



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 15th March 2024

## Diary Dates

**18th March**

**Class trip for Infants  
& Upper Juniors**

**22nd March**

Easter disco after school

**26th March**

SATS meeting for Year 6  
parents 3.20pm

**28th March**

Easter service in church,  
9.10am



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Making good choices

Dear parents and carers,

What another fabulous week we have had in school again. The Learning Together Sessions were successful, and it was lovely to see so many parents joining in with the children—thank you to everyone who came.

Thank you to Mrs Lock, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain who attended Waterstones in Sudbury on Saturday to help you purchase lots of wonderful books. It really is amazing how our staff go above and beyond to support our children's learning. And thank you to everyone who came to our parents' evening consultations, it is wonderful to have the support of our families. There will be parent surveys circulated next week and it would be great to hear your feedback.

Don't forget the school disco is next Friday, the 22nd March from 3.30pm—4.45pm. Please hand your money in at the school office in a named envelope, with the name of the person who will be collecting your child.



We are very excited to be hosting another Perform Workshop in school after Easter, please look out for the letter coming home soon. This will be an immersive day in the new topic of the half term and will include dressing up and a day activities.

I must remind parents how important punctuality is in school, and it is a very important part of attendance—we understand sometimes things happen beyond our control, but please do endeavour to get your child to school on time to minimise the disruption caused.



Also, please remember that the school car park is for visitors and staff only— parents must use the village hall, even if you will only be a minute—we have pedestrians, delivery vehicles, and taxis coming regularly and need to keep it clear and safe at all times. Thank you.

Next week brings another week of wonderful learning—our Infant and Upper Junior classes are going to The Imperial War Museum in Duxford and everyone is looking forward to that. The Lower Juniors' trip will be after Easter, look out for the letter coming soon.

Please see pages 5 & 6 for an exciting Sci-Fest happening at the Colchester Royal Grammar School tomorrow.

Hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy this very welcomed change in weather.  
Miss Gage

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

|                      | This Week | YTD    |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>Infants</b>       | 91%       | 95.18% |
| <b>Lower Juniors</b> | 90.43%    | 95.40% |
| <b>Upper Juniors</b> | 97.22%    | 95.66% |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | 92.51%    | 95.37% |

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 15th March 2024

### Pebmarsh Cup – Katie-Rose

Katie, you have been chosen by the Panthers to receive the Pebmarsh cup. Every single person that voted for you without exception, said you are kind. Lots of people said how you are nurturing to others, you are honest, thoughtful hard-working and you make people laugh. Others have said you have a great imagination, beautiful manners and would never hurt anyone. What a skillset to possess! Keep being you, Katie!

### Upper Juniors - Ellie for Self-motivation

Ellie, you have been chosen this week for the fantastic attitude you have shown this week. You pushed yourself with your work, you concentrated well and produced some beautifully presented writing. Mrs Lincoln was particularly impressed with how quickly you wrote your short story. Well done Ellie.

### Lower Juniors – Ophelia for Excellence

Ophelia, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain have been impressed with how much you have contributed to lessons, always being eager to share and demonstrate your knowledge and skills with others. You put 100% effort into your learning across the curriculum and take on new challenges well, especially in Maths. Keep up the hard work and continue to let your light shine in and out of our classroom.

### Infants – Olivia for Excellence

Olivia, you are on fire at the moment. You have really impressed Mrs Lock with the quality of the work you have produced recently. It is wonderful that you take your time to think **about what you are writing and you don't rush it, resulting in some amazing work.** But apart from that, you work your hardest and try your best which is fantastic. Keep it up, **you're amazing.**

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 .



F O P S

**SCHOOL**  
**DISCO**

**FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**  
**3.30PM - 4.45PM**



**FOR ALL**  
**PEBMARSH SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**£3 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES DRINK & CRISPS**

**PLEASE PAY AT SCHOOL OFFICE**  
**WITH CHILDS NAME, CLASS & PICK UP CONTACT**



Colchester Royal Grammar School

# Sci-Fest 2024

Saturday 16th March  
10am - 4pm

6 Lexden Road, CO3 3ND  
Free entry

Families welcome - fun interactive activities



Premium activities will incur a small charge. Refreshments available.



# Activities include

Colchester Zoo - Rangers & Wildlife  
Coding - Python & Scratch  
Dinosaur Escape Room  
Dissection Lab  
Essex Wildlife Trust  
Essex University - Baby Lab & Maths  
Face Painting  
Mini Monsters  
Planetarium

Puzzle Rooms  
Sci-High Forensics  
Smoothie Bikes  
Tech Hub  
VR Mini Beasts  
VR Oceans  
VR Space  
VR Wild Beasts  
Wipeout

Lunch & refreshments will be available to purchase from Ronnie's Kitchen, the CRGSA and the school's canteen.

**Limited** parking on site, entrance via Creffield Road or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA, a short walk from the school.

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 **ALL YEAR ROUND**  
**School's OUT**  
Activities

Swimming  
Everyday during  
May and  
Summer

Essex's number one premium school holiday activity camp is at CRGS! Whether it's the long Summer Break, Easter, or the shorter Half-Terms, we can't wait to welcome children from all schools in Colchester!

Ofsted

Easter  
May Half-Term  
Summer Holidays  
October Half Term  
Christmas

Choose individual days or come for the week for 20% OFF

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# St John the Baptist Primary School

## Spring Term January-March 2024

### Parent calendar

| Date                            | Yr Group                | Event  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> February       | Infants                 | Forest school                                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February       | Whole school            | Ash Wednesday service in church 9.10am—all welcome |
| <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                                      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> February       | All welcome             | The Great Pebmarsh Bake Off 2.30pm                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> March           | Infants                 | Forest school                                      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March           | Whole school            | World Book Day                                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March           | Whole school            | Dress up for World Book Day                        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March          | Whole school            | Parents' evening consultations                     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March          | Infants                 | Forest school                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March          | Lower Juniors           | Learning together-Science week                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March          | Whole school            | Parents' evening consultations                     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March          | Infants                 | Learning together-Science week                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> March          | Upper Juniors           | Learning together-Science week                     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March          | Lower Juniors           | Forest school                                      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March          | Upper Juniors & Infants | Class trip to Duxford Air Museum                   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March          | Whole school            | Parent appreciation afternoon tea—CANCELLED        |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March          | Whole school            | Easter disco                                       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March          | Upper Juniors           | Forest school                                      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March          | Year 6 parents          | SATS meeting for parents at 3.20pm                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March          | Infants                 | Class trip to Colne Valley Railway—CANCELLED       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March          | Whole school            | Easter service in church 9.10am—all welcome        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March          | Whole school            | Break up for Easter                                |