



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 11th July 2025

Advance Notice

School will finish at 1.20pm on Friday 18th July, when we break up for the summer holidays.

We return to school on Tuesday 2nd September.

September

For those pupils remaining in nursery and not starting school in September, Nursery starts back after the summer holidays on 8th September 2025.

Headteacher Message

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, we want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. From school events and trips to day-to-day learning, it's been a year full of growth, achievements, and memorable moments. We couldn't do it without your partnership. We wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Mrs Waters

Open Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our open afternoon on Tuesday. The classrooms looked busy and the children were very proud to share their work, which was lovely to see.

School Dinners **SUMMER 2025 MENU**

Week commencing Monday 14th July – Week 3

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

When we return to school in September, we will use the same menu (Summer 2025) and will start back on **Week 1**.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Year 3 trip to Layer Marney
- Year 6 trip to Frinton
- Young Voices at the O2



Year 6 Leavers Performance

We are delighted to invite Year 6 parents and carers to the Year 6 End of Year Production, The Wizard of Oz, to be held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 6.00pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. The children need to arrive back at school at 5:30pm to change into their costumes. Parents will then begin to be seated at 5:45pm. We kindly request that only 2 people, per child, come to watch the show, no need to book seats.

In addition, our annual awards assembly for Year 6 will be at 9:15am on Thursday 17th July 2025. Parents are invited to attend the awards assembly, but again no more than 2 attendees per child. Please arrive via the Key Stage 2 gate.

Earrings

If your child wishes to have their ears pierced over the summer break, please ensure that this is done early in the holidays so that the earrings can be removed for PE by the time they come back to school in September. Small stud earrings only should be worn in school.

PTFA Inflation Day



PTFA Inflation Day will be held on Thursday 17th July.

Entry will be by wristband, available to buy on the day or beat the queues and buy in advance from the PTFA.



Looking for free things to do with the children this summer? The *Free Family-Friendly Events in Mid Essex* guide is packed with activities across Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon. You can explore the full list of events and updates online.

 Digital booklet: [Mid Essex Summer Events Booklet](#)

 Full guide: [Mid Essex Summer Events Online Guide](#)

Reading

Please keep reading with your child over the holidays. Comics, story books and fact books all count!



Turn the Subtitles on and help your child learn to read! Research shows that by simply turning on the subtitles on your television exposes children to countless words. This can help your child learn to read by helping them to establish a link between the written word and the spoken word.

Turn On The Subtitles Read As You Watch



So curl up on the sofa this summer, enjoy a family film together and turn on the subtitles

Story Garden, the Summer Reading Challenge 2025, launches in all Essex Libraries on Saturday 19 July 2025 and runs until Saturday 6 September 2025. Children of all ages can join in, the challenge is to read six books or do reading-related activities and children will collect a sticker for each achievement. Children completing the activity also get a medal and certificate. As well as being great fun, it can also help prevent a reading dip over the long summer break.

Reminder: Uniform for September

GIRLS:

- Grey or black skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White blouse/shirt/polo shirt/dark green polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece.
- In summer, green and white gingham dress or grey/black shorts are optional.

BOYS:

- Grey or black trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt/dark green polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt or fleece.
- In summer grey/black shorts are optional.

School socks should be grey, black or white. Sports socks should not be worn, except for PE. Leggings and cycling shorts are NOT permitted and denim is also not allowed.

BOYS AND GIRLS – PE KIT:

- Green or black shorts
- Plain white T shirt
- Black plimsols, Light training shoes can be used for outdoor work
- House coloured T shirt

Uniform items are available from www.myclothing.com

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not appropriate for safety reasons and should not be worn for school. The Essex County Council policy is that **NO** earrings should be worn for P.E. Please ensure that your child does not wear them on the day their class has P.E if they cannot remove them on their own. Small studs only are permitted at all other times.

Hair and make up

We advise that children with long hair have it tied back. Haircuts/colour that attract additional attention from other children are not suitable for school and cause unwanted distractions, often resulting in children becoming upset. Make up is **not** permitted in school.

Shoes

Children should wear plain black footwear; black school shoes or pure black trainers are acceptable.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th July – Year 6 celebration trip to Frinton
Monday 14th July – Nursery AM celebration of learning, 11.00 – 11.45am
Monday 14th July – Nursery PM celebration of learning, 2.15 – 3.00pm
Tuesday 15th July – Year 3 Wild Arts Outreach performance at Layer Marney
Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 leavers performance (evening)
Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 17th July – PTFA inflatables afternoon (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Friday 18th July – Last day of term, **early finish at 1.20pm**

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