



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 12th September 2025

Welcome

Welcome back to all our pupils and families. We hope you have all had enjoyable summers and that you have settled back into the routines of school and nursery.

We're excited to share our new school vision and values, developed in partnership with our whole school community. After gathering feedback from children, staff, parents and governors, we've created a vision that reflects who we are and what we aspire to be:

"Our school is a place where kindness leads, resilience grows and every learner is inspired to achieve their full potential with purpose and pride."

To support this vision, we have also introduced four new core values that will shape everything we do – PARK: Pride, Achievement, Responsibility and Kindness. These values will guide our learning, behaviour and school culture, ensuring every child feels supported, challenged and celebrated.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Waters

Clubs

After school clubs start next week (week commencing 15th September). Clubs will not run during the week commencing 20th October, due to Termly Learning Conferences taking place in school.

School Dinners **SUMMER 2025 MENU**

Week commencing Monday 8th Sept – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 15th Sept – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 22nd Sept – Week 1

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

Trips and Activities now booking

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



Snack

The school provides a nutritious snack to all Foundation Stage children (Reception & Nursery) each day. We kindly ask parents to make a small contribution of £1 per week towards the cost of this, payable via ParentPay. Key stage 1 pupils (Years 1 and 2) have fresh fruit available every day and Key stage 2 pupils (Years 3 - 6) continue to have Fruit Friday. Pupils may bring in a healthy snack from home, to eat at morning breaktime. This should be a piece of fruit or a fruit based cereal bar please. Thank you for your support.

Open afternoons

This year we would like to invite parents and carers into school once per half term at 2.30pm, for a special afternoon session where your child will be able to share a range of their work with you. These sessions can include reading with your child, but will also provide an opportunity for children to showcase what they have been learning across the curriculum.

Here are the dates for this academic year:

17th October 2025
13th February 2026
27th March 2026
21st May 2026
8th July 2026

We hope that you will continue to enjoy coming into school to celebrate your child's achievements.

Reminder – PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. The kit should include a plain white T shirt, green or black shorts and plimsoles or trainers. Pupils can wear a dark coloured tracksuit, jogging bottoms or similar for outdoor PE lessons, if they wish. Please take out earrings on PE days if your child cannot do so themselves, and remember small stud earrings only should be worn in school at other times.

Reminder

Please remember we are a nut-free school
Please make sure your child's lunch box does not contain nuts or foods with traces of nuts in them such as Nutella chocolate spread.
Thank you for your support.

Lunchboxes

Lunchboxes and drinks bottles should be plastic or metal. No glass please.

Parent Support Group

Support for parents/carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Themed drop in Coffee Afternoon
1:45pm – 2:45pm

Wednesday 15th October 2025: One Planning process

Wednesday 3rd December 2025: Emotional Regulation



Come in for an informal chat
Contact Mrs Powell or Mrs Lewis for further details

School Applications – Year 6 Parents

If your child is in year 6, you can apply for a secondary school (year 7) place from today (12th September 2025) until 31st October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above or search the Essex County Council website.

e-scooters

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership has asked us to share the attached leaflet regarding the use of e-scooters. Please note it is illegal for children to ride e-scooters in public places.

Message to Upper School parents:

We have been asked to share with you details of Notley High School & Sixth Form Open Morning on Saturday 27 September 2025, as follows:

- General Open Morning: 9:30am – 12:30pm
- 9.15am start for any family with children with additional needs

Join for:

- Headteacher's welcome talk, at 10am and again at 11am
- Student-led tours of our school and facilities
- Hands-on activities across a range of subjects, perfect for curious young visitors
- A visit to our brand new 4G sports pitch
- Meet the pastoral team and learn about our wellbeing and transition support
- Drop into our SEND department and see how we support every student
- Speak to teachers and staff from all areas of the school
- Take time out to sample our delicious canteen food
- Learn about our Year 7 transition programme and how we can help your child feel settled and confident

Whether you're just starting to think about secondary schools or have questions before applying, we'd love to welcome you and your child to experience our school community.

Please click the link below to book a place at our Headteacher's Talk:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notley-high-school-open-morning-tickets-1488453768289?aff=oddtcreator>

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.

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.**

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 15th September – After-school clubs commence
Sunday 28th September – School choir performing at Church at 11.45am (details to follow)
Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th October – Year 6 residential trip
Friday 17th October – Open afternoon for your child at 2.30pm
Monday 20th October – Thursday 23rd October – Termly Learning Conferences (details to follow)
Wednesday 22nd October – Thursday 23rd October – Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Friday 24th October – Non-Pupil Day, school is closed for staff training
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October – Half Term Holiday
Monday 3rd November – Back to school
Tuesday 11th November – Flu immunisations
Wednesday 19th November – School photos

Term Dates for 2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025
Half Term 27 October – 31 October
Non-Pupil Days Monday 1 September, Friday 24 October

Spring Term: Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026
Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026
Half Term 25 May – 29 May
May Bank Holiday - 4 May
Non-Pupil Days Friday 22 May, Monday 1 June, Monday 20 July