



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 20th October '23

Diary Dates

Monday 30th October

Non Pupil day

Tuesday 31st October

Closing dates for secondary school applications

Tuesday 31st October

Return to school after half term

Monday 6th November

Applications for primary school places Reception 2024 opens



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

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello,



We have had a very busy week this week. On Friday last week and Monday this week a selection of children from Panther class took part in Bikeability. This involved them learning how to cycle safely on the road. The children were excellent and were confidently able to cycle around our village. Mrs Lincoln said that they were the best children she had ever done it with in 13 years. Well done.

We are having lots of parent tours for Reception intake 2024. Please encourage anyone you know that has a child starting school next academic year to book a tour of our amazing school.

We are busy renovating our corridor at the entrance of the school. Mrs Lincoln has been busy filling holes and sanding the walls down and the children have been busy with Mrs Wells making art work for a whole school art project. On Tuesday we spent the whole day using a range of different art materials to create our own faces and pieces of a robe to join together. We cannot wait for it to be completed and to share the finished work with you.

Parents' evenings consultation appointments will be given out the first week back after half term. We will be changing the booking system slightly and will share this information with you when we return to school.

We are now ready to launch our wrap around care offer at St Giles school in Maplestead and a letter went out this week. If uptake is not enough then this will not go ahead. Please complete the letter and ask if you have any questions.

We have been working hard as a team to think of ways to make homework exciting, meaningful and have an impact on children's learning. To encourage curiosity, linked to our school vision, children will be coming home today with a curiosity envelope filled with activities about the topic being taught after half term. It is optional for you to complete anything in the envelope and please return any completed work to school when we return.



Discover all about your new topic!
Complete any of the work and bring it back to school when we return.

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Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy)

It would be really great to get some parent feedback on how things are going this half term as school. The children this week have completed a pupil feedback form and now it is your turn to complete one. These really help us to know how you are feeling and positive comments are shared with staff. Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/wpB3KMU7qv>

Thank you for a wonderful half term and your continued support. Have a restful week and enjoy quality time with your family. See you on the 31st October

Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	96.30%	97.13%
Lower Juniors	98.95%	97.95%
Upper Juniors	98.95%	96.85%
Whole School	97.98%	97.29%

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.



Good book awards 20th October 2023

TEAMWORK

Pebmarsh Cup award—Finley in Lower Juniors

Finley, you received the most votes from your class this week! Those who voted for you have not only recognised your kind and nurturing nature but have also observed your hard efforts in the classroom. I quote “Finley is always answering questions and he is an all rounder always kind and caring, empathetic and imaginative” which are ALL values of our school. Well done Finley, we are all so proud of you.

Upper Juniors - Milly

Milly, you are such a wonderful member of the Panther class and we are all going to miss you so much. You are such a team player and have contributed to the school so much. We hope you will take all our school values with you to your new school who will be very lucky to have you. Good luck Milly and remember to let your light shine.

Lower Juniors – Baxter

Baxter, you support not only our class but our whole school in so many ways. You have really impressed Mr Chinnery this week with your artistic skills, a skill that you have developed and progressed over time. Not only have you contributed in class, but you have taken it upon yourself to complete work in your own time!

Infants – Alora

Alora, during P.E. this week, you have been kind and gentle to our new ‘Owl’, guiding and supporting her with sensitivity and care so that she is fully included as part of the Owl Class team. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness and it shows again how you have true heart of gold. You worked as her partner and made sure she understood what to do and when and where she should be – making sure she was part of the team. Thank you for being you.

Highest attendance award goes to Lower and Uppers 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 .

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Local pre-school that provides the highest level of care and support to the children that attend our setting, laying the foundations for future generations to thrive.

