



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 8th November

Diary Dates

12th November

Flu immunisations &

Odd Sock Day for anti bullying week

13th November

Road safety presentation (EYFS only)

Panthers

Learning Together 2.00pm

20th November

Pantomime workshop in school

27th November

NO Art Club after school



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week here at school, filled with exciting events and enriching learning experiences.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our cross country team, who represented our school at the recent sporting event. They were the loudest school there, and their enthusiasm and determination made us all incredibly proud.

On Tuesday, we had a fantastic time learning about Diwali. A special thanks to Miss King for organising an engaging whole-school celebration that was enjoyed by all. The children participated in shadow puppet shows, created beautiful rangoli patterns, and experimented with mehndi art. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to celebrate and learn together.

As part of our continued learning, we held a Topic Day, where the children looked fantastic in their themed outfits.

Their curiosity to learn about new topics was truly inspiring.

Today, Owl Class had their learning together and it was lovely to see so many parents in our school. The children engaged in a wonderful learning experience about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They had the opportunity to express their creativity by trying their hand at henna designs. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and the beautiful patterns they created!

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that next Tuesday marks Odd Sock Day, in recognition of Anti-Bullying Week. We encourage everyone to wear mismatched socks as a fun way to promote kindness and acceptance.

Additionally, flu immunisations will take place on the same day. If you have not yet completed the form that was emailed to you earlier this week, please ensure this is done as soon as possible—even if your child isn't having it.

I'm excited to remind you that our after-school clubs commence next week. We are thrilled to offer a cheerleading club on Mondays, which promises to be lots of fun!

As this term is quite busy, I kindly ask that you check the diary dates to stay informed on all upcoming events. Please note that Remembrance Day is on Monday, and there will be a service at the war memorial at 11am.

Finally, The Night Owls pictures will be coming home today. Should you wish to purchase them, please return the pictures along with your payment by Friday, 15th November.

Thank you for your continued support. And 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	93.75%	91.78%
Infants	93.98%	95.70%
Lower Juniors	98.81%	97.56%
Upper Juniors	96.43%	97.11%
Whole School	95.67%	95.65%

Well done to Lower Juniors who won the highest attendance award for the month of October 2024!

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.



Gold awards 8th November 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Theo D (nominated by the Owl class)

Theo, you have been chosen by your friends in Owl class this week to receive the Pebmarsh cup. They say that you are an amazing artist and they cannot believe how brilliant your pictures are. They also say that you are an amazing writer. They love your sense of humour and your cheeky smile. Your class say that you are kind, thoughtful and caring to others and that you have a big, big heart.

Upper Juniors - Starr – Nurturing

Starr, you have shown an amazing level of empathy this week helping not only with the book fair and poppy sales but also helping adults and children within the classroom. You have also been using your own free time to help other members of the school and shown that you are a fantastic role model. Well done Starr, we are so lucky to have you in our class.

Lower Juniors – Griff

Griff, this week you have not only impressed your teachers and peers but you have also impressed our visitor who ran the Perform workshop. You confidently shared your knowledge of the Romans with our class, answering any questions with a detailed response in a clear and concise way. You have been so engaged in you learning across the curriculum and this

Infants – Lola – Nurturing

Lola, you have come back after half term with a spring in your step and humungous smile on your face. You waltzed straight into the classroom on Tuesday with oodles and oodles of positive attitude. You have a loving nature and a heart growing with kindness. You have really nurtured yourself as a member of our class and school and we are so thankful that you have **chosen to join us here at St. John's. Well done Lola, keep your light shining brightly.**

EYFS – Isla-Rose – Self-motivation

Isla-Rose, since coming back from the half term break, you have come into school so keen and ready to give anything a go! You have challenged yourself with every single activity and Miss King and Miss Bush are super proud of you! Well done Isa-Rose!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Samantha-Owl Class



You have been a beam of light this week spreading your joy and happiness around and Mrs Lock has also been impressed with your writing! Keep it up!





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Autumn Term September-December 2024

Date	Yr Group	Event
3rd September	Whole School	Back to school for Autumn Term
9 th September	Owls	Forest School
16 th September	Koalas	Forest School
23 rd September	Owls	Forest School
26th September	Panthers	Open Evening at Ramsey Academy
30 th September	Panthers	Forest School
2nd October	Whole School	Harvest Festival in church at 9am
7 th October	Owls	Forest School
10th October	Panthers	Open Evening at Hedingham School
14 th October	Koalas	Forest School
18th October	Whole School	Movie Night 3.20pm - 5.15pm
21 st October	Owls	Forest School
23rd October	Owls	Learning Together 2pm **postponed**
25th October	Owlets	Learning together 2pm
		Half Term
4th November	Whole School	Non pupil day
5th November	Whole School	Parents' evening consultations
7th November	Whole School	Parents' evening consultations
8th November	Owls	Learning Together 2pm
11 th November	Panthers	Forest School
12th November	Whole School	Flu immunisation
13th November	EYFS & Year 5	Road safety presentation
13th November	Panthers	Learning Together 2pm
18 th November	Owls	Forest School
22nd November	EYFS & Year 6	Height and weight checks
25 th November	Koalas	Forest School
27th November	Koalas	Learning Together 2pm
27th November	Art Club	No Art Club after school
2 nd December	Owls	Forest School
7th December	Whole School	FOPS Christmas Fair 12-2pm
9 th December	Panthers	Forest School
11th December	Owls & Owlets	Nativity performance in church at 2.00pm
12th December	Owls & Owlets	Nativity performance in church at 5.00pm
16 th December	Owls	Forest School
20th December	Whole School	Carol concert in the church at 9.15am,all welcome