



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 12th September

Diary Dates

17th September

Flu immunisations

3.20pm—meeting for Panther parents regarding PGL trip

23rd September

Let's Talk Trash day at Braxted Hall Park (Year 6)

25th September

Open Evening at Ramsey Academy 5.30pm-7.30pm for Year 7 intake 2026

2nd October

Open Evening at Hedingham & Honeywood Schools Year 7 intake 2026

7th & 8th October

Individual class photos



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in school and we are delighted to report that everyone is settling into their new classes beautifully. With it being the first full week, the children have done exceptionally well with re-establishing routines and embracing their learning. Their enthusiasm is truly lovely to see!

As a gentle reminder, our teachers will be posting weekly updates on Class Dojo regarding what's happening in school. Please make it a habit to check in regularly so you're aware of any days when PE kits or forest school clothes are needed. We want every child to be fully prepared for their activities!

We'd also like to remind you that we still have spaces available in our after-school clubs. Some of these clubs have limited availability, so do consider signing your child up soon. Plus, Little Oaks is now offering an after-school club until 4.20pm, providing more options for working parents – we're excited about that!

Flu immunisations are scheduled for next Wednesday, so please ensure your child is ready for this important health initiative—and if you haven't already done so, please complete this form even if you don't give permission

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/essex>

We've had a few parents inquiring about slots for parents' consultations. Apologies for any confusion – I assure you that booking will be made available closer to the time, so keep an eye out for updates!

Next week, we will begin parent tours for our Reception intake for 2026. If you know someone with a child starting school next year, do encourage them to give us a call. Additionally, even if you have a child starting, you're more than welcome to join a tour – it's a lovely opportunity to see all that's happening in our school.

Lastly, a quick reminder for Panther class parents: You are invited for a meeting regarding the forthcoming residential trip in October. This will take place at 3.20pm in the Panther classroom.

Thank you for your continued support! Have a wonderful weekend!

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	96.43%	94.59%
Infants	99.31%	99.35%
Lower Juniors	93.45%	95.91%
Upper Juniors	98.33%	94.90%
Whole School	95.51%	95.88%

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 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 12th September 2025

Panthers – Robyn – Self-motivation

Robyn, you have joined Panther class and hit the ground running. You have shown a tremendous attitude towards your learning and have taken no time at all to embrace the challenges of Year 5. This has been evident through the care and attention you have given to all of your work whilst also embracing new challenges. Well done Robyn, keep it going!

Koalas – Thea - Nurturing

Thea, your kind and caring nature you display every day has won you this week's Gold award. Not only do you make sure you make all our class feel included, but you also make them feel valued. This week you have gone out of your way to help our Year 3 children, which has made their transition run so smoothly. Continue being the nurturing and supportive friend you are.

Owls – Laszlo – Self-motivation

Laszlo – you are quite simply on fire! You have come into Owl Class with a learning fire in your belly and are literally soaking up everything we are doing. Your self-motivation and imagination are incredible and your writing this week in Curious Quests has blown Mrs Watkins and me away! Well done Laszlo. It is fantastic having you in Owl Class!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Freya-Koala Class



Freya, it has been so lovely to see you helping our new Owlets around the school. Yesterday, in Street Dance, you guided them and supported them when they needed it most. Thank you for being such a kind and caring member of our school community.





The Ramsey Academy, Halstead

Open Evening

Aspiration • Diversity • Achievement

Thursday 25 September 2025
from 5.30pm - 7.30 pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30pm & 6.30pm

"The teachers here at Ramsey continually push me, and with the knowledge that they teach me. They pour themselves into their specialised subjects and they always looking to help me achieve excellence together." - Ramsey Academy Student

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.



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

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



28th Of September

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now 



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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

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"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice.
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