



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 20th September

Diary Dates

26th September

Open evening at Ramsey
Academy

2nd October

Harvest Festival in
church at 9am

3rd October

Times Table Rock Stars
Day

8th October

Individual school photos

31st October

Secondary school



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been busy this week learning all about knights, making cakes, describing wizards and also writing and performing rondelets. The school has an amazing buzz of energy and curiosity and it has been lovely to see. We cannot wait to invite you in for our 'Learning Together' afternoons where you will get to take part in the learning with your children. Keep an eye out for dates in the newsletter.

Just a little reminder that if your child is off sick you need to call the school office. Teachers may not be in school to check Class Dojo and this message will not be passed onto the school office. And if your child has a medical appointment that is during the school day, a leave of absence form must be completed - these are available at the foyer.

Rosie and Oscar competed in a national horseriding competition called the Sunshine Tour held in Hickstead, which they both had to qualify for. Rosie was placed in every class she did and won the newcomer championship class. Oscar did the lead rein class and came in . Well done Rosie and Oscar, we love to hear about your success outside of school.



This week, children in Koala and Panther class received letters regarding an exciting opportunity to perform at the O2 in London in February. Young Voices is the world's largest children's choir and it is a fantastic day. If your child is interested, please return the form by no later than Wednesday of next week.

Congratulations to the children that were elected school parliament by their peers. I cannot wait to see the work you do to make our school an even more amazing place

On Thursday 3rd October, we have Times Table Rock Stars Day—we would love the children (and staff!) to come dressed as a rock star.

If you haven't already returned your updated pupil information forms, please do so asap—if you need another copy, please let the school office know.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	86.88%	91.59%
Infants	97.31%	98.08%
Lower Juniors	93.33%	96.34%
Upper Juniors	93.57%	97.25%
Whole School	93.38%	96.10%

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 9.25am—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





St Mary's
Colchester

ATTEND A
SENIOR SCHOOL

open day

11&12
OCT | 9.30-11.30am
St Mary's Senior School

Reserve your place at stmaryscolchester.org.uk/open-days

*empowering
girls*

TO BE TOMORROW'S LEADERS



St Mary's
Colchester

free event aimed at
parents and daughters

Join us at our Empowering Girls Leadership event, following refreshments at the Senior School open day, where inspiring female leaders will tell their stories, share their learnings and provide advice on leadership. There will also be the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with the guest speakers on the topic of leadership.

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OCT | 12.30-1.30pm
St Mary's Senior School

Reserve your place at stmaryscolchester.org.uk/empowering-girls

Gold awards 20th September 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Delilah in Owls

This week Delilah, the Owl class have nominated you for the Pebmarsh cup! The children in Owl class say it is because you are kind and a good (and bestest) friend. They also say you are always ready on the carpet for learning, that they like sitting next to you, you play with everyone and you are beautiful. Well done Delilah from all your Owl class Owls.

Upper Juniors - Harry P – Self-motivation

Harry, your writing this week has improved so much, and you are showing no signs of this stopping. You have taken everything you have been taught in intervention sessions and applied it in the classroom. Mr Nichols and Mrs Lincoln are both so impressed – well done Harry, keep up the good work!

Lower Juniors – Indie – Self-motivation

Indie, you have returned to school this year with a mature and independent attitude towards your learning. Not only have staff noticed this positive change, but so have your friends, who have recently put their trust in you and nominated you to represent the Koala class for Pebmarsh Parliament. Continue to be the strong role model you are in our classroom.

Infants -George – S.H.I.N.E (All our values)

George, you have been an absolute shining star since being back. Both Mrs Watkins and Mrs Lock have been blown away by your attitude to your work, your amazing learning and your care and nurture to everyone in the class. There are SO many things we can say but it all boils down to the fact you have been totally AWESOME!!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Starr in Panthers for being a great friend and supporting others when they need it.



