



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 20th June 2025

## Diary Dates

### **23rd June**

1-1.30pm Owlets

Learning Together at Forest School

2.00pm—2.45pm

Year 6 Learning Together at Forest School

### **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



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it's been at our school! We kicked off the week with a trip to Frinton, then a beautiful wedding that brought so much joy to our community. Our Upper Juniors had an amazing day at the Royal Observatory today—just think of all the stars and planets they've learned about! They are currently making their way back, buzzing with excitement.

But that's not all! On Tuesday, all of Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will be off to ARU for the Essex Schools Food and Farming Day—what a fantastic opportunity to explore more about where our food comes from!

Next week will be filled with outdoor adventures, as the Owlets and Panthers enjoy their learning together at Forest School on Monday. Be sure to check Class Dojo for all the dates and details.

Next Wednesday, it's time to brush your hair! Class photographs will be taken, so look your best! And parents, don't forget that tickets are now on sale for our Key Stage 2 summer performance of 'Hairspray'—available at the school office. Remember, it's first come, first served!

We'll also begin the important transition process for next year, as our Year 6's prepare to visit their new secondary schools and our current children meet their new teachers. A letter with more information will be sent out on Monday. Transition this year will run for 2 days and will happen on Thursday and Friday next week. This is a great opportunity for the children to spend some time with their new teachers.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who sent in a 'Thank the Teacher' email—your kind words truly uplift us. As the weather continues to heat up, please remember to send your child with hats, sun cream, and plenty of water to stay safe in the sun!

Have a great 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%	90.79%
Infants	96.90%	94.33%
Lower Juniors	97.67%	95.71%
Upper Juniors	95.71%	94.59%
Whole School	96.53%	94.15%

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](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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### **Pebmarsh Cup –\_Jonty**

Jonty, this week the Koala class have nominated you to win the Pebmarsh cup. Jonty, since joining our school you have settled in so nicely and we are pleased you joined our school. You have made friends easily and we all think a lot of you. Your friends describe you as kind, respectful and nurturing, values that are very much part our school. Continue to be the kind and caring person you are.

### **Koalas - Oliver P- Nurturing**

Oliver, since joining our school the children and staff have noticed what a kind-hearted and nurturing individual you are. Your compassionate and thoughtful nature has not only helped you settle in so well but to also make new friendships.

You are always there for your friends when they need you, helping others whenever you can.

We are so pleased that you have joined our school, keep being you.

### **Owls – Whole of Owl Class**

Owl Class you were absolutely amazing on our school trip to Frinton this week. It was an absolute pleasure and a privilege to spend the day with you all. We all had fun together digging holes, making kites, chalking on the sea defenses, eating lunch and paddling in the sea. Thank you for a truly lovely day

### **Owlets – Whole of Owlets**

You were incredible at the beach on Tuesday, listening carefully and following the rules to keep everyone safe. Also this week, you organised and carried out a beautiful wedding. You all have such a wonderful imagination and you throw yourselves into your learning. We are so very proud of and every one of you!

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

Brooklynn



You are one of the most kindest and caring young people I have ever met. The way you help to include others in your games and play does not go unnoticed. Thank you for joining our school.



## 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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# T.A.P.s

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**TRAVEL EXPENSES to  
and from MEDICAL  
APPOINTMENTS**

**For patients  
aged 0-18  
years**

There is no restriction as to the hospitals' location in England nor the medical/clinical purpose of the child's visit. Funding is available for 1 child accompanied by up to 2 adults



Applications can be accepted from town and the villages north of complete list of these villages, and further information about the T.A.P.S scheme is available at [TAPSHalstead@hotmail.com](mailto:TAPSHalstead@hotmail.com)

residents of Halstead Halstead. The application forms

# 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)

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