



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 6th June 2025

Diary Dates

9th June

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

12th June

Dentist visit in school for 'Lift the Lip inspections'

13th June

Non uniform day for Jar of Joy

17th June

Owls and Owlets trip to Frinton-on-Sea

20th June

Panthers' class trip to Royal Observatory



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely half-term break and is feeling refreshed for a busy term ahead. Our Owlets have kicked off this week in style, diving into all things treasure and pirates. The excitement of exploring uncharted waters has truly set the tone for what promises to be a thrilling few weeks!

As we look ahead, there are plenty of exciting events in store, including our much-anticipated Sports Day, summer performances, and various trips. You can find performance dates and times listed on the dates page of the newsletter, as well as on Dojo. We will let you know when the tickets go on sale.

Next week, we're diving into Great Big Green Week! It's an amazing initiative where our children will experience a Wednesday without technology, all in a bid to reduce our carbon footprint. We're thrilled to share that the idea for this event was driven by our enthusiastic children, and they even sought my permission to bring it to life! On top of that, the children will be taking part in a litter-picking event in the local community. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to make a positive impact and take pride in their surroundings.

On a quick note regarding PE kits, we've noticed that a few PE T-shirts have gone missing. If you happen to find one that doesn't belong to you, we would greatly appreciate its return. If your child needs a new PE T-shirt, we have them available for purchase at the school office for £5 cash. They'll need their team colour for Sports Day, so don't forget!

Here's to a fantastic term full of learning adventures and fun!

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	91.67%	90.55%
Infants	88.36%	94.12%
Lower Juniors	83.19%	95.58%
Upper Juniors	92.26%	94.54%
Whole School	88.16%	93.98%

Well done to Upper Juniors 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 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 6th June 2025

Pebmarsh Cup – Ivy

Ivy, Owl Class have chosen you for the Pebmarsh Cup this week because of your kind and caring nature. They say that you are always a good friend, you are helpful and look out for and care for the others in the class. They also say that you are very knowledgeable and they like listening to what you say when you speak in class on certain topics. You are polite and well-mannered at all times and they are as pleased as punch that you chose to join us here at St Johns. Well done Ivy. You are a shining superstar and we love having you in our class.

Panthers -Karina for Self-motivation.

Karina, since returning from half term you have hit the ground running. You have been focused on completing your learning whilst asking fantastic questions to benefit yourself and others. During the rehearsal of the play, you absolutely blew away the adults with your fantastic performance! Well done Karina, Keep it going!

Koalas - Oliver K for Self-motivation

For demonstrating outstanding dedication and effort in English and Maths. You have consistently been one of the first to arrive in the mornings with your friendly, chatty nature and excellent manners, cheering up the mornings. You have not only made our classroom a welcoming space but have also inspired those around you. Your hard work and commitment have shone through this week, and it's a pleasure to recognise your achievements. Keep up the fantastic work and continue to aim high! Well done!

Owls – Esmae – Self-motivation

Esmae you have received our Gold Award this week for your amazing enthusiasm during PE. You are always self motivated to do well in these sessions, ask lots of interesting questions, try your hardest and mirror the same passion for PE that Mr Nichols has. Watch out Sports Day because you will be on fire! Well done Esmae.

Owlets – Mia – Self motivation

Mia, you have grown in confidence over the last few weeks and you are using your voice more during group discussions – you are working more independently during English and Maths lessons and blowing our minds with the work you are producing. You are a great member of our class!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Miss Clackett

We are so lucky that you were able to flourish into an amazing teacher in our little school. It has been a pleasure to mentor you and watch you grow in confidence! Good luck on your next adventure!



SUMMER TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.



You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and Chipping Ongar

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



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<p><u>Mid Roadshow</u></p> <p>Date and time: Tuesday 17 June – 9.30-12.30pm</p>	<p>Address:</p> <p>POP Essex 5-7 Bocking End Braintree Essex CM7 9AE</p>
<p><u>South Roadshow</u></p> <p>Date and time: Thursday 19 June – 9.30-12.30pm</p>	<p>Address:</p> <p>Greensward Academy Community Hub Greensward Lane Hockley Essex SS5 5HG</p>
<p><u>North East Roadshow</u></p> <p>Date and time: Tuesday 24 June – 9.30-12.30pm</p>	<p>Address:</p> <p>Tiptree Community Centre 1A Caxton Close Tiptree Colchester CO5 0HA</p>
<p><u>West Roadshow</u></p> <p>Date and time: Thursday 26 June – 9.30-12.30pm</p>	<p>Address:</p> <p>Zinc Arts Great Stony High Street Chipping Ongar CM5 0AD</p>

Alphamstone Art Walk

Saturday 28th June

Sunday 29th June

Studios open

10.30am to 4pm

(unless otherwise stated)



Tracey Clutter



Lucy Clutter



Chris Parsons

Stained glass
Oil paintings
Watercolours
Ceramics
Wood turning
Decoupage

See exhibitors of the work,
watch demonstrations,
purchase original art,
chat to the artists about their
techniques.



Sue Ford



Michelle Mann

Maps available at £2
from
Alphamstone Village Hall
The Green, Alphamstone
where you will also find
parking, loos and a range
of refreshments!



Cathy Pennington



Sharon McCullough-Williams



Annabel Chapman



Michelle Mann

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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

WEB [hollysforestsessions.com](http://www.hollysforestsessions.com)

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BOOK/PAY [hollysforestsessions.com/payment](http://www.hollysforestsessions.com/payment)

JOIN EVENTS MAILING LIST

COLNE ENGAINE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Presents

A Summer Concert

Featuring the choir from St John the
Baptist School, Pebmarsh

Sunday 29th June

3pm

St Andrew's Church,
Colne Engaine

Tickets available on the door or contact
wendy.cecc@hotmail.com

ADULTS £5 CHILDREN FREE





Colchester Royal Grammar School

Compassion - Respect - Generosity - Support

11+ Open Evening

Tuesday 24th June

6.30pm - 9pm

Day school for boys ages 11-18 years
with a co-ed Sixth Form and Boarding

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Limited parking at rear of school

No booking required

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- What ARFID is and how it differs from other eating disorders
- How ARFID often links to neurodiversity
- Practical insights into day-to-day living with ARFID
- Strategies to support your child or young person with ARFID

 Date: Thursday 26 June 2025

 Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

 Location: Online (Live via Microsoft Teams)

 Cost: FREE

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