



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 13th September

Diary Dates

20th September

FoPS meeting at school
at 2.15pm—
all welcome

26th September

Open evening at Ramsey
Academy

31st October

Secondary school
applications close



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week of learning including Forest school for Owls and Owlets, a mock trial for Panther class and recipe writing for Koala class. The children have all been working incredibly hard so choosing my shining star this week has been incredibly difficult. The shining star is chosen by me and hidden on this newsletter, the winner will receive a special gold badge to keep forever and will also be displayed on my office door for the entire week! Who will it be this week?

On Friday 20th September, at 2.15pm, we have FOPS meeting to set out the plans and wishes for the year. The helpers in FOPS do amazing things for the children in the school such as fairs, discos, movie nights, Easter egg hunts and also providing resources and enrichment for the children at school. WE would really love some help from new parents, come along for a cup of tea and a chat to find out more about what they do. Everyone is welcome.

Year 6 parents, the time is approaching for you to begin looking around secondary schools for next year. Essex County Council's portal has opened for parents of Year 6 children to apply for a place for their child's secondary school—this closes on the 31st October. Please visit www.essex.gov.uk/admissions to apply for a place



This week our Owlets have been busy preparing a tea party for the King and Queen. Unfortunately the King was in an important meeting and called from Buckingham Palace to apologise but luckily they were still visited by a 'Queen' It was a lovely afternoon and I thoroughly enjoyed attending. I wonder what next week's learning holds...



As you know, the beginning of the school year means that we begin using all new bits in school and we would love some help to replenish some stock if you are able to help. Here is our Amazon Wishlist if you would like to purchase something. <https://amzn.eu/9hPbqMV> Thank you!

We hope that you all have a relaxing weekend in the sunshine and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

| | This Week | Year to date |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| EYFS | 91.88% | 94.53% |
| Infants | 98.46% | 98.56% |
| Lower Juniors | 97.14% | 98.21% |
| Upper Juniors | 99.29% | 99.55% |
| Whole School | 96.88% | 97.81% |

Highest attendance award goes to Upper Juniors 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 9.25am—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.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during school hours, please complete a Medical Leave of Absence form which are available in the school office.

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.

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. Any orders placed after this time will not be processed .Thank you.





FREE FAMILY FUN



Who is God?

Saturday 21 September
3^{pm} — 5^{pm}

**join us for craft, games,
bible story and more**

St Andrew's Hall
Parsonage Street
Halstead CO9 2LD

Speak to Rachel for
more information -
07837 167 408

Free meal





Autism
Central

Autism central is here to help!

Sometimes talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people of any age. They do not need a diagnosis to access the service. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

What we can offer:

- A constantly growing range of information and resources is available on the Autism Central website www.autismcentral.org.uk
- Weekly online groups sessions - drop-ins and themed sessions covering a range of topics
- 1:1 support via a telephone or Teams call. This can be requested via the QR code below

