



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 26th April 2024

Diary Dates

3rd May

Lower Juniors class trip to Layer Marney Tower

6th May

Bank holiday—school closed

3rd & 10th May

3.30pm—5.30pm

FOPS overhaul of Mary's garden—all volunteers welcome

13th May

SATS week (Year 6 only)

20th May

Upper Juniors residential trip to Kingswood



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Honesty

Dear Parents and carers,

On Monday we celebrated Earth Day and linked it with spirituality. The children were shown a clip from David Attenborough's Perfect Planet series and were asked what it made them want to learn and do. The children were encouraged to look at the wows of the world and also the ows. The ows of the world are the areas that might make us sad or think about others. One child in Year 5 was concerned about how climate change and plastic pollution are affecting our world and wrote a letter to David Attenborough to thank him for all the hard work he does. As part of our development of spirituality, all classes went on a walk around Pebmarsh to take a moment of now and appreciate the sounds, smells and sights that we are very lucky to be surrounded by. Supporting the development and growth of children's spirituality is very important for all of us and I have posted a video about how you can help on Dojo as well.



Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair this week and purchased books. We made nearly a grand total of £400 which means that we can now buy even more books for our library and classrooms.

On Friday, Koala class are taking a trip to Layer Marney tower to enrich their learning all about the Ancient Greeks. Can I please ask you to make your payments for this via Parent Pay to ensure the trip is still able to go ahead. If you are having trouble with money and would like support from the school, please do not hesitate to talk to someone and we can help.

A reminder that we have a working party on Friday 3rd and 10th May straight after school for a couple of hours. This is to develop the area 'Mary's Garden' to make a safe and practical area for the children to be calm and reflect during lunchtime and playtime if needed. The more hands the merrier and of course children are welcome too.

Thank you for all of your continued support and also for sharing how wonderful you think our school is. We see lots of positive comments on social media and it really does make us smile and feel proud of our little school. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	95.16%	95.09%
Lower Juniors	95.79%	95.50%
Upper Juniors	97.89%	95.78%
Whole School	96.09%	95.40%

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 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 26th April 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Marcus

Marcus, you received the most votes by far to receive the cup this week which is amazing as you have only just joined us! So many people in the class said you are already a good friend to them. They also said you are kind and helpful, you make them laugh with your jokes, and they knew as soon as you started here that you were going to be part of the friendship group. What a wonderful start to your new school, we are so happy that you came to St. John's!

Upper Juniors - Harry T

Harry, you have produced some excellent writing this week. Not only was the content fantastic, but there were no spelling mistakes at all which is amazing! You are an absolute superstar and Miss Gage couldn't be prouder of you!

Lower Juniors – Oliver – Excellence

Oliver, you have settled in so well to our Koala class and are very much an integral part of our school family. During our first session of swimming last week, you challenged yourself to enter the water and try your very best to do as asked. You achieved it with the support of your friends and the staff. Keep up the hard work Oliver, we are all very proud of you.

Infants – Idris – Honesty

Idris, you have settled in so well to your new school, and it feels as if you have been here for ages, although you only joined us last week! You have been true to yourself since joining us and you have shown real kindness to other children in your class. We are so pleased you have come to St. Johns and love having you in the Owls class.

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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.



LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY

VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Find out about the story behind our food and the work farmers do to manage the countryside

9th June 2024
Hunts Hall Farm
Colne Road
Pebmarsh
CO9 2QE
11.00am – 5.00pm
Dog Welcome on leads.

Farm walks, Tractor and Trailer Rides,
Refreshments, Get up close and personal with
Tractors and Farm Machines.

For more information: Clare Crayston
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Summer Term April to July 2024

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
26 th April	All welcome	FOPs meeting
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
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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	Transition 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	Infants	Forest School
8 th and 9 th July	KS2	KS2 performance (times tbc)
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	Upper Juniors	Forest School
19 th July	Whole School	Leavers assembly-all welcome
22 nd July	Whole school	Non-pupil day
23 rd July	Whole school	Non-pupil day