Sudbury

Vote in-store until 14th January 2024



St John the Baptist Primary School

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Improvements to our school library

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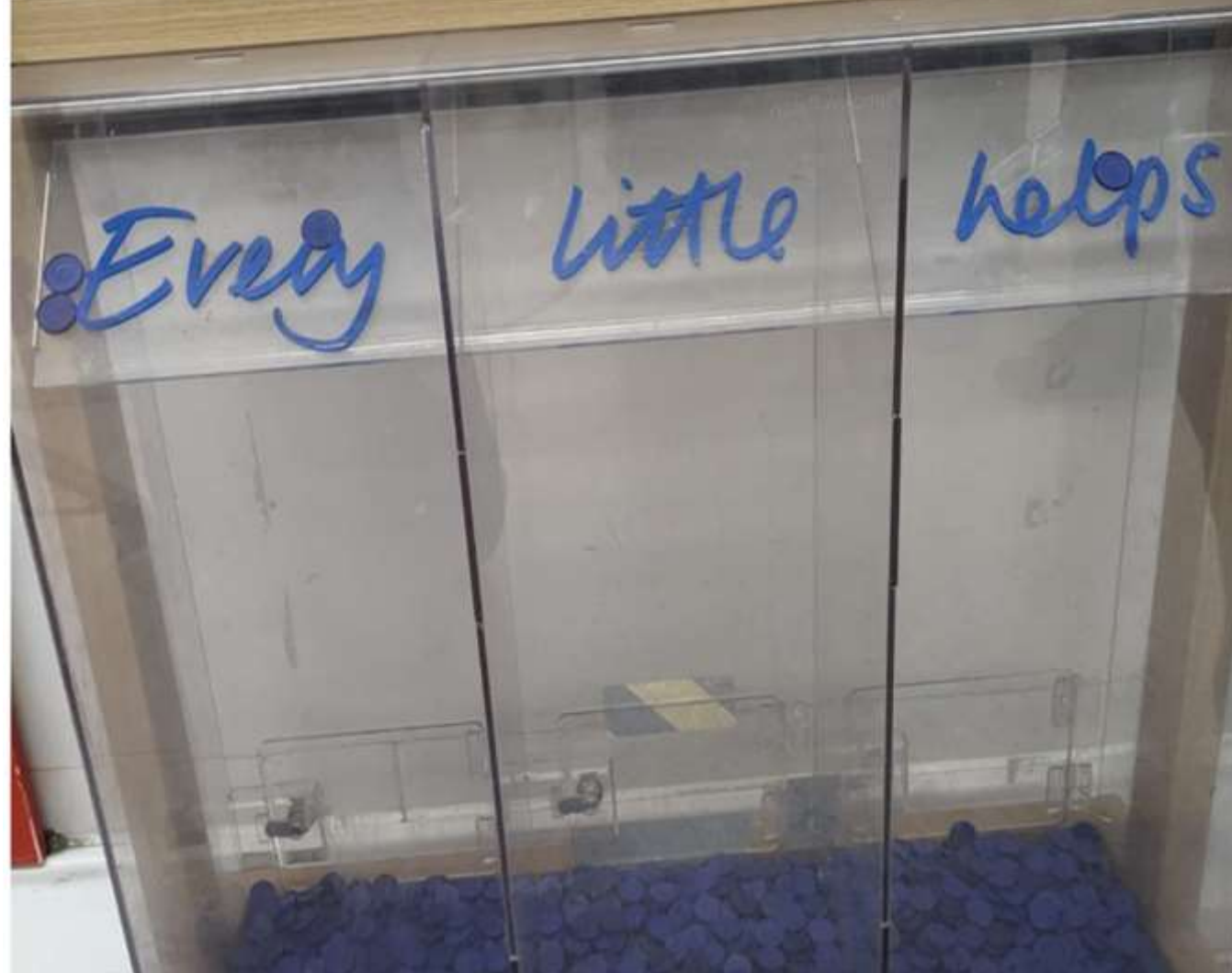
The Offshoot Foundation

Sudbury Town People's Film Camp

This Film Camp is open to all young people aged between 8 - 18 for those wishing to learn filmmaking skills and having fun along the way

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Our blue tokens collection has been running for a couple of weeks now—the more tokens we get, the more money we get towards our school library so if you get a photo of your child (or you!) putting tokens in the box when you go to Tesco in Sudbury, email them to admin@st-john.essex.sch.uk and we will

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer

- so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1 Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2 If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3 Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4 If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5 Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Be Bright,
Be Seen

THINK



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WEDNESDAY

-25TH OCTOBER-



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