



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 10th November '23

Diary Dates

ALL NEXT WEEK

Scholastic book fair

Monday 13th & Thursday
16th November

Parents' evening

Consultations

Thursday 16th November

National Toilet Day

Friday 17th November

Children in Need—wear
something spotty

Christmas jumper swap
day



Collective Worship theme: *'Developing the language of spirituality'*

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello Parents and Carers,

Today we visited the war memorial in Pebmarsh to remember the soldiers who gave their lives for us. Rev Bev joined us and the children held a minutes silence at 11am. The Panther class wrote a poem, which is in this newsletter, and is truly amazing. They also read this in collective worship and during our service today.

We have Parents' evening next week on Monday and Thursday. Because of this there will be no after school clubs running after school on these days. (Musical Theatre and Streetdance)



It's nearly time for our annual pantomime trip—Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is! We still have lots of payments outstanding for this, so for the trip to go ahead could you please make payment on Parent Pay.

Next week is Anti Bullying week and Mrs Lock has been working very hard planning activities to remember the importance of this topic. Children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday. There is lots of information about the week available on Class Dojo.

On Friday, we have Children in Need day and children are invited to wear something spotty, this can be as big or as simple as you like. We will not be raising money in school for this event but please make any donations yourself, if you wish through their website. We also have 'Christmas Jumper swap day' after school on Friday there is more information about this in the newsletter.



toilet twinning

On Thursday we have National toilet day, we will be raising awareness around toilet poverty and raising money to twin our school toilets with another toilet in the world. For just £60 we can buy one toilet for a family or village in need. The children hope to raise enough to buy 2 toilets so any amount you can afford would be great.

Our book fair has been delivered and will be available after school everyday, please bring cash along and purchase books. The more books we sell the more money we receive to spend as a school.

We have noticed an increase in parents stopping on our yellow lines and letting children out of the car. Please can we remind you that you must not stop on these lines. For our younger children in the school it is also important that you walk them to the gate as the car park can be very busy and we would not want anyone to get hurt.



This week we have look at the story of Kintsugi and how in moments of sadness or in the 'Ows' of life we can ask God to show us the beauty and good. It is important to remember this when faced with difficulty in life. Remember to take a moment and find the gold!

Many Thanks, Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence—together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	100%	97.39%
Lower Juniors	98.95%	97.46%
Upper Juniors	97.22%	96.68%
Whole School	98.95%	97.21%

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.





They died for us

Remember the soldiers that died for us,
Remember the echoes in our mind, sounds of the guns.
Feel their pain, feel their suffering, recall lost soldiers of the war.
Remember their wails like the exploding of bombs,
Remember those extra-ordinarily brave soldiers.
They died for us!

Deadly soldiers approached from the distance,
Fearlessly marching on our men still fought for their lives..
Sadly fallen, despite fighting with courage,
As destruction descended across the world.



They still fought for their lives.

Remember the soldiers that marched on.

They died for us!



Mortified, caged soldiers fought for peace and freedom.
Laying their lives down for us, so we could live in harmony.

Captive soldiers caged in the fields,
Putting their lives on the line
Set us free from tyranny,
The guns are silent, the air is calm.

They died for us!

Now, vermillion poppies dance lonely in the breeze.
The poppies gaze to the place where planes once flew,
Like the bloodshot eyes of a weary warrior.
They dwell where the fallen lay.
Crimson waves dancing gently
In the whispering wind.
They died for us!





At St John the Baptist we are united in being outward facing curious learners who want to show how amazing we are. As a whole school, we worked collaboratively to create this piece of art work, inspired by a non Western representation of Jesus to welcome visitors into our school. We have included an image to represent all of the unique individuals in our school and included our church in the image as we believe that everyone in our school makes us who we are.

This amazing piece of artwork was created by our children and also by our Art club which is after school on Wednesdays—there are still spaces available for Years 1—6.

Gold awards 10th November 2023

EXCELLENCE

Pebmarsh Cup – Imogen

Imogen your friends in Owl Class have voted for you to win the Pebmarsh Cup this week. They say that you are kind and a good friend. They talked about how you always try your best at everything that you do and that you have always got a smile on your face. They love the way you confidently come through the door in the mornings and the way that you always get stuck in to anything and everything we do in Owl Class. WOW! Well done

Upper Juniors - Freddie

In Maths this week, you have pushed yourself out of your comfort zone and are absolutely smashing it!! In writing, your speech writing is brilliant and we can't wait to hear you read it. Wow Freddie, keep up this excellent standard of work!

Lower Juniors – Frank

Frank, so far this year, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain have been really impressed with your attitude towards your learning. You are so focused on your work and really try hard to think about how to take on more challenging material, having a determined and open mindset to guide your approach. You always contribute so well in class and are so confident to share your ideas and knowledge for others. Well done, Frank.

Infants – Delilah

Delilah - WOW - you have blown Miss Bush's socks off this week with your writing. It is so obvious that you are nurturing your inner writer and it shows. You have been trying hard to remember your spaces and the sounds you have learnt in phonics to spell. Your confidence has also gone through the roof and it is great to see. Well done. Keep shining brightly as a writer.

Highest attendance 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 .



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.



PEB MARSH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE



RAFFLE, TOMBOLAS & GAMES

CRAFTS, MULLED WINE & SWEET TREATS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON FULL OF FUN,
PLUS A CHANCE TO MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS



SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER



1200 - 1400



FREE ENTRY



◆ CHRISTMAS ✨

★ JUMPER 🌲

🌲 SWAP! ★

◆ Donate or swap your used washed Christmas jumpers to the Pebmarsh BIG Christmas JUMPER swap! £2 donation required per swap. ◆

Jumpers also available to purchase for £5

Jumpers can be dropped into the box at





**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

Cash / card accepted

Walk-ups or pre-orders welcome

Find us on social media for more updates

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
10 th November	Whole School	Get Creative for Climate change exhibition
<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	Christmas jumper swap day at 3pm
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
30 th November	All welcome	FoPS AGM 2.30pm
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 12-2pm
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