



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 29th November

Diary Dates

6th December

Non-uniform day for
bring-a-bottle

7th December

FOPS Christmas fair
12-2pm

11th December

KS1 Nativity performance in
church 2.00pm

12th December

KS1 Nativity performance in
church 5.00pm

16th December

Christmas dinner day

20th December

Carol concert in church 9.15am



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a joyful week, filled with learning, fun, and festive preparations! A big thank you to the parents and children who spoke with the SIAMs inspector yesterday—your support is invaluable to our school community. Thank you also to the parents who attended Koala classes learning together. There was lots of excitement and screaming for the amazing experiments!

This week, we had a fantastic time at the pantomime! The children were exceptionally well-behaved, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the show.

With the Christmas season upon us, we have plenty of exciting events planned, and we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you, as always, for your support in making our school a vibrant place to learn and grow.

Our therapy dog, Lola, has been doing a wonderful job supporting children through her reading program. She works with four children each half-term, selected by myself and Mrs. Jinks based on individual needs. While not every child will get a chance to read with Lola, she does attend our school fairs—so please come and meet her there!

Christmas disco and Non-Uniform Day – Friday, children are invited to come in non-uniform next Friday in exchange for bringing a bottle for the tombola. Thank you for your contributions!

Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December 12-2 We warmly invite all families and friends to our Christmas Fair. All proceeds go to the PTA, benefiting every child at our school. Let's make it a festive success!

Christmas Dinner – Monday, 16th December Our Christmas dinner will be served in school on Monday, 16th December. The menu will be sent out next week so please do order as soon as you can so we know the numbers.

The Courtyard Stores (next to the Flame and Grill) is a vital part of our community, but it's at risk of closing if we don't use it. Let's show our support by shopping locally and keeping this resource alive.

We look forward to a busy week next week with the nativity and carol concert rehearsals in full swing!

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	86.58%	89.94%
Infants	97.31%	95.65%
Lower Juniors	97.62%	97.58%
Upper Juniors	96%	97.08%
Whole School	95.06%	95.27%

Well done to Lower Juniors who won the highest attendance award for the month of November 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.



Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Cade in Year 2

Cade, you shone like a bright star on Thursday when you spoke to our visitor—you were amazing!

Well done!



Christmas Market

SAT 16TH NOVEMBER - TUE 24TH DECEMBER

**BIGGER AND BETTER
THAN EVER**

**OLIVERS PLANTS,
COGGESHALL ROAD,
EARLS COLNE, ESSEX,
CO6 2JX**

**MON-SAT 8:30 - 17:00
SUN 10:00 - 16:00**

**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**



St John the Baptist Church Pebmarsh



CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 15th December 2024



4pm

With the Long Melford Silver Band

St John the Baptist Primary School
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
6th December	Whole School	Non uniform for bring a bottle day
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