



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 23rd May 2025

## Diary Dates

**2nd June**

Non pupil day

**6th June**

FOPS Family bingo night

**9th June**

Learning Together at Forest  
School 2.00pm-2.45pm Year 3  
only

**17th June**

Owls and Owlets trip to Frinton-  
on-Sea



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the tremendous effort put in by our children during assessment week! A huge well done to everyone for showcasing their skills and knowledge. These assessments provide our teachers with valuable insights into what our little ones can do and where they might need a bit more support.

This week has also been incredibly exciting in Wraparound Care, with Mrs Couttie leading a fantastic "Bee Week". The children had a blast making honeycomb out of pasta, creating slime with honey, and planting beautiful flowers. If you would like to book a place for your child at Wraparound Care, please remember to complete and return the necessary forms.

Looking ahead, our talented choir will be performing at Colne Engaine Church in June! We're all very excited, and interested parents should check page 7 of this newsletter for more details on how you can support their performance.

FOPS are already hard at work planning the summer fair. This year, they want to introduce a wonderful stall called "Jar of Joy"! The idea is for children to fill jars with anything that brings joy—be it sweets, toys, football cards, or stickers. Let your imagination run wild, and get your children involved in this delightful project over half term! If you happen to be short of jars, just let us know, and we will be more than happy to help.

Additionally, we need your assistance with advertising our school fete! Thanks to Jordan French at St George Property Group for kindly sponsoring the banners. We would love to have banners displayed on visible fences to attract maximum attention. If you can help, please email [contactFOPS@gmail.com](mailto:contactFOPS@gmail.com).

We're thrilled to announce a partnership with Pomegranate Therapies for children and families with neurodivergence. Join us on Teams on June 2nd at 3pm for more info!

A quick reminder that school dinners must be ordered by 9am on Thursday. If not ordered, please ensure your child has a packed lunch.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term! Remember, there's an inset day on Monday 2nd June, so we'll see you back on Tuesday, 3rd June.

Have a great half term, 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	98.67%	90.51%
Infants	94.83%	94.28%
Lower Juniors	89.31%	95.98%
Upper Juniors	97.14%	94.61%
Whole School	94.26%	94.15%

Well done to Infants who won the highest attendance award for the month of May 2025!

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.



## Gold awards 23rd May 2025

### **Pebmarsh Cup – Laszlo**

Laszlo, you have been chosen by your friends for the Pebmarsh cup. They chose you because you are fun to play with, you are their best friend, you are kind and caring and invent great games. Well done Laszlo!

### **Panthers -Harry for Honesty & Self-motivation.**

Harry, you haven't always been the most enthusiastic writer, but this term and this week especially has shown how much your passion for writing has developed. Despite having written a fantastic portal story that contains everything I have asked for and more, you are still unsatisfied and have been asking for ways to improve and tweak parts to make the story even better. This level of reflection demonstrates what a fantastic writer you have become! Well done, Harry! Keep it going!

### **Koalas - Edie for Self-motivation**

This week has been assessment week, a chance where we are able to show off our hard work and this is exactly what you have done, Edie. You have excelled in your learning, and this is due to your hard work and determination. You have not only impressed us staff but also your peers with your progress. Keep up the hard work.

### **Owls – Lara for Self-motivation**

Lara, you have settled into Owl Class extremely well. It is as if you have always been with us. You have a positive attitude to everything and just get stuck in. You are polite, kind and well-mannered and the adults and I love listening to your stories that you share with us every day. Thank you for choosing our little school and for being a welcome addition to the Owl Class family.

### **Owlets – Phoebe for Self-motivation**

Phoebe, we have seen your confidence and independence grow SO MUCH this term! Miss King and Miss Bush are so impressed with the way you took yourself off and wrote the alphabet all by yourself without any help at all! Well done Phoebe, keep it up!

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

Harrison in Owlets

Your smile and warm welcome every morning brighten my day. Whenever you see someone in school you greet them with a big hello and a cheery smile and little do you know, you spread happiness everywhere you go!



Pebmarsh Art Exhibition

Pebmarsh Village Hall

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June

12am -5.30pm

Paintings Prints Jewellery Cards Glassware Ceramics  
Plants

All proceeds to UK Stem Cell Foundation

## Forest School Holiday Club

Spaces are now available at the following events:

What's On at Holly's Forest Sessions 2025?

Wild Bushcraft Holiday Club - day 27/May 25

Wild Bushcraft Holiday Club - day 23/Jul 25

Wild Bushcraft Holiday Club - day 27/Aug 25

Home Ed Families - morning 22/Jul 25

Family Fun Session - morning 24/Jul 25

Birthday Parties year round: <http://www.hollysforestsessions.com/parties>

Bookings: <http://www.hollysforestsessions.com/payment>

All are welcome to book in advance onto the children's holiday club and family mornings, spaces are limited.

Holly Hilder | Forest School Leader | Holly's Forest Sessions

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# ALPHAMSTONE VILLAGE FETE

MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

12-4PM



**COME AND JOIN US ON THE GREEN  
FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON!**

STALLS

GAMES

HAMPER RAFFLE

HOME COOKED LUNCHES IN THE HALL

PULLED PORK BAPS AND HOTDOGS OUTSIDE



BAR



CAKE STALL



HAAGEN-DAZS ICE CREAMS



WE ARE CASH ONLY! FOLLOW SIGNS FOR PLENTY OF FREE PARKING.  
BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY IN VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK PLEASE.

# COLNE ENGAINE COMMUNITY CHOIR

*Presents*

## *A Summer Concert*

Featuring the choir from St John the  
Baptist School, Pebmarsh

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

3pm

St Andrew's Church,  
Colne Engaine

Tickets available on the door or contact  
[wendy.cecc@hotmail.com](mailto:wendy.cecc@hotmail.com)

ADULTS £5 CHILDREN FREE





Autism  
Central

# Autism central is here to help!

Sometimes talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people of any age. They do not need a diagnosis to access the service. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

## What we can offer:

- A constantly growing range of information and resources is available on the Autism Central website [www.autismcentral.org.uk](http://www.autismcentral.org.uk)
- Weekly online groups sessions – drop-ins and themed sessions covering a range of topics
- 1:1 support via a telephone or Teams call. This can be requested via the QR code below

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