www.autismcentral.org.uk

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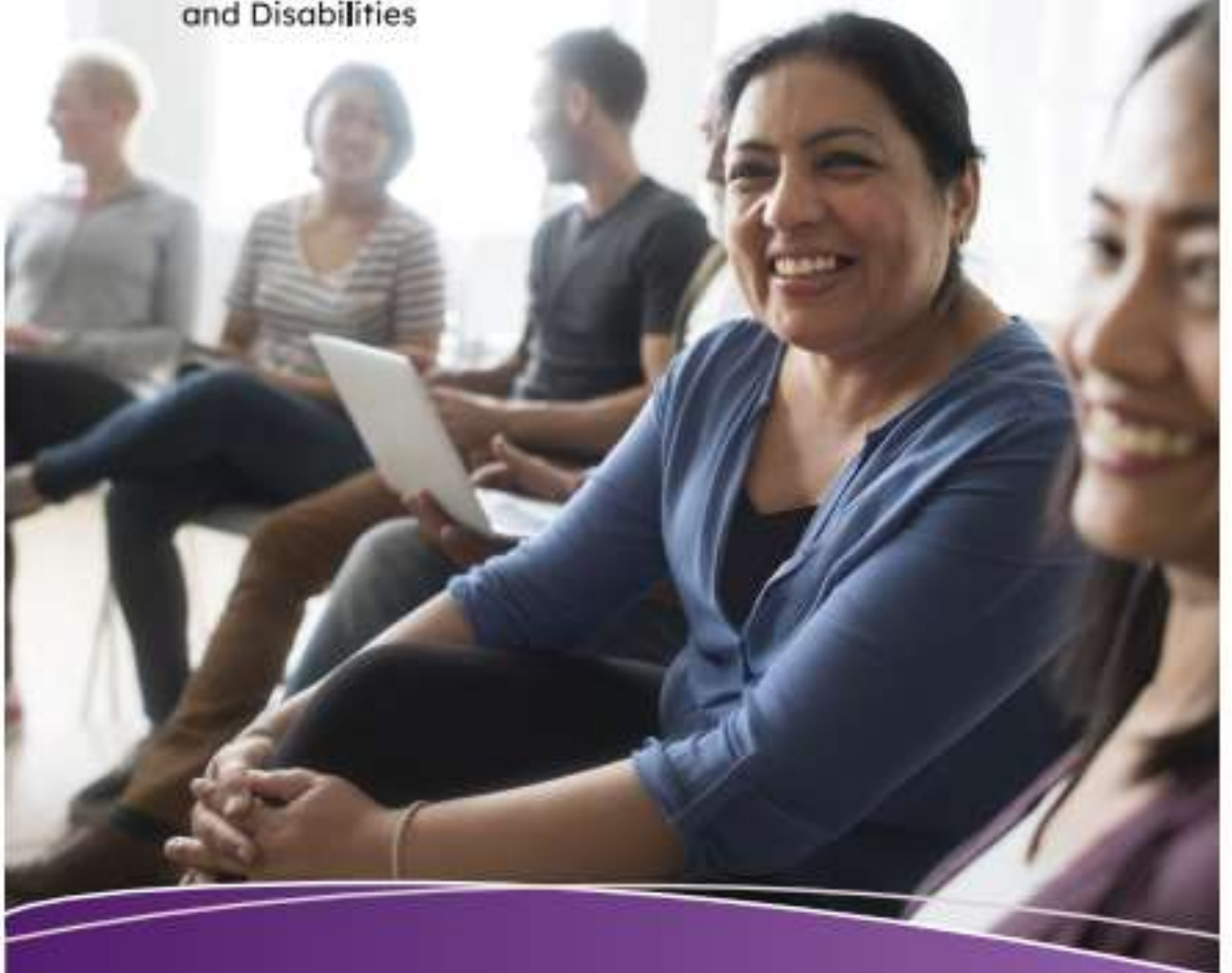
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Good Beginnings

Course

A course for parents and carers of autistic children, or those with social communication needs, in reception and younger.



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The course covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- play
- sensory processing
- supporting distress and emotional regulation
- eating, sleeping and toileting
- managing anxiety

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**Next Start date
30th September**

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CACHE Certificate in
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CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**



Gold awards 13th September 2024

Upper Juniors - Mason- Empathy

Mason, this week, you have really shown how you have developed empathy for others. We learnt about people less fortunate than us and how important it is that we help as much as we can. Well done Mason, this is a wonderful quality to have

Lower Juniors – Freya – Self-motivation

Freya, Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain are so pleased at how you have transitioned from Year 2 to Year 3 so smoothly. Since you have joined our class, you have taken the initiative to create your own Roman shield and chariot in your own time, demonstrating your imaginative and creative skills. We look forward to seeing how much further you develop with us!

Infants – Frida – Self-motivation

What a brilliant week back at school you have had. You have been focussed, sharing, taking turns and talking our ears off! Your vocabulary is amazing and you are all things Owl class. What a superstar!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

BERNIE IN OWLS CLASS!

Bernie, you have blown me away these last 2 weeks coming in all by yourself! You are a shining star! Keep up the great work.



