



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 18th July 2025

Diary Dates

1st September

Non pupil day

2nd September

Return to school

W/C 8th September

After school clubs start



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear, Parents and Carers,

We've reached the last full week of term and the final newsletter of the year! What a remarkable year it has been here at St John's! The atmosphere is electric as disco fever has arrived, and the children are all buzzing with excitement to sing and dance away after school!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the leavers' assembly this morning. We will dearly miss our wonderful Year 6s, but we know they are well-prepared and ready for their next step. They will undoubtedly flourish at their secondary schools, taking all the skills and memories they've gathered with them.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new children joining us in September. They will be welcomed into their brand new classroom, which will be constructed and ready for use in time for the new school year. Additionally, our new wraparound care building will also be completed. If you haven't yet taken advantage of this childcare facility, we encourage you to do so. It's a fantastic way for the children to forge new friendships and acquire valuable skills. For further details, check out Little Oaks Kids.

As we transition into the new term, our after school clubs will commence during the second week of September. As always, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please don't hesitate if your child is keen on a particular club – the choir is filling up fast!

We're delighted to share that there are numerous free activities running this summer, many of which are detailed in the attachments to this newsletter.

Thank you for your unwavering support, kind words, and love throughout the year; we truly thrive on it. Just a quick reminder that we still have school on Monday and Tuesday next week, with a return on Tuesday, 2nd September. I will be available on Class Dojo and via email over the holidays, so please reach out if any issues arise. Enjoy the summer!

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	75.83%	90.48%
Infants	92.24%	94.11%
Lower Juniors	95.42%	95.90%
Upper Juniors	91.07%	94.38%
Whole School	90.39%	94.05%

Well done to Koalas who won the highest attendance award for the **WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**

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 18th July 2025

Pebmarsh Cup – Frida.

Frida you have been chosen by Owl Class for the Pebmarsh Cup because they are totally blown away by your amazing progress and all the fantastic things you do in class. They love helping you, teaching you, supporting and guiding you and feel very touched when you enjoy copying what they are doing. You talk away and join in with all that we do and they say that our class would not be the same without you. Keep being you Frida because Owl Class love you.

Panthers - Please see below, all of our Year 6 leavers have got a certificate this week

Koalas - Ophelia for self-motivation.

Ophelia, you have been such a fantastic role model this year. You have such a positive attitude towards your learning, and you are always eager and curious to learn more. Every day you fill our classroom with joy, sharing your knowledge and ideas with our class confidently. Keep smiling and keep being the amazing kind and nurturing person you are.

Owls – Idris- All our school values

Idris you are all our school values rolled into one. You are an absolute delight to have in class. You are polite, kind, sensitive to the needs of others, hard working and incredibly imaginative. You also have a cracking sense of humour which is fabulous to see. Keep being you Idris because you are quite simply amazing.

Owlets - Amelia for Nurturing and self-motivation

Amelia you have such a caring nature and this has shone through in all your friendships across the school. You have been on hand to help do any little jobs in class and checking in on your friends **if they are sad or don't have someone to play with. Not only that you have been applying yourself 110% in all of your work and have produced some incredible writing.** We are so very proud of you Amelia and you should be too!

Starr - self motivation

Starr you have exceeded your name, STARR, far more than anyone could ever expect. Your attitude to learning is absolutely fantastic and you settle for nothing other than the best.

You have completely embraced the challenge of being a year six and you have been a fantastic role model throughout. Your new teachers have an absolute superstar on their hands and I am certain you will continue this approach to learning throughout the rest of your education.

Harry P - Honesty

Harry throughout the year you have shown a tremendous amount of honesty, to yourself and to others. You have worked incredibly hard to overcome all the issues you have faced and you have demonstrated a sense of pride throughout the journey.

Your honesty extends beyond self reflection and encourages others (including me) to reflect on what we have said and done. You have had a fantastic time in year six and I deeply hope that you carry your honest and curious nature with you into the wider world.

Lyra - Imagination

Lyra you have embraced year six with an incredibly imaginative attitude and this is reflected through the fantastic work you have completed and the superb ideas you have contributed to the class.

Your imaginative approach to learning ensures you take a thorough interest in everything that happens in the classroom, which makes you a delight to teach, the way you embrace learning and tasks on any challenge is at points is inspirational. You should be very proud of everything you have achieved at this school and I hope you know we are all incredibly proud of you.

Mason - Self motivation

Mason, no matter what life has thrown at you, you have picked yourself back up and embraced your learning with a fantastically positive attitude. You have shown resilience throughout this year that anyone in this room would struggle to match and for that you should be immensely proud.

