



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 22nd March 2024

## Diary Dates

### **22nd March**

Easter disco after school

3.30pm-4.45pm

### **26th March**

SATS meeting for Year 6  
parents 3.20pm

### **28th March**

Easter service in church,  
9.15am

Break up for Easter



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Easter celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started off with great excitement as 2 class visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford as part of their topic enrichment. Owls went to explore a range of transports and travels and Panthers went with a focus on the World Wars. It was an excellent day and every child was a great role model for the school. Thank you to the parents who also gave up their day to accompany the children on the trip.



Club letters have been circulated today, ready for the first week back after Easter. I discussed the sport club options with the children and they voted that they wanted to have 'Invasion Games' this includes all sports such as football, hockey, basketball, netball and focuses on the skills of attacking and defending. The Invasion Club will be held on a Thursday and is open to all groups.



Thursday 28th March 2024, the last day of term, looks to be an exciting day. We will begin with our Easter service at 9.15am where you are all invited to join us in the celebrations. We will be singing, reading some poetry and also a special bell plate performance from Panther class. We will then be visiting a local farm to celebrate new life

by meeting the new fluffy lambs. Finally the day will be completed with an Easter egg hunt held by FOPS. Check out Class Dojo for photos and videos from this special day.

There are lots of opportunities for Easter holiday clubs in the local area and there is more information on page 5. If your child receives pupil premium then you are entitled to vouchers to cover all costs, this will have already been shared with you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

There is also a 2 day dance workshop available to book and details for this can be found on page 7.

Before we break up for Easter I would like to hear some feedback from parents regarding your child's learning experience this academic year. This is the same survey you completed in the autumn term but it is really valuable to help us to know how we can always continue to improve. Any positive comments are always shared with staff so if you have anything wonderful you would like to say, then please do! <https://forms.office.com/e/crcZxwacVf>

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week for our final week of term.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	88.67%	94.88%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	93.68%	95.33%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	97.78%	95.74%
<b>Whole School</b>	92.24%	95.24%

Highest attendance award goes to Upper Juniors this week!

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL (NOT CLASS DOJO TO THE TEACHERS) IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF SICK OR WILL BE COLLECTED BY A DIFFERENT ADULT - THANK YOU.**

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.**



Gold awards 22nd March 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Luca

Luca, this week the Owls have nominated you for the Pebmarsh cup! Your class friends said you are so helpful and kind and you always think of others. You are a really good friend **and this is something that you can't be taught, it comes from you and only you!** Someone even said how good you are at playing which is very important too! Well deserved Luca, keep being you.

Upper Juniors - Whole class

Panthers, you were wonderful on our trip to Duxford this week. You represented the school fantastically, and Miss Gage and Mrs Lincoln were SO proud of you all. As you were so good, you have earned yourselves an extra playtime!! Well done everyone.

Lower Juniors – Fleur Amos

Fleur, this week, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain absolutely loved your 'Tricking a Monster' story, it was well thought out, imaginative and beautifully presented. But not just that, you always bring a positive mindset to school and try hard with everything you do. Well done Fleur, keep it up.

Infants – Whole class

Owl class – ALL the adults that took you on the school trip were as proud as proud can be of every single one of you. Your behaviour on the trip this week was amazing – you represented our school beautifully and Mrs Lock was so happy to receive lots of wonderful and positive comments from the staff at Duxford and other adults during the day. You have earned yourselves an extra playtime!

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 .

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## 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 3.30pm—4.45pm
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 9.15am—all welcome
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	Break up for Easter

# Essex ACTIVATE

## FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

1st April - 12th April

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

### WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

### WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

### HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

[www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate](http://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate)



# EASTER FUN

FOR KIDS

**£10**

per child

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH**

**11AM - 1PM**

Your ticket includes:

- Easter trail with Easter egg prize
  - Egg decorating
  - Mask decorating
  - Cake making

*Face painting (additional £2 per child)*

**COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!**

All children must be accompanied by an adult

**BOOK NOW!**

**FULL PUB MENU AVAILABLE**

*Please note: we cannot guarantee all activities will be available if not booked*

# EASTER WORKSHOPS

**DANCE &  
CHEER**

**FACE  
PAINTING**

**ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

**DISCO  
PARTIES**

**EASTER EGG  
HUNTS**

**GLOW  
STICKS**



## 9TH & 10TH APRIL

**1 DAY:  
£28**

**9AM - 3PM    AGE 4-12  
EARLS COLNE VILLAGE HALL**

**2 DAYS:  
£50**

**BOOK NOW: [WWW.AMADANCEACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.AMADANCEACADEMY.COM)**



Whilst at Forest school on Monday, our Lower Juniors found some newts in the school pond!

Very excited and proud Koalas!



