



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 13th June 2025

Diary Dates

17th June

Owls and Owlets trip to Frinton-on-Sea

20th June

Panthers' class trip to Royal Observatory

24th June

Key Stage 2 trip to ARU for Essex Foods and Farming Day

25th June

Class photographs

26th June 2.00pm

Headteacher cuppa and chat

26th & 27th June

Transition days for Year 6 to secondary school



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school has flown by! On Wednesday, we joyfully celebrated 'Great Big Green week' with the children participating in a village walk while engaging in some important litter picking, as well as having no lights or tech in school all day—thank you for caring about our planet.

On Thursday, our children received 'Lift the Lip' inspections from a visiting dentist. If there are any concerns regarding your child's oral health, please check their bags for a letter and follow up accordingly.

Looking ahead, our Owls and Owlets are excitedly preparing for their class trip to the beach next week, while Panther class will be visiting the Royal Observatory in London! Please remember to pack a nutritious lunch and a bottle of water for the day.

Don't forget, the next Headteacher 'Cuppa and Chat' will be held on Thursday, 26th June at 2pm; I would love to see as many of you there as possible, I have exciting projects to share with you all!

Tickets for the KS2 performance (Koalas and Panthers) of Hairspray are now available at just £2 per adult and £1 per child—get yours from the school office on a first-come, first-served basis.

We are thrilled to announce some exciting developments at our school! Thanks to a grant from Essex County Council, we will soon begin constructing a wrap-around care space near the pond on our field, with work starting on 30th June and aiming for completion by 1st September. Additionally, we will be building a larger classroom for our Owlets! Your children's safety and education remain our top priority, and we are committed to minimising any disruption. Please feel free to ask any questions or raise any concerns. What a fantastic opportunity for us all as we eagerly anticipate September!

Enjoy the lovely weather this 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	94.67%	90.68%
Infants	98.28%	94.24%
Lower Juniors	98.67%	95.63%
Upper Juniors	94.76%	94.55%
Whole School	97.05%	94.06%

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 13th June 2025

Pebmarsh Cup – Freddie

Freddie, this week, your class have nominated you to receive the Pebmarsh cup. They say you are really funny and make them laugh. They have described you as kind and very hard working and a good friend. You are always on hand to offer moral support when needed. Well done Freddie, we are so happy to have had you through your Primary School journey.

Koalas - Mollie and Farrah

This week you have really got into the role of playing detective during our writing project. Last Friday you raced home and immediately started creating your ideas, this level of commitment not only shows how invested you were but also how self-motivated you are with regards to your learning. We are very lucky to have you both join our school and proud of what you have achieved so far. Keep up the hard work.

Owls – Beatrice – Self-motivation

You have been amazing in school this week Beatrice. You absolutely smashed your phonics test that we have had this week and you are trying SO hard in everything you do. You do everything with a smile on your face and you definitely keep Mrs Watkins entertained and on her toes when you spend time together in the mornings. You have also been extremely kind and caring to your friends - offering to help out and support them where you can. It is a pleasure to have you in our class Beatrice. Keep shining your light brightly.

Owlets – Andy – Self-motivation

This week Andy, you have been Miss Bush's little helper! You have tidied the area without being asked, helped carry all the lunches back to the classroom every day, and generally been an absolute superstar! On top of all that, your manners have been amazing – and you made some really good choices this week. Well done Andy, we are very proud of you.

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Jenny Jenkins



You are amazing, and what I have seen you do this week alone for our summer fair is amazing! It is sure to be a great event, Thank you and everyone that helps too.



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>



In Partnership with



<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>



Tracey Clarke

Alphamstone Art Walk

Saturday 28th June

Sunday 29th June

Studios open

10.30am to 4pm

(unless otherwise stated)



Lucy Clarke

Come and see the work
of 9 local artists:



Chris Parsons

Stained glass

Oil paintings

Watercolours

Ceramics

Wood turning

Decoupage



Sam Frost

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



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 MCCartney-Williams



Annabel Chapman



Michelle Mann

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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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