Your willingness to reflect and better yourself has highlighted the kind of person you are now and who you will continue to be. You are someone **that is compassionate and willing to embrace and learn from mistakes. Well done for a fantastic year, I can't wait to hear about your secondary school adventure.**

Lucy: Empathy

Lucy you have demonstrated empathy throughout the year not only to others, but also to yourself. You have developed tremendously as a learner and a person since September and this is all because of your ability to handle situations involving yourself and others with your empathetic nature.

You never say no to a challenge in your learning and know exactly what to say to help someone when they're feeling down. You are a fantastic person in every aspect and you deserve every bit of success and happiness you have achieved throughout this year.

Harry T: Imagination

Harry throughout the year you have developed incredibly as a person and a learner. Your ability to not only embrace but seek challenge has allowed your imagination to run wild. You never fail to surprise us with the fantastic creative spin you put on our learning.

Your development on a personal level has been nothing short of remarkable. It is only comparable to a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, you have flourished. I am certain you will have a fantastic time at secondary school and I hope you will always embrace the fantastic imagination you have.

Astrid - Nurturing

Astrid throughout the year you have allowed your incredibly nurturing and curious nature to shine through. This has not only benefited the class but the entire school is a better place because we have you in it. Your wealth of knowledge and willingness to share it allows everyone to become further immersed in their learning and the world of Astrid.

You have come out of your shell throughout the year and it is always a delight to see your bubbly personality shine through. I know you will have a fantastic time at secondary school and they will be very lucky to have you.

Natasha: Self-motivation

Throughout the year you have shown a tremendous attitude to learning. Despite moments of doubt you have never once let yourself be defeated. You have persisted through these difficult moments and come out the other side with amazing results academically, but also as a fantastic person.

You have developed into a leader and a role model to other members of the class and you are always selfless with you time when others need help. I know you will take this attitude with you through your life and you will achieve brilliant things.

Arlo: Self motivation

Arlo, through the year you have demonstrated a tremendous amount of self motivation to overcome the issues you have faced. Not only have you faced these issues but you've done your best to grow and overcome them. I'm sorry I only got to be your teacher for a year but I hope that you have a fantastic time in secondary school and achieve everything you are capable of.

Freddie: Honesty

Freddie, though out your time in Panther class you have shown a tremendous amount of honesty in every single way. You have embraced not only your learning but yourself, this has resulted in you maturing into a fantastic young person.

We're excited to invite you to our Charity Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 30th, from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Rayne Village Hall & Playing Field CM77 6TX

FAMILY FUN DAY

Get ready for a day of fun, games, and excitement at our family fun day! This event is perfect for families with children of all ages and is sure to provide hours of entertainment.

In aid of locally based leading national children's heart charity



CHILDREN'S HEARTS UK

PERFORMANCES

**TRADITIONAL
CARNIVAL GAMES**

STEVE'S ICES

TAROT READINGS

REFRESHMENTS

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**&
BBQ**

CRAFTS

**SATURDAY 30TH
AUGUST 2025**

**11:00 AM -
4.30 PM**

**RAYNE VILLAGE
HALL CM77 6TX**

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ENTRY PP

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GREAT CORNARD JUNIOR PARKRUN



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at parkrun.com

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

WHEN: Every Sunday at 9:00 am (*come rain or shine*)

WHERE: Great Cornard Sports Centre, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Suffolk, CO10 0JU

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HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses

To book, please visit link

essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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Essex County Council

Essex Wildlife Trust will soon be welcoming entries to our annual art competition, **Coastal Creations**, in celebration of Essex's coastal landscapes, habitats, and species.

This competition is **open to anyone living in Essex**, and this year we will be adding a '16 and under' category. We hope that you will encourage your students to enter. They can do so individually, or you are welcome to submit group entries if you'd like to create something as a whole class or school.

The theme for the competition is 'Coastal Essex' - think orange seals, stretches of beach huts, curious crabs, soaring seabirds, sailing adventures, seagrass meadows, exquisite jellyfish and more! Artwork can be created in any manner, whether it's drawn, painted, sculpted, collaged, or sewn.

Last year, one of our winners was Abba, aged 11, from Braintree, with her painting 'Joel the hermit crab'. We have attached our poster (featuring Abba's winning artwork) for you to share with your students.

Coastal Creations

14 July - 31 August

Celebrate the magnificent marine life we have in Essex and around the UK by entering our art competition. All ages welcome.



For competition categories and prizes, visit
www.essexwt.org/coastal-creations
or scan the QR code.



