



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 14th June 2024

## Diary Dates

**22nd June**

FOPS Summer Fayre

12-3pm

**27th & 28th June**

Year 7 transition days

**4th July**

Sports Day

**5th July**

FOPS Festival Day

**8th & 9th July**

KS2 summer performances



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Honesty

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start the newsletter this week with a huge shout out to FOPS! I really wish I could show you how much a difference they make to every child in our school. When, as a Headteacher, I have a crazy idea of things I want to make our school a better place it often comes with a cost that we cannot afford. One email to FOPS and our dreams become a reality. Please try and help in anyway that you can with our up coming summer fair as it is one of our biggest events of the year. Email [contactFoPs@gmail.com](mailto:contactFoPs@gmail.com).

We've had lots of assessments this week including the phonics screening in Owl class and the Multiplication Check in year 4. Well done to all of the children who completed these. Your teachers were over the moon with the effort you put in.

At the weekend, Eli in Panther class won 2 medals (Silver and bronze) in his karate competition yesterday, he was one mark off in the final sparring match. Our photographer, Binnie was also at the competition and was starstruck



when she saw the real life ninja who can do a flying kick towards an opponent. A huge congratulations Eli, it's amazing to see you do so well. Also, well done to Rosie in Koala class, who took part in a horse show at Layer Marney tower at the weekend. Rosie was amazing and she even received a medal. Well done Rosie.

I would like to introduce you to a new member of the St John's family, below is a picture of Lola, our new therapy dog. She belongs to Ann Harris, a member of our local community and is fully trained in being a therapy and reading dog. She will be working with children for an afternoon a week and if your child has been selected, you will receive a letter shortly.

Thank you to parents who have already dropped off some dressing up clothes. If you have any at home we would be very grateful for them. We are looking for all ages and sizes as these will be available for the children at lunchtime and playtime. Please drop them off at the school office.

In the Autumn term, year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Bikeability. On page 6, you will also find some information about other cycling courses that you can take part in.

Have an amazing weekend. Miss Gage



United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	93.87%	94.74%
Lower Juniors	94.44%	95.39%
Upper Juniors	95.79%	95.83%
Whole School	95.22%	94.56%

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 14th June 2024

#### Pebmarsh Cup – Eli In Uppers

Eli, this week our class have voted for you to win the Pebmarsh cup. The main reason is for the way you were at Kingswood – your friends said you were really brave on the activities, you tried your absolute best and you gave every single activity a go! It has been mentioned **how quickly you shot up the Jacob's ladder too! But apart from the week at Kingswood, you** constantly show empathy, kindness and humour in equal measures. Well done Eli, keep it up!

#### Upper Juniors - George - Excellence

George, you have been chosen for always being amazing at whatever is thrown at you. You are kind, caring and empathetic. You truly embody our whole school vision and values and we are lucky to have you in our class.

#### Lower Juniors – Indie – Excellence

Indie, you have come back this half term with such a positive and willing attitude, which has been noticed by staff and your friends. During the past two weeks, you have been self-motivated and have shown that you are ready to learn at the start of each lesson. You have taken the time to plan and present your work neatly and have contributed your ideas and knowledge during lessons. Keep up the hard work!

#### Infants – Otilie - S.H.I.N.E

Otilie, you are all our values rolled into one every single day but you also show that learning happens everywhere, not just school. We enjoyed sharing your photos of the Pony Club you attended during half term along with the rosette you received and the T-shirt. You spoke about the event with confidence and answered questions from the class with passion and honesty. Keep up your dedication, love and learning for horses. Who knows...you could be a show jumper, eventer or equine vet in the making?

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.

No need to book, just drop in!

## 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

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Summer holidays are fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do over the holidays? Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

All different levels are available as well as our beginner course called Learn to Ride.

The courses are being held in the following locations and more may be added:

- **Chelmsford**
- **Colchester**
- **Harlow**

Please see below the link for parents/ guardians to book holiday courses.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



**HOLIDAY COURSES**

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3  
and Learn to ride courses**

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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