



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 11th October 2024

## Diary Dates

**18th October**

Movie Night

3.20pm—5.15pm

**31st October**

Year 7 applications close

**5th November**

Parents' evening  
consultations

**7th November**

Parents' evening  
consultation



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a great week of learning this week and especially our Koala and Panther children who took part in Bikeability yesterday and today. The facilitators said they were the best behaved children they had ever worked with and they were a model group. Well done for representing our school so well.

Next Friday, after school, we have our 'Movie Night' held by FOPS. Please ensure you have completed your forms and handed them into the office so that your child is able to go.

When we return after half term, we have our topic immersion days linked to the topics being taught after half term. Teachers will let you know some ideas about dressing up options on Class Dojo before half term. Please make sure that you have paid for this on Parent Pay, if you are having difficulty accessing the Parent Play platform please come into the school office and someone will help you.



I was surprised this morning by the early signs of frost, and the air definitely felt chiller. With the colder months settling in, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school wearing tights or trousers if they have cold legs. We have had a number of children saying they felt cold this week and wanted to stay inside, this is not an option at lunchtime unless the temperatures are extreme. This also applies to Forest school, children will be outside for the afternoon so need to be adequately dressed.



I'm pleased to say that as a school we are taking part in a project called PINS (Partnership for Inclusion in Neurodiversity) an invitation went out to all parents of SEND children this week and others that we felt it may be useful to. Could you please let us know if you are able to attend, also if you want to attend but did not receive the invite then please let me know? This will be held in the village hall and will be a great way for parents of SEND children support one another.

We had Rev Bev in this week to begin meditation with Koala class. The children really enjoyed the relaxation and Rev Bev was impressed with how well the children took part. We cannot wait to continue the sessions over the year.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	<b>This Week</b> <b>Fri-Thurs</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	93.04%	91.58%
<b>Infants</b>	93.46%	95.74%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	98.57%	97.02%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	96.43%	96.81%
<b>Whole School</b>	95.31%	95.43%

Highest attendance award goes to Lower 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](mailto: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.**



# 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



## 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.

9:30am to 12:30pm  
No need to book, just drop in!

Scan the QR code to  
find out more  
information



or go to  
[www.send.essex.gov.uk](http://www.send.essex.gov.uk)

### Join us...

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Champions Manor Hall, South  
Woodham Ferrers

Wednesday 23 October 2024

Brightlingsea Community Centre,  
Brightlingsea

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Haneakins Farm, Billericay

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Peter Kirk Centre, Stansted Mountfitchet

Visit our website for  
further details



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## Gold awards 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Pebmarsh Cup – Lottie in Owls

Lottie, what can we say? You have been chosen by Owl class because they say you are kind, a good friend and you are always helping others out. They love the crazy actions and faces you pull and they are super-duper impressed with your amazing reading skills. Lottie, you light up our lives, keep being you.

### Upper Juniors - Toby – Self-motivation

Toby, you have been coming in to school every morning and setting an incredible example to the rest of the class with your early morning work. You continue this work ethic throughout the day and you love a challenge to test your knowledge. Well done Toby!

### Lower Juniors – Leo – Imaginative

Leo, this week you have really impressed the Koala class with your creative and imaginative **ideas in your 'Defeating the Monster' story. You have used rich vocabulary that has captured** your audience, leaving them wanting more. You read your story to our class confidently and proud, and so you should be. Keep up your passion for reading and writing. Well done.

### Infants – Issy – Imaginative

Isobel – you have an amazing, active and creative imagination that comes from your love of reading and this has been reflected this week in your writing. Your work describing the **Witch's pet spider in Drawing Club Adventure Time was phenomenal. Mrs Watkins and Mrs Lock were blown away.** I look forward to reading your first book if you ever become an author. Keep shining your light bright, Issy.

## Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Alora in Koalas

For being so helpful at lunchtime

every single day!!

You look amazing in your new apron!