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Registered Charity No. 210065 Crab painting: Abba Ruston



Essex
Wildlife Trust

FREE EVENT

**BRUFC
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR**

OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY AT BRAINTREE
7TH SEPT RUGBY CLUB**

10:30 - 12:30

**TAG RUGBY - 4 - 7 YEAR OLDS
TOUCH RUGBY - 8 - 13 YEAR OLDS**

**AGES 4 - 13 PLAY AS MIXED
BOYS & GIRLS**



Events

Bring a Picnic
Outside Bar
Ice Cream Van

Free touch & tag rugby sessions for newbies
(both boys & girls)

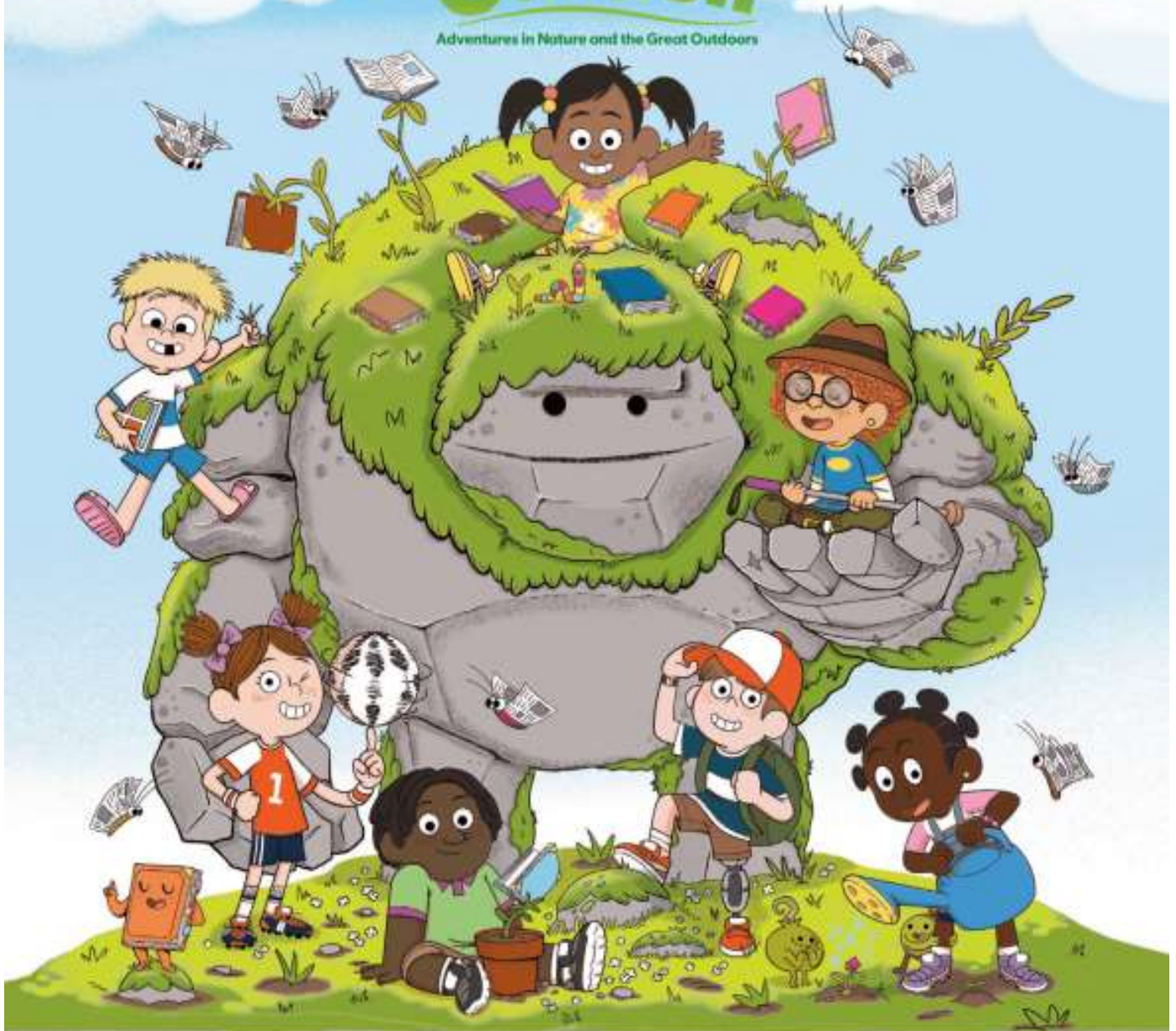


For more information:
info@braintreerufc.com

**Robbswood, Beckers
Green Road, CM7 3PR**

Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September
At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times

