



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 10th May 2024

## Diary Dates

**10th & 17th 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 Kingswood residential trip to Kingswood

**7th June**

FOPS Quiz night



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Nurturing

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what an amazing week and it has been lovely to see so many of our children outside enjoying the beautiful sunny weather. During this time, can we please remind you to send your child to school with sun hats and cream if necessary. It is also essential that children attend school with a bottle of water too.



Next week is a busy week for our Year 6 children as they will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. They will sit 6 different tests over 4 days which is a lot of work and they have worked incredibly hard in the build up to it. We will be finishing next week off with Mr and Mrs Holmes cooking pizza and enjoying a rounders competition against Koala class.

Thank you to everyone's donations for the class coin jar competition this week. It has been fiercely competitive between Owl and Panther class who are neck and neck to be the first to cross the line. As always you have been incredibly generous and once Parliament have counted the money for us, we will let you know how much we have raised.

During Hot chocolate Friday today, I was lucky enough to spend some time with Lana in Koala class. When I asked her what her plans were for the weekend, she informed me that she attends life saving classes. She explained that she is learning how to save people's life in the water and taking steps towards being a lifeguard. I wanted to share this with you as I was blown away by how incredible I think she is and what remarkable young lady we have in our school. Go Lana!!



This afternoon after school, many parents, staff and family members will be in the school to renovate Mary's garden in the playground. I wanted to say a big thank you for this in advanced as every little helps and every action has a huge impact on the children.

Our Upper Juniors Kingswood is only just over 1 week away and I wanted to remind parents that there is a meeting for anyone whose child is attending on Thursday 16th May at 3.30pm. We will share all information for the upcoming trip including sleeping arrangements for children.

Also, a huge welcome to Miss Reynolds who is our new Catering Assistant and has been in this week and a big welcome for September to Mr Nichols who will be joining us as the Panther class teacher (with me) in September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	96.69%	95.09%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	98.63%	95.54%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	92.11%	95.75%
<b>Whole School</b>	95.93%	95.75%

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](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.**



Gold awards 10th May 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Arlo in Loweres

Arlo, this week, you have been voted to receive the Pebmarsh cup award. Your class friends say you are always kind and considerate to others and you make them laugh. You are a good friend and you always work really hard. You are a really good role model and your friends say they are lucky to be in your class. Well done, Arlo!

Upper Juniors - Freya Self-motivation

Freya, this week, you have blown us away with your self-motivation. You have been trying so hard, putting in maximum effort to prepare yourself for your assessments next week and you have especially found your GRRRR in maths! Well done for pushing yourself so hard, we are incredibly proud of you!

Lower Juniors – Arlo – Self-motivation

Arlo, you are a wonderful role model to everyone in the school as you are so self-motivated. You put 100% into your work across the curriculum and you always go the extra mile. You are so engaged in your learning and it is wonderful to see. Keep up the fantastic attitude Arlo!

Infants –Theo – Nurturing

Theo, this week you have really nurtured yourself as a learner. We have all seen such an improvement in your writing and spelling which is fantastic! Not only have you tried your best, you are nurturing others to find the writer in themselves too. Well done Theo, we are all very proud of you.

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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 .



**Friends of Pebmarsh School**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

**8.00pm - 10.30pm**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**£10 PER PERSON**

(includes BBQ item)

**CASH PRIZE**

**ADULTS ONLY**

Max 6 people per team

**BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOL**

Soft Drinks & Snacks available to buy

**TO BUY TICKETS:**

**contact [FOPS@gmail.com](mailto:FOPS@gmail.com)**

Fundraising for St John the Baptist CEVA Primary School



# 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

9<sup>th</sup> 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  
07952 023630



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## Summer Term April to July 2024

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
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Whole school	Non-pupil day