



St John the Baptist Primary School

Thursday 28th March 2024

Diary Dates

15th April

Return to school.

17th April

Topic immersion day—

Dress up for Perform
Workshop

18th April

Swimming lessons
commence

(Lower Juniors only)



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Easter celebrations

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week celebrating Holy week, the most important week in the Church calendar. We began the week with a Palm Sunday procession around our school. Each child had a palm cross that they waved and carried through the school remembering the day that Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. We then celebrated Maundy Thursday where children had their feet washed by me, to celebrate how Jesus washed his disciples feet to show the way we should all serve one another equally. The children also enjoyed hot cross buns and it was great to see the children engaged in the celebrations of Holy week. Finally, we had a lovely Easter service held by Rev Bev where the children performed poems, sang beautifully and some played the piano. It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us to celebrate.



After our Easter service, we were lucky enough to visit a local farm to see the new baby lambs. The children were incredibly behaved and were amazing role models. Thank



you to Mr and Mrs Chamley for hosting us, we will be back next week. We then finished the day off with an Easter egg hunt run by FOPS. Thank you for providing us with this amazing opportunity and especially to Jenny Jenkins for creating exciting and engaging clues that really inspired the children's curiosity.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back for the summer term on the 15th of April and we have a jam packed term including: a Perform workshop and topic dress up day; swimming lesson for Koalas; SATS and a residential trip for our Panther class; sports day;; shows and also secondary school transitions. Please keep an eye on dojo and newsletters to keep up to date with the events going on in school. Page 3 has these dates but as always they are subject to change. If you haven't paid already, the school office would appreciate prompt pay for the our Perform Workshop day.

We have received some complaints about children in the village hall car park playing on the trees and damaging the branches. Please supervise your children at all times and ensure they are respectful of the environment around them.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and celebrate with your families. Remember to celebrate life in all of its happiness over this weekend and we will see you in April.
Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

| | This Week | YTD |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|
| Infants | 94.58% | 94.90% |
| Lower Juniors | 94.74% | 95.31% |
| Upper Juniors | 93.06% | 95.66% |
| Whole School | 94.22% | 95.22% |

Highest attendance award goes to Lower 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 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.



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Spring Term January-March 2024

Parent calendar

| Date | Year Group | Event |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|
| 15 th April | Whole school | Return to school |
| 15 th April | Lower Juniors | Forest School |
| 17 th April | Whole school | Topic Immersion day-Perform workshop/dress up |
| 18 th April | Lower Juniors | Swimming lessons commence |
| 22 nd April | Infants | Forest School |
| 22 nd April | Whole School | Earth day- developing spirituality. |
| 29 th April | Upper Juniors | Forest School |
| 3 rd May | Lower Juniors | Class trip to Layer Marney Tower |
| 13 th May | Year 6 | SATs week |
| 13 th May | Infants | Forest School |
| 20 th May | Upper Juniors | Residential to Kingswood trip |
| 20 th May | Lower Juniors | Forest School |
| 24 th May | Whole school | Break up for half term |
| | | Half Term |
| 3 rd June | Whole school | Return to school |
| 3 rd June | Infants | Forest School |
| 7 th June | Whole school | FoPS Quiz night |
| 10 th June | Upper Juniors | Forest School |
| 11 th June | Whole school | Class photos |
| 17 th June | Infants | Forest School |
| 18 th June | Whole school | Class photos reserve date |
| 22 nd June | Whole school | FoPS summer fayre |
| 24 th June | Year 6 | Transition to secondary school week |
| 24 th June | Whole School | Arts week |
| 24 th June | Lower Juniors | Forest School |
| 1 st July | Infants | Forest School |
| 4 th July | Whole school | Sports Day |
| 5 th July | Whole school | Festival Day |
| 8 th July | Upper Juniors | Forest School |
| 11 th July | Whole school | Reserve Sports Day |
| 12 th July | Whole school | Reserve Festival Day |
| 12 th July | Whole school | School reports home |
| 15 th July | Infants | Forest School |
| 22nd July | Whole school | Non-pupil day |
| 23 rd July | Whole school | Non-pupil day |
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The King's Head, Pebmarsh presents

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!

call 01787 267942

FULL PUB MENU AVAILABLE

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

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 

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