



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 7th June 2024

## Diary Dates

**7th June**

FOPS Quiz night

CANCELLED

**11th June**

Class photos

**22nd June**

FOPS Summer Fayre



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Spirituality

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, a whole week back at school complete and Kingswood feels like a distant memory. I am still amazed at the whole experience and how well the children represented the school. Our group leader, Elliot, said that all of the leaders had commented on how polite and well behaved our children were and I have to echo that. They really were amazing. Parents of children who attended Kingswood are invited to a reunion evening on Friday 14th June at 3.20pm in the Panther classroom.

Sadly our quiz night this evening had to be postponed, but not to worry as we are now all busy preparing for our summer fair on Saturday 22nd June. A letter was shared via dojo for ways that you can support FOPS and further information can be found on pages...

This week and half term is a busy time for showing off our amazing talents and everything we have learnt over the year. The whole school have assessments including children in Owl class completing their phonics screening and year 4 doing their multiplication checks. Everyone is working incredibly hard and I have no doubt that they will all achieve excellence.

This week we officially unveiled our Activall wall and the children have been playing on it non-stop. There is some fierce competition to beat the fastest score and it's great to see the children being very active and engaged in it.



We are running low on the clear recycling sacks and it would be very much appreciated if you were passing the library, if you could pick us up a spare roll. You may even have a spare roll or 2 at home which you can donate. Anything is welcome.

Congratulations to the Upper Juniors for having the highest attendance across the month of May, they all celebrated by eating cake this morning! As we move into the final term it is important that our attendance remains above the magic number of 96% this is also a busy term with assessments and transitions. If your child misses out on these important events there is not often a chance they can redo them. Remember if you are requesting time off then please complete a form in the office.

FANCY DRESS CLOTHES— I am on the hunt for fancy dress items for all ages and sizes in our school. This is to use at playtime and lunchtime to engage the children in play. If you could please drop anything off at the office for me that would be greatly appreciated.

Also, as per the previous letters you should have received today, I am pleased to welcome Miss King to our team. Miss King will be joining us in September as our early years teacher working alongside Mrs Lock.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Gage

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	91.18%	94.77%
Lower Juniors	93.89%	95.42%
Upper Juniors	95.79%	95.83%
Whole School	93.20%	95.24%

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.**

**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 7th June 2024

### Pebmarsh Cup – Toby in Koalas

Toby, this week our class have voted for you to win the Pebmarsh cup. Your friends have described you as a hard working individual that works well alone and in a team. You have a kind, honest, caring and nurturing nature and can empathise well with others. The class have enjoyed playing football and in the sandpit at break times with you. Keep up the hard work and continue to be the amazing person you are!

### Upper Juniors - Starr – Excellence

Starr, you are receiving the award this week for being amazing at everything you do, but especially during assessment weeks when you shone like the brightest star – literally! Well done, keep up the hard work.

### Lower Juniors – Edie – Excellence

Edie, you are a self motivated learner who takes your time to think through and task, planning an appropriate approach. Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain and have been really impressed with your positive attitude towards your learning and your ability to work independently. You have continued to surprise us all with your talents, keep up the hard work.

### Infants – Delilah – Self-Motivation

Delilah, you have been amazing this week, working really hard on your phonics, reading and writing. You believed in yourself, listened to guidance from the adults and connected to what you already

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 .



# Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

## Join us...

Wednesday 26 June

The Old School House, Takeley

Thursday 27 June 2024

Queens Hall, Halstead

Tuesday 2 July 2024

Princes Theatre, Clacton

Thursday 4 July 2024

Smallgains Hall, Canvey Island

Visit our website for  
further details

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information




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[www.send.essex.gov.uk](http://www.send.essex.gov.uk)



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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)





# 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