



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 13th October '23

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th October

Whole school art day

With Mrs Wells

Friday 20th October

Break up for half term

Tuesday 31st October

Closing dates for secondary school applications

Tuesday 31st October

Return to school after half term



Collective Worship theme: *'Men and women whose faith helped change the world'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what another fantastic week at school and only one week left until we break up for a well deserved half term break.

Class Dojo is a wonderful tool for us to communicate with you and vice versa but can I please ask that you ONLY message class teachers and not support staff. This is to manage workload as well as ensuring that the adult responsible for the children is aware of any messages or concerns.

You asked...we sorted. When the Pizza van visited last month lots of parents wanted pizza but unfortunately she was not open. She will be here from 3pm on Tuesday after school for you to buy a pizza and take home. Please help us to support local businesses.

You will have seen on Class Dojo that we had a surprise visit from some local Police Community support officers and the children had a great lunch time asking questions, wearing their hats and asking for auto-graphs. It was lovely to see the children so engaged with the adults and showing our school rules of being respectful.



On Wednesday this week we had a visit from a Crown Prosecutor in Panther class to link with our PSHE theme of Citizenship. The children asked lots of questions and she ended up staying for 3 times the planned stay! Thank you Mrs Jinks and Mrs Baldock for organising this.

We have a Perform workshop after half term to excite children about their next topic in History. Koalas are learning about the Stone Age, Owls are learning about amazing people who changed the world and Panthers are learning about The Vikings. If you haven't already, please pay for the workshop on Parentpay.



Our blue token collection at Sudbury Tesco store is going well and we would love to see any pictures from you of children voting for our school. At the weekend Mrs Thomas visited and this is her using her tokens to help our school.

A reminder for Year 6 parents the closing date for secondary school applications is coming up, any late entries will be dealt with after the one time applications so applying late reduces the chance of getting their preferred school—here is the link

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www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Our school value this week was Empathy and we looked at the story in the Bible of when Jesus wept for his friends at the loss of Lazarus. Did you know that the shortest sentence in the bible is from this extract and is only 2 words...Jesus wept. Remember to think of those who are less fortunate than you and empathise with how others are feeling. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week for a fun week of learning.

Miss Gage

CONGRATULATIONS

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	96.50%	97.29%
Lower Juniors	100%	97.78%
Upper Juniors	97.37%	96.48%
Whole School	97.75%	97.20%

If your child is off sick from school, please notify the school office no later than 9.20am—school policy states we need to be notified every day of absence. Please either email admin@st-john.essex.sch.uk or phone and leave a message if no answer.

Please Note: Trainers are not permitted. Black shoes for boys and girls only. Children can bring trainers into school to change into at breaktime if they wish to.

Long hair needs to be tied back safely, no jewellery to be worn in school apart from small stud earrings and a watch. No nail varnish.

Feel free to pack a healthy snack for your child to have a breaktime, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Unexpected School Closures

If we have to close school unexpectedly - information will be posted on the Home Page of the school website:

<https://www.st-john.essex.sch.uk/>

Alternatively, information can be found on the Essex School

Closures page at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly.

Please select your child's school meals as far in advance as you can—but no later than 9am on Thursday for the following week. Any orders placed after this time will not be processed .Thank you.



Gold awards 13th October 2023

EMPATHY

Pebmarsh Cup – Daisy

Daisy, Owl class have voted for you to receive the Pebmarsh Cup Award this week for SO many reasons. They have talked about how you are a kind and caring individual. You help others when they need help. You are a good friend and you are a good worker. They enjoy being your friend and playing and working alongside you and you have a smile that lights up the room. Keep being you, Daisy!

Upper Juniors - George

George you are always concerned about how others are feeling and are the first person to jump up and help! Your kind, considerate and caring personality mean that you are an asset to the class. Thank you for your continued support (especially with the computer) From Mrs Jinks and Mrs Lincoln

Lower Juniors – Saffron

Saffron, as a Year 4 pupil, you have become a role model to those children younger than you. You have taken into account how others are feeling and have used your kind and gentle nature to help and support them when needed. You truly have a heart of gold and this will take you far in life. Mrs Bain and Mr Chinnery are very proud of you!

