



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### Reminder

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Non-pupil day, school closed for staff training  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term holiday, school closed

#### Year 6 SATs

The Year 6 pupils have been working hard towards their SATs tests, which will take place in school **12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Year 6 homework clubs have now finished.

#### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Cedars, Elders, Larches to Discovery Centre
- Year 6 leavers hoodies
- Girls football match



#### 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, weather permitting:

Reception Year: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm

Years 1 and 2: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15am

Years 3 and 4: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1.40pm

Years 5 and 6: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1.40pm

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

#### STEM Workshops

This week we launched an exciting project with Engineering for Kids and Braintree District Cultural Education Partnership (BDCEP) involving six STEM Days designed to ignite a passion for science, technology, engineering and mathematics among young learners. This innovative joint venture will bring hands-on, interactive STEM workshops to our children with activities set to inspire creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving

#### School Dinners

##### **SUMMER 2025 MENU**

Week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Week 2

Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Week 3

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 19<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June



#### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Year 6 leavers hoodies are 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 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Class Photos

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

### Year 6 - Senior School Taster Days

Our Year 6 pupils will be moving on to senior school in September and will have taster days at their new schools, as follows

Tabor Academy - 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Alec Hunter Academy - 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June

Notley High - 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June

Honywood School - 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June

Great Baddow High School - 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June

St John Payne School - 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> June

Pupils should go straight to their senior school on their taster days and not come here first.

### VE Day 80

We celebrated VE Day 80 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The children learned about the significance of the date through various activities in school and we all observed the national two minutes silence.



### 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.

### Reminder

Please do not use bad language around the school, including outside when waiting to collect your children. There are young children around and it is not acceptable to be swearing in front of them. Thank you.

### Sweets in School

Following updated guidance, pupils will be allowed to bring in 'wrapped' sweets to send home with their friends on their birthday, if they wish to do so. Sweets will be sent home for parents to assess if they contain any allergens and must not be consumed in school.

Thank you.

### Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you see any signs of headlice. We would encourage pupils with long hair to wear their hair tied back in school and nursery.

### Science Day

Our Science Day this week was a fantastic celebration of curiosity, creativity and all things scientific. The day featured impressive science-themed costumes, thrilling experiments, and an unforgettable science show that had students buzzing with enthusiasm. A major highlight was the thrilling science show hosted by The Royal Society, titled "Explosive Food!" This dynamic performance showcased fascinating experiments involving everyday food items. Children were captivated by jaw-dropping demonstrations.

Throughout the day, classrooms turned into mini-labs where children took part in hands-on experiments. These interactive sessions encouraged students to think critically, ask questions, and explore science in a fun and engaging way. To finish the day, we invited families to join us for a special Community Show. With dramatic launches and powerful demonstrations, it was a brilliant way to bring everyone together and end the day with a bang - quite literally! The day was a wonderful mix of learning and fun, leaving everyone inspired and more curious than ever about the world of science.



# Diary Dates

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Girls football match against Rayne Primary School  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Non-pupil Day, school closed for staff training  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term holiday, school closed  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Cedars, Elders and Larches classes trip to Discovery Centre  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – School photographer here - class photos  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Spruces and Maples classes to Braintree Library  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Chestnuts and Hawthorns classes to Braintree Library  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Wild Art workshops in school for all Year 3 pupils  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Birches and Pines classes to Braintree Library  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 transition days  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Larches class to Braintree Library  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Years 3 and 4 Sports Day (afternoon)  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Years 5 and 6 Sports Day (afternoon)  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Cedars class to Braintree Library  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Year Sports Day (afternoon)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Years 1 and 2 Sports Day (morning)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – PTFA inflatables day (3.30pm – 5.30pm)  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 Animal Antics Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Elders class to Braintree Library  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 celebration trip to Frinton  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers performance (evening) – details to follow  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

## 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](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) under the 'Parents' tab**