



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 17th May 2024

## Diary Dates

**10th & 17th May**

3.30pm—5.30pm

FOPS overhaul of Mary's garden—all volunteers

welcome

**20th May**

Upper Juniors residential trip to Kingswood

**7th June**

FOPS Quiz night



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 children who have completed their SATS assessments this week. They completed 6 tests in 4 days and worked very hard. We are so proud of the effort they put it and thank you to the parents as well for dropping them to school early everyday for Miss Gage's Breakfast Buffet. Now we are all off to an amazing residential at Kingswood. We are looking forward to it. I will be on this trip for the week as well so will not be about in school. If you have any problems then please contact the school office and I will endeavour to contact you when I return to school on Friday.

Owl class were lucky enough to attend forest school at 'Fitz Forest' this week behind our school and the children had an amazing time. They enjoyed fruity water, climbed trees, dug in the ground and built an epic den! It is really lovely to see the children out and about enjoying our local environment.



Thank you to the families who have donated buckets, spades and sieves for our sand pit. It really is a popular activity at lunch time but we could desperately do with some more sand. If you are in a DIY store at the weekend and can grab a bag of play sand, we would greatly appreciate it.



Mary's Garden already looks fabulous and more helpers will be at school today to complete the finishing touches. Thank you to everyone who has donated tools, time and expertise to bring this area back to its natural beauty. I'm sure Mary's family would feel honoured to have her remembered.

Well done to Owl class who completed the coin challenge this week. It became fiercely competitive between the classes, teachers and even the parents. We raised £367 towards our Activall walls which can now be activated after half term. Owl class celebrated with a movie morning complete with hot chocolate and sweets. Panthers were second and had a golden time session and in final place was Koala class who celebrated in class too.

We are running low on Calpol, the aged 6 up bottles in a red box. If you have any at home or could add it onto your shopping list it would be greatly appreciated. This is an essential part of our first aid at school and we regularly administer it to your children.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Miss Gage

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	95.33%	95.10%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	99.44%	95.66%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	98.95%	95.87%
<b>Whole School</b>	97.46%	<b>95.47%</b>

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 17th May 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Georgia in Panthers

Georgia, this week, you have been voted by the Panther class to receive the Pebmarsh cup award! Your class friends say you are always smiling and you are kind and funny. You never give up with your work, especially in the SATs this week. You are very welcoming to new pupils and you spread joy wherever you go!

Upper Juniors - All of Year 6

Year 6 – you have all been absolutely AMAZING this week during the SATs. You all gave **you absolute all and Miss Gage and Mrs Lincoln couldn't be prouder of you and your determination to do your very best.** Wishing you all the BEST time at Kingswood next week, it will be very quiet in school and we will miss you!

Lower Juniors – Frank

Frank, your determined and positive attitude has been really noticed this week by Mr Chinery and Mrs Bain. You take pride in your work and you take challenges on well with an open mind set, which is fantastic. Well done Frank, keep it up!

Infants – Rupert

Rupert, you have been an absolute legend this week with your writing in Drawing club. You have blown the socks off Mrs Lock, Miss Bush and Mrs Stacey. You have shown so many of our school values – self motivation, imagination and you have truly nurtured yourself as a writer. The progress you have shown has been phenomenal. We are so proud of you. Keep shining your light brightly.

Highest attendance award this week goes to Lower Juniors

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

28 | 29 MAY



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9AM - 3PM

AGE 4 - 12

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2 days - £50

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**Guides**

5th Halstead

**Free Taster Session**  
**Wednesday 19th June**

for all girls aged 10 to 14

Join us for a fun-filled evening of exciting outdoor activities. Learn to build a fire, work together to make a shelter, and have a go at cooking over an open flame!

Guides is an amazing opportunity for all girls to make new friends, learn to be themselves and try stuff they've never done before!



Contact us for more information:  
[5thhalsteadtrinityguides@gmail.com](mailto:5thhalsteadtrinityguides@gmail.com)



# Field Studies Council

East Bergholt, CO7 6UL

Flatford Mill

## 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# BioBlitz

Free

1 day to find as much of Flatford's wildlife as we can!

**Join us at Flatford Mill!**  
Discover what lives underwater, in the bushes and flower meadows, and what soars above the treetops. What will you find on our Bioblitz?

Look a little closer at wildlife



**8am**  
Bird ringing



**9am**  
Small mammals & moth trapping



**From 10am**  
Many fun drop-in activities



**8pm**  
Twilight walks, owl watching & moth spotting



**9pm**  
Bat walk



Camera traps

Pond dipping



Butterfly transects

Lichen spotters

Minibeast hunting

Tree trails

Pitfall trapping

Worm charming

Flower folklore

Poo detectives



**Contact us:**

01206 297110

[enquiries.fm@field-studies-council.org](mailto:enquiries.fm@field-studies-council.org)



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# 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