



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 13th October 2023

Reminder

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

Termly Learning Conferences

Letters have been sent out in order for you to request an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

After School Clubs and Year 1 story time sessions will not run during TLC week (week commencing 30th October).

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 16th October – Week 1
Half Term Holiday

NEW MENU STARTS

Week commencing Monday 30th October – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 6th November – Week 2

The new dinner menu is attached, this will start after the half term holiday.

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.

Harvest

Thank you for your generous donations of food, which have been passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need.



Braintree Museum trip

Conifers class had a great day in the Victorian school room at Braintree Museum! Our school was invited to represent Braintree children at the event, which was attended by the Duke of Gloucester on his visit to the town.



Important Message

We have been made aware that recently there has been some negative discussion of school matters over social media groups. WhatsApps and Messenger groups can be a great means of communication for sharing information about school events, locating lost property and class parent socials. However, we would ask parents to be careful not to use social media as a tool to air any concerns or grievances about the school. Furthermore, they should be careful that things written are lawful.

We take our safeguarding and welfare of pupils very seriously and always deal with any reported incidents appropriately. Misinformation or false allegations can have a negative impact on the school and staff, and we would ask that if you do have concerns about anything to contact us in the first instance.

Please note that we are not on class WhatsApp groups and therefore we have no control of what is written on them. If you wish to communicate with us, please contact us in person, by phone or, if necessary, as an email to the school office.

Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you see any signs of headlice.

We would encourage pupils with long hair to wear their hair tied back in school.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 trip to Duxford
- Home School Agreements
- Year 4 to Colchester Castle
- Young Voices for Choir
- Tag rugby for some children



Green Team

Well done to the Green Team, who have achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag award.



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 16th October

Monday 27th November

Monday 18th December

Come along for an informal chat



School Applications for Reception Year 2024

From 6th November 2023 you can apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2024. Applications are open until 15th January 2024, via www.essex.gov.uk

School Applications – Year 6 Parents

The new secondary school admission round opened on 12th 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. All of the application information is available on the website above.

Save the Date

Pupils can **wear something spotty** for Children in Need on Friday 17th 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.



Diary Dates

Friday 20th October – Non-Pupil Day

Week commencing Monday 30th October – Termly Learning Conferences all week

Friday 3rd November – Elms class to visit Braintree Library

Tuesday 7th November – Flu immunisations

Friday 10th November – Sycamores class to visit Braintree Library

Friday 10th November – Year 6 trip to Duxford

Thursday 16th November – School photographs

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day (non-uniform)

Friday 17th November – Firs class to visit Braintree Library

Thursday 23rd November – Tag rugby event

Tuesday 28th November – Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays

Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

Autumn Term: **Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Wednesday 20th December 2023**

Half Term Holiday Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Non-Pupil Days: Monday 4th September and Friday 20th October

Spring Term: **Thursday 4th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024**

Half Term Holiday Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February

Summer Term: **Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024**

Half Term Holiday Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24th May, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May