



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 13th January, 2023

Welcome



My name is Mrs Bartholomew and I will be here at John Bunyan two days a week throughout the Spring Term, as an Executive Leader. My role here will be one of collaboration and consultation with the co-heads and to support the Senior Leadership Team, until your new head teacher arrives at Easter. I am currently in my tenth year of headship, having been a head teacher in Suffolk first, and now in Harwich, Essex. I have been teaching for over 28 years in a variety of schools (two of which have been Braintree schools!) including a while working for the local authority and have a wealth of experience to share with your school.

Living Streets

Last term we worked closely with Living Streets, a charity assigned by Essex County Council to improve the traffic situation on Lancaster Way. As part of this initiative, the children took part in a drawing competition and we are pleased to announce the winners for each small school as:

Isla N in Foundation Stage
Damiano B in Lower School
Mia B in Middle School
Joseph C in Upper School

Well done to them all. Each winner will receive a £10 voucher, with the ultimate winner having their design on a road sign on Lancaster Way.
Good Luck everyone!

After School Clubs

After school clubs start next week (week commencing 16th January) and finish week commencing 20th March. There will be no clubs during TLC week (27th February – 3rd March).

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Year 3 Egyptian day
- Year 1 trip to Hedingham Castle
- Young Carers referrals
- Year 6 residential trip health information

Please remember to check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any items. Thank you.



School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 16th January – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 23rd January – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 30th January – Week 2

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

Year 3 Egyptian Day

As part of their studies, Year 3 will be having an Egyptian day on Wednesday 18th January.

Further details are on ParentPay.

We would love the children to dress up for the day. They can wear a large white t-shirt with a sash/belt over their own clothes, to make it very simple.

Healthy Start

Check if you qualify for [Free Healthy Start Vouchers](#). With Healthy Start, you may be able to get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins for yourself and your child/ren. If you are pregnant and/or have children under the age of four and are on benefits, you could qualify.

Click here to check your eligibility.

[Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 children will be visiting Hedingham Castle on Tuesday 17th January 2023 for a day packed with activities. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes on this day.

Year 6 Residential Trip

If your Year 6 child will be attending Kingswood for their residential trip in March, we must ask you for information of any medical or dietary requirements. Please see the item on ParentPay to update us with this information.

NSPCC Number Day

We will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day on **3rd February 2023**. We will be doing lots of fun number activities and your child can join in and wear an item of clothing with a number on it. This can be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

Please use this link to support the NSPCC services such as Speak Out Stay Safe and Childline.

[Donate to Charity Online | Give to NSPCC today | NSPCC](#)

School Applications for Reception Year

You can now apply for a school place for your child to join us in Reception year in September 2023. **Applications are open until 15th January 2023**, via www.essex.gov.uk

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 23rd January
Monday 20th February
Monday 20th March
Monday 24th April

Parking

If you drive to school, please do not park in front of residents' driveways, even for a few minutes, and please remember the parking restrictions on the local roads, as we are aware that the wardens are now issuing parking tickets in this area.

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 tracksuit or similar for outdoor PE lessons, if they wish.

The Essex County Council policy is that NO earrings should be worn for PE. Please ensure that your child does not wear earrings on the day their class has PE if they cannot remove them on their own. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th January – After school clubs start
Tuesday 17th January – Year 1 trip to Hedingham Castle
Tuesday 17th January – Soft archery tournament for some Year 2 pupils
Wednesday 18th January – Year 3 Egyptian day
Monday 23rd January – School choir to Young Voices festival at the O2 Arena
Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – Half Term holiday
Monday 20th February – Back to school
Week commencing Monday 27th February – Termly Learning Conference week. NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day
7th, 8th and 9th March – Year 2 classes to Braintree Museum
Wednesday 8th March – Spacedome in school for Year 5
Monday 13th March – Living Eggs arrive in school
Monday 20th March – Last swimming for Chestnuts class
Thursday 23rd March – Last after school clubs
Tuesday 28th March – Reception Year trip to Boydells Farm
Friday 31st March – last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays

Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Spring Term: **Thursday 5th January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023**
Half Term Holiday Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Summer Term: **Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023**
Half Term Holiday Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Non-Pupil Day: Monday 17th April
Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May, Monday 8th May