



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 19th April 2024



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Self motivation

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a great start to our summer term. Including swimming lessons starting, our topic immersion day where the children were invited to dress up and also took part in a Perform workshop linked to their topics. You really went above and beyond with your costumes this year and the children had an amazing day learning all about toys, the ancient Greeks and also the Victorians. If you haven't paid for the workshop yet then could you please visit ParentPay to do this.



We were lucky enough to welcome two new families to our school this week and we have also found out who will be joining us in reception class next year. We look forward to welcoming them to the Pebmarsh family soon. We still have space in our KS2 classes so spread the word if you know anyone who is looking for a new school in the local area.

## Diary Dates

**22nd April**

Earth Day

**26th April**

FOPs meeting at 2.15pm—all welcome

**3rd May**

Lower Juniors class trip to Layer Marney Tower

**13th May**

SATS week (Year 6 only)

**20th May**

Upper Juniors residential trip to Kingswood

A big welcome also this week to our new school pet—Sir William Fitzralph, Fitz for short. The children have enjoyed getting to know him and he even visited collective worship today to join in with the celebrations.



Attendance has been fantastic this week, well done all, just a reminder that the target is 96% - we haven't met this across the year but can make a difference this term.

If you have older children, then the library are looking for volunteers over the age of 14 to help out with the summer reading challenge over the summer holidays. Check out page 4 for further information.

Please visit <https://www.themazegroup.co.uk/> who are there for supporting families of children with additional needs- They have a free monthly supportive drop in, a specialist free weekly programme and additional workshops to guide, and advise and support you for as long as you need.

Hopefully the weather brightens again for a sunny weekend with your families. Enjoy and see you all on Monday.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	99.59%	95.09%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	100%	95.49%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	98.67%	95.70%
<b>Whole School</b>	99.45%	<b>95.37%</b>

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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Pebmarsh Cup – Louis

Louis, this week, the Koala class have voted for you to receive the Pebmarsh cup. Your classmates describe you as being kind, funny, nurturing and a good friend. All these qualities **can't be taught, they come from within you so well done Louis, keep being you!** We are very lucky to have you in our class!

### Upper Juniors - Katie Self-motivation

Katie, you have got the gold cup this week for coming in to the morning maths club every **single day, even though you find Maths challenging, and it's not your favourite subject you** turn up every single day to prepare yourself for your SATS. What a fantastic attitude Katie

### Lower Juniors – Rosie - Excellence

Rosie, at the end of the last term you were very much part of the recruitment process for our new Headteacher. You represented our school so well and this was noticed by all of our Governors. We are only 5 days into our new term and already you are showing maturity and willing attitude to your learning. Keep up the hard work!

### Infants – Issy Self-motivation

Issy you have amazed us all with your fantastic Curiosity Envelope. You have been self-motivated during the holidays to visit the V&A Museum and 'The Art of the Brick' exhibition too all about Lego. Not only that but you have created an amazing poster to show us what you saw and what you learnt whilst you there. Keep being curious, keep being self-motivated, keep being you.

**Highest attendance award goes to Lower 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 .

# Libraries



- [Volunteering for the Summer Reading Challenge is now open!](#)
- [Get your tickets for the Essex Book Festival!](#)
- [One week to go to enter our competition!](#)
- [Essex Libraries are Death Positive Libraries](#)
- [April's Book of the Month on BorrowBox](#)

## Volunteering for the Summer Reading Challenge is now open!



It's that time of year again...

If you have a child who is 14 or over and is looking for something to do in the summer holidays, then Essex Libraries have the answer.

Come and volunteer for our Summer Reading Challenge 2024! It's a great chance to get some work experience, meet new people and gain valuable life skills.

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## Summer Term April to July 2024

### Parent calendar

Date	Year Group	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school	Return to school
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Lower Juniors	Forest School
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole school	Topic Immersion day-Perform workshop/dress up
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Lower Juniors	Swimming lessons commence
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Infants	Forest School
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Whole School	Earth day- developing spirituality
26 <sup>th</sup> April	All welcome	FOPs meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Upper Juniors	Forest School
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Lower Juniors	Class trip to Layer Marney Tower
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATs week
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Infants	Forest School
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Upper Juniors	Residential to Kingswood trip
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Lower Juniors	Forest School
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school	Break up for half term
		<b>Half Term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Whole school	Return to school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Infants	Forest School
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	FoPS Quiz night
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper Juniors	Forest School
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	Class photos
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Infants	Forest School
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	Class photos reserve date
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Whole school	FoPS summer fayre
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	Transition to secondary school week
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole school	Transition week
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School	Arts week
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Lower Juniors	Forest School
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Infants	Forest School
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Sports Day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Festival Day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Infants	Forest School
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2	KS2 performance (times tbc)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Reserve Sports Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	Reserve Festival Day
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school	School reports home
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper Juniors	Forest School
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School	Leavers assembly-all welcome
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Whole school	Non-pupil day