



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 26th September 2025

PARK

A reminder that we have introduced four new core values that will shape everything we do – PARK: Pride, Achievement, Resilience and Kindness. These values will guide our learning, behaviour and school culture.

Harvest

Harvest assemblies will be held in school on Monday 6th October. We would welcome any donations of tinned or packet food (not fresh food), which will be passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need. If you are able to make a donation of food, please could your child bring this into school on

Monday 6th October.

Thank you.



School Dinners **SUMMER 2025 MENU**

Week commencing Monday 29th September – Week 2

Week commencing Monday 6th October – Week 3

Week commencing Monday 13th October – 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.

Clubs

Please note after-school clubs will not run during the week commencing 20th October, due to Termly Learning Conferences taking place in school.

Open afternoons

Parents and carers are invited 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.

Trips and Activities now booking

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



PTFA

We would like to invite you to attend the first PTFA meeting of the year, and AGM. The PTFA is a community group made up of staff, parents and family & friends of children at the school.

As a group, the PTFA get together to organise events to help the school raise money to buy the things that our children would not otherwise have in school.

We would love as many people as possible to attend and bring some new and exciting ideas for fund raising.

The first meeting this term will be held on
Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 9.15am.

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.

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

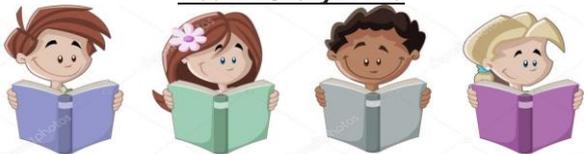
Wednesday 15th October 2025: One Planning process

Wednesday 3rd December 2025: Emotional Regulation



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

Year 1 Story Time



Teacher-led story time sessions with your Year 1 child will be held in the school library every Tuesday, on a half-termly basis as follows:

Oaks (Miss Walton) - Tuesdays from 23rd September to 21st October.

Conifers (Mrs Wright & Mrs Cutmore) - Tuesdays from 11th November to 9th December.

Willows (Mrs Mills) - Tuesdays from 13th January 2026 to 10th February.

These story time sessions will run from 2.40pm to 3.00pm.



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.

Online Safety

We would like to remind parents to monitor their children's use of WhatsApp and Snapchat, which can cause issues that are then brought into school and can impact friendships and learning.

Parents are urged to:

- Set clear boundaries for online use, especially at night.
- Monitor their children's devices and online activity.
- Use parental controls to limit access to harmful content.
- Talk openly with their children about online safety.
- Encourage children to report any uncomfortable or unsafe experiences online.



There is further information about online safety on the school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk under the "Parents" tab, together with links to other useful information.

Request

Please treat our neighbours near the school with respect, We have received complaints of children running on driveways and climbing onto garden walls. If your children walk on ahead of you, please be aware of where they are.

Thank you.

Reception Year 2026 Intake

We will be holding an open morning for parents of children who will be starting Reception Year in September 2026. Come along for a tour of our Foundation Stage area and ask any questions: Saturday 8th November, 10.30am – 12.00pm.

Diary Dates

Sunday 28th September – School choir performing at Church at 11.45am
Monday 6th October – Harvest Assembly
Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th October – Year 6 residential trip
Wednesday 15th October – Year 5 road safety sessions
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