



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 5th September 2025

## Diary Dates

**17th September**

Flu immunisations

**7th & 8th October**

Individual class photos



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this week! We hope that you are settling in well and that you feel truly at home in our vibrant school community.

It has been absolutely delightful hearing about everyone's summer adventures and witnessing how well the children are adapting to their new classes. A special highlight is our newly constructed building, affectionately named 'The Cabin.' This exciting addition will serve as a space for wrap-around care, a forest school, and most importantly, a wellbeing sanctuary that everyone can enjoy. We are hopeful that it will be ready for use by next week! Additionally, our brand new EYFS classroom is already buzzing with energy as it welcomes our youngest learners.

This week, club letters were distributed—please do return the forms as swiftly as possible, as places are limited and we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to join in the fun! We are excited to announce that wrap-around care now includes an option for a club until 4.20pm, allowing any siblings to stay if necessary. This service will commence from Monday.

In our quest to be as eco-friendly as possible, we would appreciate any spare rolls of recycling sacks. If you happen to be passing Halstead Library, we would be very grateful for your contributions as our current stock is running low. Thank you for your support!

Lastly, please take a moment to review the diary dates on the back page of this newsletter, as it is continually updated—it's a great way to familiarise yourself with all key dates, including our term dates and non-pupil days, available on our website. Parents' consultation appointments will be arranged nearer to the date.

Don't forget to complete the flu immunisation form, even if you do not wish for your child to have it—<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/essex>

Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

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		
Infants		
Lower Juniors		
Upper Juniors		
Whole School		

Who will win the highest attendance this month?

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.





**FREE EVENT**

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

# **OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY AT BRAINTREE  
7<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:info@braintreerufc.com)

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

For our families of autistic children you can access valuable support through this website. They offer the following group sessions online and you can also book 1:1 appointments with Peer Educators.



**Autism  
Central**

Our Autism Central Hubs offer guidance to families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people. All of our sessions are run by Peer Educators. These are parents or carers of autistic people, who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with you. They offer group and one-to-one sessions to help you and other parents and carers find the information and services available in your area. Hubs may also run events such as workshops, drop-in sessions, coffee mornings or virtual meet-ups.

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/hubs/east-england-delivered-essex-county-council>

Group session

### Virtual Parent/Carer Autism Drop in - September

An online meet up for parents and carers living in the East of England. Join us for a chat about anything autism related and ask questions.

Date:

Tuesday 09 September 2025

Location:

Online

Group session

### Executive Functioning

Online session looking at understanding and supporting autistic people with executive functioning difficulties.

Date:

Thursday 11 September 2025

Location:

Online

Group session

### Demand Avoidance

Information about demand avoidance and how to support, including questions around Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA).

Date:

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Location:

Online

Group session

### Sleep

Online session to discuss strategies to support autistic children and young people with sleeping difficulties.

Date:

Thursday 18 September 2025

Location:

Online

Group session

### Toileting

Information and guidance about supporting your autistic child to learn to use the toilet.

Date:

Monday 22 September 2025

Location:

Online

Group session

### ARFID - (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder)

A session for parents/carers to come together and discuss strategies for supporting someone with ARFID.

Date:

Friday 26 September 2025

Location:

Online

# 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 6-16 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 to 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](http://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



@greatcornardjuniorparkrun



@Greatcornardjuniors

# EXTREME ROBOTS

## COLCHESTER!

SEE THE STARS OF ROBOT WARS LIVE!



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**SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 12 & 4PM | SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 12PM**

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