Infants – Samantha

Sam it was an absolute pleasure this week to watch you independently sit with another child in the class and share your reading book with them. You tuned into how they were feeling and where they were at with their learning and positively encouraged them as you asked about letters they could recognise at the back of the book. We could see you positively praising their achievements and connecting with how they were feeling – it was a golden moment to watch. Thank you for being you from Mrs Lock and all the Owl Class Team!

Highest attendance award goes to Lower Juniors this week!

If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, please complete a leave of absence form. These are available from the school office .

Hello,

We are offering a free trial session for the Young Voices Club at Braintree Community Music Centre. This is a great opportunity for young people to come together and sing, build their confidence and make new friends.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could assist in promoting this opportunity for young people in the Braintree District, please can you send the following details to parents/guardians of your students:

Braintree Young Voices Club

Free trial session for aspiring young singers in the Braintree District!

Join our Young Voices Club at **Braintree Community Music Centre, Saturdays 11:30am – 12pm** at I-Construct Innovation Hub, 38B Springwood Drive, Braintree CM7 2YN.

Learn fun arrangements of popular songs whilst making musical friends and take part in termly performances - singing live with the Braintree Community Music Centre Band!

Please email erin.gore@essex.gov.uk to book your **free** taster session.

Suitable for ages 5 – 12 no experience necessary.

The cost per term for 10 x 30-minute lessons is £60. Tuition discounts maybe available pending eligibility.



**MONTHLY AT
PEBMARSH VILLAGE HALL
3.00PM-8.00PM**

Sourdough & stone-baked

3rd Tuesday of every month



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**Tuesday 17th October 2023
Tuesday 21st November 2023
Tuesday 19th December 2023
Tuesday 16th January 2024**

**Thank you for supporting a
Pebmarsh-based family business!**

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Email: nicola@pizzaonthegreen.info

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PUMPKIN PICKING

7TH & 8TH OCTOBER

NO ENTRANCE FEE

14TH & 15TH OCTOBER

NO BOOKING

21ST – 29TH OCTOBER

**JUST PAY FOR
YOUR PUMPKIN**

OUR BLACK HORSE

PRICES £1.50 – £10.00

POP UP CABIN WILL BE OPEN

SPOOKTACULAR RIDES

FOR AUTUMNAL

FOR AGES 3 – 10 YRS

DRINKS & TREATS AT

21ST & 22ND OCTOBER

WEEKENDS

(ADDITIONAL CHARGE PER RIDE)

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EARLS COLNE, COG 2JX

WWW.OLIVERSPLANTS.CO.UK

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Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

This term for Mid Essex we will be at:

Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham CM8 2DY

Wednesday 18 October
9am to 12.30pm

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out addresses and more (QR and link below).



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<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



TUESDAY TERROR

-24TH OCTOBER-



EARLS COLNE VILLAGE HALL

AGE 3-12 WELCOME



£26.00 PER DAY

£50.00 FOR BOTH DAYS



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WEDNESDAY

-25TH OCTOBER-



St John the Baptist Primary School
Autumn Term September-December 2023
Parent Calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
6 th September	Whole School	Back to school for Autumn Term – Meet the Teachers
19 th & 20 th September	Whole School	Individual school photographs
28 th September	Whole School	Harvest Festival at church at 9.30am – all welcome
5 th October	Whole School	Times Table Rock Stars Day
13 th & 16 th October	Year 5 & 6	Bikeability
20 th October	Whole School	Break up for half term
		Half Term
30 th October	Whole School	Non pupil day
31 st October	Year 6	Closing day for secondary school places
9 th November	Whole School	Perform workshop in school
10 th November	Upper Juniors	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
10 th November	Whole School	Scholastic book fair for one week
<u>13th November</u>	Whole School	Parents' consultation evenings
16 th November	Whole School	Parents' consultation evenings
17 th November	Whole School	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty
17 th November	Whole School	Scholastic book orders to be in
21 st November	Whole School	Flu jabs in school
24 th November	Lower Juniors	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
30 th November	Whole School	Pantomime Day
5 th December	Infants	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
8 th December	Whole School	Bring a bottle for non uniform day
9 th December	Whole School	FoPS Christmas Fair
11 th December	Infants	Nativity performance 2.00pm
12 th December	Infants	Nativity performance 5.30pm
14 th December	Whole School	Christmas meal day & wear a Christmas jumper
18 th December	Whole School	Christmas carol concert at church
20 th December	Whole School	Break up for Christmas return on Thursday 4 th Jan

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

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