



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 3rd November '23

## Diary Dates

Monday 6th November

Applications for primary  
school places Reception  
2024 opens

[www.essex.gov.uk/  
admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

Friday 10th November

Creative for Climate  
Justice exhibition

Monday 13th & Thursday  
16th November

Parents' evening  
consultations



Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene.

New look Toilet Twinning

## Toilets, Sanitation and Training. A life-saving trio.

Collective Worship theme: *'How can we make a difference?'* - Courageous Advocacy

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello Parents and Carers,

St John's were asked to join the get creative for climate justice, a project that not only educates our children but also helps young people to think critically about the question of climate justice and how to best respond to it. Our children will use their artistic skills to be courageous advocates to sustain a better living on their futures.

The project will host a national art exhibition in the Houses of Parliament during the COP28 climate change conference in December, during this conference they will be displaying some of the chosen artwork that schools across the nation have created.

To engage the children, we held a 'Zero Emissions' day on Tuesday and we worked all day without any electricity. We have completed lots of art work and will be inviting you to an 'Creative for Climate' art Exhibition on Friday 10th November straight after school.

The theme for collective worship this week was 'How can we make a difference?' and we looked at social injustice. The children were introduced to what toilet poverty is and came up with the idea of decorating toilet seats and raising money to buy a toilet in another country for someone in need. On Thursday 16th November children will be asked to bring in money to twin a toilet with another country. 1 toilet only costs £60 and the children have the target of 2 and a half toilets. More information about the day will be shared closer to the event.

On Friday we will be having the book fair delivered and it will be in our school for a week. This will give you the opportunity to come into school and buy books. The more books bought means that we get more funding for our own purchases of books. They will also be available at Parents' evening as well.



Next week, Teachers will be out on the playground after school to book parents' evening appointments. Please see teachers to book appointments.

With the portal for primary school applications opening on Monday 6th November, we are still able to have reception intake tours this half term. Please encourage anyone you know to have a look around our lovely school. We also have spaces in KS2.

With the evenings getting darker, remember to look after yourself and your loved ones as these changes can be challenging for some. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

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# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	96.22%	97.03%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	91.45%	97.27%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	92.11%	96.34%
<b>Whole School</b>	93.73%	96.90%

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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

SELF MOTIVATION

Pebmarsh Cup – George

George, you received the most votes from your class this week! Nearly everyone that voted for you used the word “kind” to describe you which is something that can’t always be taught, it comes from within you. Your classmates have also said you are caring and helpful. You impressed the rest of the class by doing a huge piece of homework that you weren’t even asked to do, you did it off your own back which is so impressive especially as one of our school values is self-motivation. Well done George.

Upper Juniors - Starr

You have had amazing self motivation this week and it has been amazing to watch you shine. Your confidence in the class has grown this term and it has been wonderful to watch you strive for excellence. Continue to push yourself and your learning will be easier and even more fun.

Lower Juniors – Toby

Toby, each morning you arrive at school with a confident and ambitious attitude to your learning. You **come in, open your book and start your morning work straight away, showing me that you’re ready to learn.** You have developed into a self-motivated learner through your enthusiasm and inquisitive approach to learning. Well done.

Infants – Luca

WOW Luca! What an amazing week you have had in Owl Class. Your self motivation at learning tasks has shot through the roof - particularly with your writing. You are focussed, engaged in all you are doing, trying your hardest and independently using what you have been taught when approaching your learning. This has been noticed by all of the adults within the class.

Being self-motivated can be hard - but we can do hard things - and this week you have smashed it! You are a role model for others. Well done.

Highest attendance award goes to Infants 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 .



## **Information Sheet**

### Some interesting (and devastating) facts about Christmas cards

- Over 1 billion cards are given each year in the UK!
- It takes one tree to make approximately 3000 cards, so each school would be responsible for potentially several trees being felled for this one Christmas tradition.
- If a class of approximately 30 children give a card to all 30 others, then the total amount for EACH CLASS is approximately 900 cards!

### Let's do the maths

- If a primary school has 1 class per year x 30 pupils per (7) years that will = over 6000 cards exchanged per Christmas and 2 trees felled.
- If a primary school has 2 classes per year x 30 pupils per year that will = over 12,000 cards exchanged per Christmas and 4 trees felled.
- If a primary school has 3 classes per year x 30 pupils per year = over 18,000 cards exchanged per Christmas and 6 trees felled.



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

**Sourdough & stone-baked**

**3rd Tuesday of every month**



@PIZZA\_ONTHEGREEN

**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!**

**Tel: 07872 315169**

**Email: [nicola@pizzaonthegreen.info](mailto:nicola@pizzaonthegreen.info)**

**Cash / card accepted**

**Walk-ups or pre-orders welcome**

**Find us on social media for more updates**

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