



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 4th October 2024

Diary Dates

8th October

Individual school photos

10th October

Hedingham School

open evening

18th October

Movie Night

3.20pm—5.15pm

31st October

Year 7 applications close



Self-motivation Honest Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

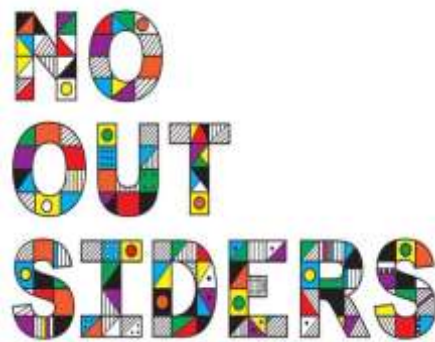
We have had a very busy week with Harvest festival, Rockstar day and also thinking about hope. We began the week with a collective worship thinking about hope. The children were all given a daffodil bulb today to whisper their hope into and plant in our school. We cannot wait to see all the seeds of hope grow next year.

Learning together dates are being shared now and are at the end of the newsletter. This is an opportunity for you to come in and take part with the children's learning to see what they enjoy. Please note that the Owl class date has changed.

Next week, we have our individual school photos on Tuesday morning. We aim to have them all done on Tuesday but if for some reason they run into Wednesday then we will communicate this with you. We also have Bikeability for our KS2 children. If you have signed up for this, letters will come home reminding you of what the children need to bring in next week.



I am excited to announce that as a school we will be expanding our curriculum to teach 'No Outsiders' this is an approach to teaching the equality act to all children. Using Andrew Moffat's approach, we will be looking at how everyone is equal, regardless of race, culture, disability or sexuality, in a child friendly approach. This is taught through pictures books specific to ages of children and further information can be seen on our website. If you would like to talk to anyone about this further please do not hesitate to get into contact with us.



Thank you to Jess Soper, a parent and helper with Fops for taking incredible photographs of the children at the Harvest festival. I think you will agree that they are breath-taking. I have included a selection on the next page and all of the photos can be seen on Class Dojo. Please remember not to share on social media.

Have an amazing 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	94.34%	91.27%
Infants	96.15%	96.24%
Lower Juniors	98.57%	96.69%
Upper Juniors	98.57%	96.89%
Whole School	96.88%	95.45%

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.



Speech and Language UK

It is not easy learning to understand and manage your child's speech and language challenges. Getting the right information and support can be hard work. We have created two workshops just for parents and carers. These sessions will help you to think about how you can best understand and support your child and how you can share this knowledge with others who are involved with your child. Here is your opportunity to hear other parents' experiences, learn new strategies and share as much or as little of your story as you wish.

Wednesday 23rd October 10-12pm **Introduction to speech and language challenges** – supporting your child via Zoom

Learn about how and why children learn to communicate, strategies that you can put into place at home to help your child if they have any type of speech and language challenge, resources to help you and your child, and working with others to support your child.

and Wednesday 30th October 10-12pm **Supporting your child with social communication challenges** via Zoom

This workshop is for you if your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis). Learn more about social communication skills in young children and how they develop, how to help your child if they are at very early (or preverbal) stage of development, strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home and resources you can access.

If you are interested in joining one or both of these sessions, please email tlc@essex.gov.uk Please include the name of the session you would like to join. We will then send you the Zoom link nearer to the time.

You are welcome to attend just one or both workshops, start with the one that sounds right for you and your child.

Written and delivered by a very experienced speech and language therapists and advisors for the children's communication charity, Speech & Language UK.

If your child is older than 5 years much of the content of this workshop will not be relevant and you may find it more useful to contact Speech and Language UK's advice line or visit their website: [Home - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 18th October 2024

3.20pm - 5.15pm

EYFS/KS1 - movie & games in Owls Classroom

KS2 - movie in the School Hall

£3 PER CHILD



Bring your cushion/blankets into school
and PJs to get changed into!

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PAYMENT(S) AND COMPLETED FORM(S) TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

PRELOVED UNIFORM



You can help to support our school
(and the environment) by

DONATING or **BUYING**

your child's school uniform at the

PRELOVED UNIFORM SALES

every half term at **Pebmarsh School**
(OPTIONAL DONATION OF 50p PER ITEM)

*(If you are kindly donating, please can you ensure the items are clean,
in a good condition and are in line with the School Uniform Policy)*

Jumpers – Cardigans – Skirts – Shorts – Trousers
Dresses – Tops – T-Shirts – PE Kit – School Shoes
Coats – Book Bags – Socks – Tights

Please email contactFOPS@gmail.com for more details



OPEN EVENING

THURS 10TH OCT

5-8PM

HEDINGHAM SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX

01787 460470

HEDINGHAM.ESSEX.SCH.UK

Health Advice Drop In for 5-19 year olds

You can go along to drop-in sessions at your local Family Hub to get advice and support for your school aged child with a member of our school health team, where you can discuss things which may be concerning you.

Areas of support

- Managing worries, low mood, stress or anger issues
- Bullying and friendship issues
- Diet / Nutritional support
- Improving sleep
- Day and night wetting
- Behavioural concerns
- Personal hygiene
- Sexual health
- Information and signposting regarding medical conditions

T: 0300 247 0014

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

2nd & 4th Mon 3pm-4.30pm

Location: Harlequin Family Hub, CM8 1NA

Every Tues 3pm-4.30pm

Location: Carousel Family Hub, CM3 5ZX

Every Weds 3pm-4.30pm

Location: Acorn Family Hub, Halsted, C09 1JH

1st, 3rd & 5th Weds

3pm-4.30pm

Location: Silver End Family Hub, CM8 3RQ

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HOLIDAY COURSES

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

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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Essex County Council

October half-term is fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do during this time? Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

Various 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:

- **Colchester – Learn to Ride and Level 1&2**
- **Harlow – Learn to Ride, Level 1&2 and Level 3**
- **Chelmsford – available soon**
Braintree – available soon

Please see below the link for parents/ guardians to book October half-term holiday courses.

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

Gold awards 4th October 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Finley in Panthers

Finley, this week, your class friends have chosen you to receive the Pebmarsh cup. They have described you as being a good friend, and very kind. You include yourself in every subject and you always try hard. You are funny and you always have a smile on your face. You never leave anybody out and you are always really polite. Very well deserved Finley, well done!

Upper Juniors - Lyra – Nurturing

During Times Table Rock Stars, you were incredibly nurturing with the Owl class children you were working with. You were helping them to learn their times tables by showing them multiple methods and taking the time and patience needed to help them with this learning. Well done Lyra, what a lovely role model you are.

Lower Juniors – Olivia G – Self-motivation

Olivia, your light has really been shining since you joined the Koala class. You have shown perseverance and determination in your learning and have also been working equally hard at home, showing how self-motivated you are to learn. Keep up the hard work, we are all so proud of how far you have come in your learning journey already.

Infants -Theo - Nurturing

Theo you are quite simply amazing. The care and nurture you show towards others is inspiring to see. You have a kind and caring nature and it shines through in all that you do. Thank you for being you and thank you for choosing our school to come to. We absolutely love having you in our class.

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Jack(Owlets)

Your curiosity amazes me and you are always asking such interesting questions! Keep shining bright!



