site.

VE Day 80

We will mark VE Day 80 on Thursday 8th May. The children will learn about the significance of the date through age-appropriate activities.



Tabor Taster Days

Our Year 6 pupils who will be going to Tabor Academy in September will have two taster days there: Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June.

Pupils should go straight to Tabor on those days and not come here first.

Sports News

8 pupils from Key Stage 1 were taken to a multi-sports event at Bocking School. The children all enjoyed the skills of the various events on offer. They learnt handball, boxing and archery, as well as taking on the bouncy obstacle course!



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. Please make every effort to arrive on time.

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.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th April – Swimming starts for Sycamores
Tuesday 29th April – Hawthorns class trip to Gemma's Farm
Wednesday 30th April – Pines class trip to Gemma's Farm
Wednesday 30th April – Year 6 Cyber workshops
Thursday 1st May – Maples class trip to Gemma's Farm
Friday 2nd May – Year 5 trip to Layer Marney Tower
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday, school closed
Tuesday 6th May – Science Show
Wednesday 7th May – Sycamores class assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 8th May – VE Day 80
Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs
Friday 23rd May – Non-pupil Day, school closed for staff training
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May – Half term holiday, school closed
Tuesday 3rd June – Cedars, Elders and Larches classes trip to Discovery Centre
Wednesday 4th June – School photographer here - class photos
Thursday 26th June – Friday 27th June – Year 6 transition days at Tabor Academy
Thursday 10th July – PTFA inflatables day (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Term Dates for 2024-2025 Academic Year

Summer Term: *Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Tuesday 22nd July 2025*
Half Term Holiday Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May
Non-Pupil Days: Friday 23rd May, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July
Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

The term dates for the academic year 2025-26 are now on our school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk under the 'Parents' tab