



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Wednesday 20th December  
2023

## Diary Dates

### Thursday 4th January

**Back to school**

### Friday 5th January

St John's has talent  
3.30pm-4.30pm

### Week commencing 8th January

After school clubs begin



Collective Worship theme: *'Advent'*

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Hello Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Carol concert on Monday. It was great to see so many parents there. Well done to all of the children for taking part, it really was a special service.

A message from the Rev Bev and the Church Wardens

*We would like to thank everyone for their generosity in raising £293.10 for the Church. It has been a delight hosting the Owls nativity for the first time and the KS2 Christmas Carols again this year. They made some beautiful decorations to adorn our Church Christmas tree, thank you.*

*We love to welcome the school at other special times of the year such as Easter and Harvest, and we also look forward to seeing them for their art projects and RE lessons. The money raised will help towards keeping the church open for services, like many village churches our running costs are greater than our income, so thank you. With blessings, Rev Bev.*

We have confirmed the Spring calendar of dates in this newsletter so that you are aware of what is happening next term. As always if you are unsure of an event or what is happening please check the website, Class Dojo and if you are still unsure then please contact the school office. There will be no P.E. on the first week back in the new year, it will start week commencing 8th January.

In the Summer Term, Sarah Wells worked with the children in art club to create some amazing portraits of King Charles. They were then displayed in the National Gallery. The artwork is truly amazing and you can see it at the end of this newsletter.

Children will be returning home today with their curiosity envelopes filled with activities to complete over the Christmas break linked to their new learning. Owls are learning about transport and travel, Koalas are learning about Europe and Italy and Panthers are learning about conflict and resolution, focussing on the World Wars. Please complete as much as you can of this and return it to school. It is really great to inspire the children to be curious about their learning.

Thank you all so much for being an amazing group of supportive parents. You have made this term brilliant and we cannot wait to continue on our journey of improvement in the Spring term. We have lots of exciting things ahead of us. If there are any emergencies or reasons that you need to speak to school over the Christmas break, then please email me at [teresa.gage@st-john.essex.sch.uk](mailto:teresa.gage@st-john.essex.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to support you in anyway that I can.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We will see you all on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Miss Gage





These are some of the images that were part of a huge digital artwork exhibition shown in Hyde Park and the National Gallery for the King's Coronation—they were produced by our Art club students.

There are still spaces for Art club in January after school on Wednesdays—please ask



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Date	Yr Group	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school	Back to school
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	St John's got Talent
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Lower Juniors	Forest school
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Clubs start
15 <sup>th</sup> January		Applications for primary school places September 2024 closing date
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Infants	Forest school
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents	FOPS meeting- come and we what we are all about
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	National Thesaurus Day- Come dressed as a word!
19 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2	A lesson in Spanish guitar and Violin
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Upper Juniors	Forest school
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Whole School	Energy saving week
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Infants	Forest school
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Lower Juniors	Forest school
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole school	Safer internet day
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Infants	Forest school
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Whole school</b>	<b>Return to school</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper Juniors	Forest school
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Infants	Forest school
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	World book day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	Parents' evening consultations
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower Juniors	Forest school
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lower Juniors	Learning together-Science week
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Infants	Learning together-Science week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper Juniors	Learning together-Science week
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	Parents' evening consultations
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Infants	Forest school
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Upper Juniors	Forest school
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	Break up for Easter

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**Parent Calendar**