



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 16th September 2022

Bank Holiday

Monday 19th September will now be a Bank Holiday for the funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

School will be closed on this day.

Stay and Play with your Key Stage 1 child every Monday from 8.45 – 9.00 am

Come and Read with your Key Stage 2 child every Friday from 8.40 – 9.00 am

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 17th October

Monday 21st November

Monday 19th December

Come along for an informal chat

School Applications – Year 6 Parents

The new secondary school admission round opened on Monday 12 September 2022, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2023. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

Applications should be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

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

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 residential trip 2023
- Year 5 visit to Braintree Museum
- Year 4 Roman Day
- Home School Agreements



School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 19th September – Week 3

Week commencing Monday 26th September – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 3rd October – 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.

Coats

Please ensure your child has a named warm coat or waterproof in school every day.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs start next week (beginning Tuesday 20th September) except Basketball Club, which will start the following week (on Thursday 29th September).

Clubs will not run 3rd – 6th October due to Termly Learning Conferences taking place in school.

Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences for this year will be as follows:

Autumn Term – week beginning 3rd October 2022

Spring Term – week beginning 27th February 2023

Summer Term – week beginning 12th June 2023
(Year 6 – week beginning 11th July 2023)

Please see the school website for TLC and report arrangements.

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.

PE

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

Attendance Matters

At John Bunyan we value good attendance and punctuality.

Leave of Absence

The school is not permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Evidence of exceptional circumstances needs to be provided alongside a completed leave of absence form. Forms are available from the School Office. If you have any queries, please ask the School Office.

If an absence request is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the Local Authority can issue a penalty notice.

Be Punctual

We expect pupils to be in school before the gates close, ready to start learning. If pupils are on time they will be calm and ready to begin learning. They will not miss out on the vital introduction to a lesson or feel anxious about walking into a classroom once the lesson has started.

Let us know

We do understand that children become ill! If that is the case, please remember to phone the school by 9.30am on the first day of illness.

Absence Line: 01376 321814, option 1

Illness:

Children should not be in school:

- For 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea
- If they have anything contagious. Your doctor or the school will be able to advise you on when they should return.
- Until you have discussed any broken bones or fractures with the school

If you are not sure, please speak to the school.

Please think carefully before keeping your child at home

**90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK.
1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED!
Learning and achievement will be severely affected.**

Attendance

Attendance is important

Together we can achieve the best for each child

There is advice and support for parent/carers

Establishing good habits from the start

Not being in school affects life opportunities

Discuss with your child what goes on in school

Arriving late can be disruptive

Notify the school when your child is absent

Celebrate good attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Above all we want your child to be happy and successful at school and we believe that only by working in partnership with you, will this be possible.

Abberton Rural Training

Abberton Rural Training will be returning to school this year to continue their work tidying up and brightening our outdoor areas. If any parents or carers are available to help, we would be most grateful. Everything will be provided and we will meet outside the Key Stage 2 entrance on Tuesdays at 9.00am. A qualification is available for those parents who are interested. If you are able to volunteer and would like any further information, please ask a member of the senior team in school or contact Abberton Rural Training on 01245 975777.

Year 1 Story Time

Year 1 Parents and Carers are welcome to come into school and enjoy a reading session with their child, led by the class teacher.
Maples Class – Tuesdays with Mrs Adams
Hawthorns Class – Wednesdays with Miss Willox
Pines Class – Fridays with Miss Hawes

PTFA

The PTFA AGM will be held in school on Thursday 22nd September at 9.15am. Everyone welcome!
The PTFA organize events throughout the year to raise funds for various projects in school. Please come along and get involved.

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd September – Year 5 trip to Braintree Museum
Thursday 22nd September – Bikeability for Elders class
Friday 23rd September – Bikeability for Elders class
Thursday 29th September – Bikeability for Larches class
Friday 30th September – Bikeability for Larches class
Friday 30th September – Roman Day for Year 4
Friday 21st October – Non-pupil Day
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October – Half Term Holiday
Monday 31st October – Non-pupil Day
Tuesday 1st November – Return to School

Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Autumn Term: **Thursday 1st September 2022 – Tuesday 20th December 2022**

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Non-Pupil Days: Thursday 1st Sept, Friday 2nd Sept, Friday 21st Oct, Monday 31st Oct

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September

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

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May