



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 15th November

Diary Dates

20th November

Pantomime workshop in school

27th November

NO Art Club after school

29th November

Whole school trip to pantomime

7th December

FOPS Christmas fair
12-2pm



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

We've had a wonderful week filled with learning and community spirit! A big thank you to all the parents who joined Panther Class for our "Learning Together" session—making papyrus was a fantastic, hands-on experience for everyone involved. Your support and enthusiasm truly enrich our school community.

A huge thank you to everyone for joining in and supporting Anti-Bullying Week! The theme this year was "**Respect**," and it was wonderful to see our school community come together to promote kindness, understanding, and mutual respect. We also loved seeing the fantastic photos of your pets! Sharing pictures of our furry, feathery, and scaly friends added even more warmth to the week and reminded us of the kindness we can show not only to each other but also to the animals we care for.



We are thrilled to announce that Oliver's Nurseries in Earls Colne has generously donated a beautiful Christmas tree to our school! All the children will have the chance to help decorate it, spreading holiday cheer throughout our school. For those interested, Oliver's Christmas Market begins this weekend and runs through Christmas Eve—more details on this festive event can be found on page 4.

We've noticed an increase in parents using the school car park. Please remember that the school car park is strictly for staff, visitors, and deliveries only. Even if you're picking up your child for an appointment, we kindly ask that you use the village car park instead to help keep our grounds safe and accessible. Thank you for your cooperation!

There are still a few parents who haven't yet paid for the upcoming pantomime and workshop. If you haven't done so, please make this a priority so that we can finalise arrangements and ensure all children can participate in this exciting experience.

If your child missed the flu jab this week and you would still like them to receive it, please call **0300 790 0597, option 1** to schedule an appointment. It's a great way to help keep our school community healthy this winter.

Bikeability trust would love to hear your feedback! Please take a few moments to complete the survey on page 5. As a thank-you, all participants will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a **£50 Amazon voucher!**

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let's keep working together to make our school a positive, safe, and engaging place for all our children.

Warm regards,

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	88.75%	91.46%
Infants	95.19%	95.65%
Lower Juniors	99.52%	97.77%
Upper Juniors	97.86%	97.19%
Whole School	95.51%	95.64%

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 15th November 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Freya in Koalas

This week the Koala class have voted for you to win the Pebmarsh cup. Your friends have described you as being caring and nurturing to others, making them feel valued in our school. Our class believe that you try your hardest and have seen your confidence grow since you have joined the Koala class. Keep up the hard work.

Upper Juniors - Natasha – Self-motivation

Tasha, this week you have been an absolute superstar in Maths this week. You were beaming and your positivity shone through! But outside of our classroom, you were a wonderful school representative on Monday when we had visitors after the Remembrance Day service. You spoke to our visitors and were very polite and courteous. Well done Tasha!

Lower Juniors – Ophelia – Nurturing

Ophelia, you are truly such a loyal and caring individual who always likes to help others. You have a natural way of identifying when people need help or need a friend to talk to. Your kindness and nurturing nature are the reason you have so many friends who think the world of you. You have also made the year 3's feel so welcome in our classroom with your friendly presence, you really are a great role model for them to follow. Well done.

Infants – Oscar – Self-motivation and nurturing

Oscar, this week you have blown Mrs Watkins and Mrs Lock's socks off with your amazing positive attitude to work, especially writing. We know that you have been working at home with mum and nanny on your writing and it shows. If you keep doing this the sky is the limit. You are nurturing yourself as a learner when you focus on the task at hand and you have been motivated to work hard and ask when you need help. Keep shining this positive light brightly Oscar. You star you. Well done

EYFS – Mia for self-motivation.

Mia in the last two weeks you have worked so hard every single day trying your best and not giving up when a task gets too tricky. You are so kind to all of your friends in Owlets always helping others when they need it and offering to play with them which is lovely to see. Keep shining bright Mia!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Indie-Koala Class

For being very welcoming to our visitors on Monday after the remembrance service!



Christmas Market

SAT 16TH NOVEMBER - TUE 24TH DECEMBER

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THAN EVER**

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**TREASURE TRAIL
EVERYDAY**



**GIFTS
FOOD**

WREATHS

HOT DRINKS

WINE TASTING*

FACE PAINTING*

AMUSEMENT RIDE

CHRISTMAS TREES

FESTIVE DECORATIONS

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS

+ MUCH MORE

**FREE ENTRY
FREE PARKING**

***selected dates, see website**



Modeshift have helped The Bikeability Trust put together a survey to find out about young people's travel behaviour, physical activity and wellbeing.

The results from this survey will help demonstrate why active travel, and Bikeability training in particular, are important factors in the wellbeing of young people. This will in turn assist The Bikeability Trust when lobbying for increased funding in the future.

The survey is open to young people aged between 11 and 19 years old and will also need the participation of their parent or carer to complete the survey. All valid responses to the survey will be entered into a prize draw for one of 20 £50 Amazon vouchers. It should take roughly 20 minutes to complete.

If children and parents/carers of children between the ages 11-19 are happy to answer the survey, please use the link below:

[Young People's Travel Behaviour, Physical Activity, and Wellbeing](#)

The password to complete the survey is **modeshift** (in lower case letters).

Please also feel free to share it with others who may be interested in taking part. The survey will be open until **Friday 20 December 2024**.





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With Susannah Edom (Musical Director)
Jessica Edom-Carey (Soprano)
and Sam Barber (Piano)

Seasonal Swing

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7TH DECEMBER
AT 3PM
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PANTOMIME
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HALSTEAD'S #1 PANTO IS BACK !

LIFE UNDER THE SEA ISN'T EVERYTHING IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE AND PRINCESS ARIEL IS DESPERATE FOR A NEW ADVENTURE ON THE SURFACE.

HOWEVER, HER EVIL AUNT OCTAVIA THE SEA WITCH HAS PLANS OF HER OWN AND WON'T STOP UNTIL SHE HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE OCEANS WITH THE MIGHTY TRIDENT OF THE SEVEN SEAS.

WILL ARIEL AND HER GANG OF AQUATIC ADVENTURERS BE ABLE TO SAVE THE UNDERWATER CITY OF ATLANTIS?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WILL ARIEL'S (SLIGHTLY OLDER) SISTER PERSIL MEET THE MAN OF HER DREAMS?

WITH BEAUTIFUL MERMAIDS, A HANDSOME PRINCE, A LOVEABLE LOBSTER AND EVEN A LIVE ROCK AND ROLL BAND, THERE'S PLENTY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY.

GET READY TO LAUGH AT THE FISH PUNS, BOO AT THE BADDIES, AND SING ALONG WITH THE SAXOPHONE AS THE AWARD-WINNING STANE STREET PLAYERS BRINGS YOU ALEX JACKSON PANTOMIMES' 'THE LITTLE MERMAID'.

STANE STREET PLAYERS FORMED IN 1975 WHEN A GROUP OF FRIENDS IN MARKS TEY DECIDED TO PUT ON A VILLAGE PANTOMIME.

50 YEARS ON WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE BACK AT THE HALSTEAD EMPIRE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF KIM RICHARDSON AND ONE OF OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS, JOHN SANDERS.



PERFORMANCES

SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY

MATINÉE

14:30PM

EVENING

19:30PM

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

14:30PM

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY

14:30PM

19:30PM

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

14:30PM



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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
20th November	Whole School	Pantomime workshop in 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
29th November	Whole School	Pantomime trip
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