



# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Reminder

Non-Pupil Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Half Term Holiday: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October

### Harvest

Harvest assemblies will be held in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Attached is the Food Bank shopping list.



### TLC Week

After School Clubs will not run during the week commencing **30<sup>th</sup> October** due to Termly Learning Conferences taking place in school. Year 1 story time sessions will also not take place during that week.

### PTFA

We would like to invite all parents to attend the first PTFA meeting of the year. This is a community group made up of staff, parents and family & friends of children at the school. Persons fulfilling this criteria are automatically members of the PTFA.

As a group, we get together each half term to have a cup of coffee and we organise events to help the school raise money to buy the things that our children would not otherwise have.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 9.15am.

### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Week 2  
Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Week 3  
Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Week 1

On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, there will be a slight change to the dinner menu, as follows:

Crunchy chicken in a wrap or  
Vegan nugget wrap  
with optional mayonnaise/sweet chilli sauce  
sweetcorn/noodle salad/coleslaw/salad bar  
and  
John Bunyan Special Chocolate Brownie

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website [www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) and paper copies are available from the school office.

### Save the Date

Pupils can **wear something spotty** for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. (If they do not have something spotty, children may wear their own clothes for the day)

Donations to Children in Need can be made via ParentPay or online, at

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

Please do not send cash donations into school.

Thank you.



### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 residential trip 2024
- Home School Agreements
- After school clubs
- Year 3 classes to Braintree Library
- Conifers class to Braintree Museum
- Year 4 to Colchester Castle



### **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.

### **Foundation Stage Parents and Carers (Reception Year and Nursery)**

Please remember to bring in your child's birth certificate or passport to the school office for us to check we have their correct date of birth on our computer system.  
Many thanks.

### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

Please remember that when you make a purchase at a local Tesco store, from next week until mid-January, you can pop your blue token into the voting container to support our application for a grant to build a sensory garden for our SEND children.

Stores taking part are: Braintree Town Centre, Mark's Farm, Great Notley and Tesco Express in Coggeshall Road. Please tell all your friends and family to vote for us!



### **SEND Parents**

Support for parents and carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Drop in coffee afternoon and chat in school  
1.45pm – 2.45pm on  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Come along for an informal chat



### **Toilets**

When parents and pupils line up in the morning, ready to come in to school, please do not allow your children to go to the toilet in the bushes. We have had some complaints that this is taking place.

### **School Applications – Year 6 Parents**

The new secondary school admission round opened on 12<sup>th</sup> September, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

All of the application information is available on the website above.

### **School Lottery**

Don't forget our school lottery – use the link below for further information. This is open to parents, carers, friends and relatives, and monies raised help fund projects and resources for the school and nursery.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/john-bunyan-primary-school-and-nursery>

**Good luck and tell your friends and family!**

Mathletics - Top 3  
classes

Willows - 76,717  
Poplars - 40,618  
Junipers - 37,583

TTRS - Top 3 classes

Oaks - 90,516  
Chestnuts - 82,577  
Junipers - 66,211

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Conifers class to visit Braintree Museum  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Assemblies  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 talk by Essex Fire and Rescue  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Non-Pupil Day  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Termly Learning Conferences  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Elms class to visit Braintree Library  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisations  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Sycamores class to visit Braintree Library  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Duxford  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – School photographs  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Firs class to visit Braintree Library  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays

## Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

- Autumn Term:** **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October*
- Spring Term:** **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February*
- Summer Term:** **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*  
*Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*