



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 17th November 2023

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the harvest festival food donations, which were passed to Braintree Foodbank to help families in need in our area. The Foodbank have been in touch to let us know that we collected an amazing 249.72 kg of food and this will supply 225 meals.



After School Clubs

The last week for after school clubs will be **4th – 7th December**.

New clubs will start for the Spring Term when we return to school in January and we will notify you when these are available for children to choose.

Read and Count With Me Under a Tree

Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 packs are available for families to borrow at all local country parks (including The Discovery Centre at Notley). The Read and Count With Me Under a Tree bookbags are packed full of stories, activity sheets and top tips for families to use in the great outdoors. For more information, visit www.essexyearofnumbers.co.uk



Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Year 4 to Colchester Castle
- Hedingham Castle for Year 1
- Tag rugby for some children
- Choir performance at St Mary's Church
- Year 4 swimming



School Dinners

WINTER 2023 MENU

Week commencing Monday 20th November – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 27th November – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 4th December – Week 3

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.

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 27th November
Monday 18th December
Come along for an informal chat



Support Available

For parents who need support with managing their money, helping their child with their schoolwork or to boost their confidence at work, **Multiply** are on hand to support through a variety of face-to-face and virtual learning. For more information, please visit www.essexopportunities.co.uk/multiply

Online safety

May we please remind you to be vigilant of what children are watching online at home and ensure they are only accessing age-appropriate content.

There is lots of great advice about how to keep children safe online via the NSPCC website

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-online/)

If parents/carers have any queries or concerns in relation to online safety, these should be raised in the first instance with the headteacher and/or the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Cold Weather

Please ensure your children have clothing for cold weather with them each day, including a named warm coat and suitable shoes.

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

Children in Need Day

Donations to Children in Need can be made at <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11608>

PTFA

We are really excited that our PTFA will be holding a Christmas fayre in school this year. This will be held on Thursday 14th December from 3.30pm, with face painting, crafts, stalls, refreshments, Santa's Grotto (pre-booking essential) and a Grand Raffle. Raffle tickets and booking for Santa's grotto will be available from PTFA members on the playground in the mornings.

Remembrance



On Sunday 12th November, Jade, Harry and Thomas laid a poppy wreath on behalf of us all at the Remembrance Service at Bocking Public Gardens. We would like to thank them for representing our school so well.

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd November – Tag rugby event

Friday 24th November – Sycamores class to visit Braintree Library

Tuesday 28th November – Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 30th November – Year 2 Super Hero Day in school

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner

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

Christmas Diary Dates are attached

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

Christmas diary dates 2023

Wednesday 6 th December	Larches performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Thursday 7 th December	Cedars performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Friday 8 th December	Elders performance of Jesus' Christmas Party at 9.30am
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 4 performance of Dragon Days at 9.15am and 2pm.
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery Celebration am & pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 14 th December	Hazels performance of The Nativity at 9.15am
Thursday 14 th December	Beeches performance of The Nativity at 2.00pm
Friday 15 th December	Yews performance of The Nativity at 9.15am
Thursday 14 th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Mini Market for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 children.
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day – donations to Save the Children (online please)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term

