



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 17th November '23

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st November

Flu jab

Pizza on the green

Wednesday 22nd November

Theatre workshop in school
by Theatre Royal

Thursday 23rd November

Perform Workshop
(postponed from 9th Nov)

Friday 24th November

Learning Together in Lower
Juniors 2-3pm



Our new entrance hall is starting to take shape with the help of Mrs Wells and her artistic skills.



Collective Worship theme:

'Developing the language of spirituality'

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello Parents and Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy week this week starting with the grand opening of our new EYFS area, odd socks for Anti Bullying week, National toilet day on Thursday and finally ending the week with Children in Need and Christmas jumper swap day. Thank you all for the donations—we have raised £145 which means we can buy two and a bit toilets! We will donate the extra towards the charity.

We have noticed that some children are wearing earrings during PE and it is an important part of safety that children do not wear them during their lessons. We will be asking children to remove them in school if they have them in or please feel free to ask them to take them out before school.



The Pizza on the Green is returning on Tuesday 21st November at 3pm. I would highly recommend buying one for your dinner as they are truly delicious!

Sarah Wells is busy painting our corridor to reflect the bible stories which reflect our school values. Can you guess the school value that is being painted in the picture above? It will really look amazing when it is done. Thank you Sarah for always making our school look lovely.

Next week the children will be lucky enough to take part in two workshops! On Wednesday we have actors from the Pantomime at the Theatre Royal coming in to teach the children (we still have some payments outstanding so please complete these on Parentpay) Also, our Perform workshop was postponed so children will be doing this on Thursday.

Tuesday is Flu jab day. Please complete the form via this link (even if you don't want your child to have it) <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/SKUfKZTyKK>

We would really like to work with parents and children regarding our clubs we can offer. If there is a particular club that you know your child would be interested in attending please do let me know. If I know what you would like, then I can arrange it.

We have welcomed Mr Wheeler to our school this half term to support the teaching of Panther class. Miss Gage will have overall responsibility of the class but Mr Wheeler will support with planning and teaching on a Thursday and Friday.

This week children have been learning about the Wows, Ows and Nows of life and you will hear about this over the coming weeks. Taking a moment to sit in quiet and reflect about how you feel is important, we call this a now moment. Enjoy time over the weekend to cherish a moment of now.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	97%	97.29%
Lower Juniors	92.63%	96.96%
Upper Juniors	93.89%	96.49%
Whole School	94.93%	96.97%

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 17th November 2023

Pebmarsh Cup – Frank in Lower

Frank, the Koalas have chosen you to receive the Pebmarsh cup this week as majority of the class agreed that you are not only an active learner, always contributing and answering questions in class, but you are also incredibly brave. Your hard work so far has clearly been recognised by your peers as well as Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain. Keep up the hard work Frank, we are all very proud of you.

Upper Juniors - Sofia

You have been very focused and hard working this week and we have all noticed your enthusiasm and participation in class! You have also been a great friend and nurturing children in class by sending around wow notes to cheer people up. We are very lucky to have you in our class.

Lower Juniors – Lana

Lana, this year, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain have seen excellence in not only your attitude towards your learning but your effort and hard work that you apply. You have entered Year 4 in such a confident and mature manner and have become such a role model for others. Well done Lana, keep up the hard work.

Infants – Oscar

Oscar, you have blown the Owl class team away this week with your positive attitude to your writing. You have really nurtured yourself as a writer. You have tried so hard with using your Fred Talking to help you spell words and have worked hard to remember your clear spaces. WOW, WOW, WOW!!

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.



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





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

Sourdough & stone-baked

3rd Tuesday of every month



**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
24 th November	EYFS & Year 6	Weight and height checks
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