



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 24th November '23



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

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello Parents and Carers,

We have had another great week of working this week including two workshops. The first one on Wednesday was held by the Theatre group from The Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds in preparation for our pantomime visit next Thursday. The children were immersed in the story of Snow White and we all had a wonderful time. The second workshop was held by Perform and the children took part in learning about their topics this half term. Panthers were transported back to the land of the Vikings, Koalas were stone age people for the day and Owls learnt about historical events in history and in particular Rosa Parks. These workshops really help to enrich the children's learning and it is great that you are supportive in this to ensure that they continue to go ahead.



We are off to the pantomime on Thursday and the coach will be leaving promptly at 8.45am. We will be expecting children in school from 8.30am and will be leaving on time. If you are late, then unfortunately you will miss the transport. Please send your child to school with a packed lunch this day as there will be no school dinners provided on this day.

## Diary Dates

### **Thursday 30th November**

Whole school trip to the  
Theatre Royal for the  
Pantomime

### **Tuesday 5th December**

Infants Learning Together  
2.00pm-3.00pm

### **Friday 8th December**

Bring a bottle for non  
uniform day

### **Saturday 9th December**

FoPS Christmas fayre  
12-2pm

Children returned home this week with raffle tickets for our wonderful Christmas Fayre on the 9th December. The more money we make at this fayre, the more money will be made available for the children in school. With budgets getting tighter and the cost of everything on the rise, we really rely on FOPS to provide money for the school. As well as this we also have our Amazon wish list which has been very popular this year. If you are able to contribute, then it is always appreciated <https://amzn.eu/9hPbqMV>

Next week is Enterprise Week in school. Each class has a budget of £10 to spend on materials to make and sell something at the Christmas Fayre. They need to think about the best way to make the biggest profit and the money will be used in school to go towards a project the children have asked for. The current project is a zip wire, which we are busily trying to organise quotes for.

With December approaching quickly and the cost of everything being a worry for all, please remember we are able to issue food bank vouchers to support you. Please do not be afraid of asking for help we are here to support whatever you need.

Please also be aware we have been advised by the parish council that some of the park equipment has been taped off due to potential hazards and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible. 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
<b>Infants</b>	85.83%	96.34%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	92.11%	96.45%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	92.36%	96.25%
<b>Whole School</b>	89.37%	96.35%

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 24th November 2023

### Pebmarsh Cup – Starr

Your class have voted for you to win the cup this week for several reasons. They have all said you are hard working, kind and funny! You always do the right thing and make good choices. You have also been described as a good team captain which is fabulous and sets a good example to the other children in the school. Well done Starr, we are all very proud of you.

### Upper Juniors - Alfie – Self-motivation

You have had great self-motivation this week in maths and have worked very hard completing the long division work. You have challenged yourself to do super hard calculations and your maths brain is awesome! Keep up the hard work and letting your light shine.

### Lower Juniors – Alfie – Self motivation

Alfie, since joining our school you have shown a real positive attitude to your learning. You are a self motivated learner who just cracks on with your work, taking on challenges with an open mind set. This week you have not been able to put down your new reading book, and this has brought me so much joy in seeing you being so invested in your reading for pleasure. Well done Alfie and keep up the fantastic work.

### Infants – Excellence and nurturing

Theo, you are quite simply showing excellence all round at the moment. You are always ready for your learning and you role model this to others daily. You absolutely love a challenge and nurture that inner curiosity. This week you WOW'd Mrs Watkins with your reading - reading a book higher than your phonics group - and you are WOWing Miss Bush with your fantastic writing in English. It is also really brilliant to see you joining in with confidence when learning our Nativity songs. You are definitely showing that you are united to strive for excellence and that you are wanting to shine within your school community. Well done.

Highest attendance award goes to Upper 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 .



Essex County Council  
Libraries

# Letter to Santa

Halstead Library

Saturday 25 November, 10am to 4pm

- Join in with festive cheer and write your letter to santa
- Don't forget to bring along a stamp and we'll post your letter to the North Pole



[libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)





# 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



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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Yr Group</b>	<b>Event</b>
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
<u>13<sup>th</sup> November</u>	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	Christmas jumper swap day at 3pm
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
24 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS & Year 6	Weight and height checks
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Pantomime Day
30 <sup>th</sup> November	All welcome	FoPS AGM 2.30pm
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 12-2pm
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