



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 21st June 2024

Diary Dates

22nd June

FOPS Summer Fayre

12-3pm

27th & 28th June

Year 7 transition days

4th July

Sports Day

5th July

Festival Day

8th & 9th July

KS2 summer performances



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a bottle to our tombola stall for the summer fair tomorrow. It is really great when parents contribute towards the school as every little helps, if you would still like to help out tomorrow even for just an hour then please make contact with someone in the FOPS team. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible. The sun will be shining and there are lots of amazing events happening.

On Wednesday, some of our school parliament and Bright Minds, Bright Moods children attended a United in Diversity day at Braxted Hall Park this week where they took part in lots of activities. Mrs Jinks said "They listened to speeches by other pupils and had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities with organisations including Active Essex, St John's Ambulance, Essex Music services, Essex Wildlife Trust, the police & local businesses. We had an excellent day and the children represented our school brilliantly," Thank you to Mrs Jinks for arranging this.

Transition day is next week so our children will get to meet their new teachers for September. We will arrange a date in September for you to come in and meet the teacher, keep your eyes peeled for the date.



We had a water safety assembly on Wednesday where our children were taught about the dangers of water over the summer months and how they can keep themselves safe. Did you know that there were 157 accidental drownings in 2023? It really is important to supervise children around water, even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in danger.

This week in school we introduced dressing up into our playtime equipment. This was a great success for all ages although some of them year 5 and 6 children wanted to be dressed like a princess or wear a tie and hat during their afternoon lessons! We are always on the look out for more

dressing up so please donate if you can. The next development I would like are scooters and helmets for outside. So, if your child has grown out of their helmet and scooter then we would greatly appreciate them in school.

We are very keen to develop a dining room experience in our lunch hall, this is to promote social skills and develop interactions between the children. The first step was having the children sitting and their meals being served to them. This week we added cups and jugs of water. Children have relished this and it has been lovely to see them pouring water for their friends and also drinking a healthy amount of water as part of a balanced diet.



This week in school we also celebrated 'Thank your Teacher day' as part of spirituality and appreciating all of the wonderful things our school has to offer. We received a lovely heartfelt email to the school and it really boosted the whole staff morale. In a world that can be quite challenging at times words of kindness really do go a long way.

I am looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow at the summer fete.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	95.16%	94.76%
Lower Juniors	94.44%	95.37%
Upper Juniors	89.69%	95.63%
Whole School	93.42%	95.17%

Highest attendance award goes to **Infants** this week!

PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL (NOT CLASS DOJO) 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.

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 21st June 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Theo in Owls

Theo you have been voted by Owl Class to receive the Pebmarsh Cup because we feel that you are kind, nice and a fun friend to have. We like playing with you - especially as you are good at football and a good goalie. We notice in class that you are always ready to learn and are a good role model for all of our school values. Being your friend makes us happy Theo. Keep being you as we think you are awesome.

Upper Juniors - Alfie – Excellence

Alfie, you have been chosen for the Gold Award this week for being outstanding in representing our school on the trip this week. You embraced the whole experience fully and blew everyone away with your javelin skills! You showed empathy and self-motivation and it was wonderful to see you exercising our school values even when not in school.

Lower Juniors – Frank- Nurturing

Frank, this week you stood out above the whole class for your kindness towards another Kola. You put someone else's needs and wants above your own and that is a fantastic quality to have. We are so lucky to have you in our class!

Infants – Freya Self-motivation and Nurturing

Freya you have blown us away this week with your continued self-motivation in Maths. You are amazing at making connections with what you already know to help you solve problems and number sentences. We can see your brain ticking. You have also been amazing this week in nurturing yourself with your new glasses and being honest about when you need to wear them. Well done Freya. Keep shining bright.

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 .

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Essex County Council

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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
		Half Term
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	Leavers' disco 3.30pm-5.00pm—all years
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