



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 24th October 2025



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term! What an exciting half term it has been welcoming our new families and watching them settle in happily. The staff and I are thrilled to see how everyone is getting on, and it feels like we have truly become one big school family!

This half term has been filled with fantastic activities! We celebrated our Harvest Festival, where the children showcased their talents and appreciation for the season. Additionally, we had a wonderful time with Bikeability, encouraging our youngsters to become confident cyclists. The Perform Workshop was a huge success as well, igniting the children's creativity and communication skills. And who could forget our much-anticipated movie night? Everyone had a splendid time, snuggling up with hotdogs and enjoying a fantastic film!

Looking ahead, there is so much more to be excited about after the half term! We are organising a delightful trip to the pantomime, complete with a workshop beforehand—perfect for getting us all into the festive spirit. Also on the horizon is our Christmas nativity, which promises to be a joyous celebration of the season, and of course, our FOPS Christmas fair, brimming with fun activities and goodies!

## Diary Dates

**24th October**

Break up for half term

**31st October**

Year 7 applications close

**3rd November**

Non pupil day

**4th November**

Return to school

**10th November**

Applications for primary school place  
September 2026 open

**12th November**

Art club cancelled

**27th November**

Panto workshop in school

**28th November**

Pantomime trip

Please note that parents' consultations will be held in the week commencing 17th November. Appointments can be made during the first week back after the half term break, so do check the back page of this letter for your child's allocated day.

We are also thrilled to announce that the book fair will be returning after the half term! All parents are welcome to come and browse our lovely selection of new books—an excellent opportunity to kick-start your Christmas shopping! The fair will be in the hall from Tuesday to Thursday after school next week.

Lastly, our Poppy Appeal has launched, and poppies will be available for purchase from the playground from the first day we return.

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm this half term! If you have any concerns over the holidays, I will be checking my Class Dojo account and emails [headteacher@st-john.essex.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-john.essex.sch.uk), so please do reach out. Have a lovely break, and we will see you on Tuesday, 4th November!

Warm regards,

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	<b>This Week</b> <b>Fri-Thurs</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	96.92%	96.46%
<b>Infants</b>	93.15%	95.47%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	95.17%	96.19%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	94.23%	93.16%
<b>Whole School</b>	94.55%	95.22%

**Congratulations to OWL CLASS for the highest attendance in September!**

**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.**





## LITTLE OAKS OCTOBER HALF TERM Belchamp School of Magic Holiday Club



You're invited to the  
School of Magic!

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Wizarding STEM  
Potions classes  
Magical Art & Craft  
Pumpkin carving  
Broomstick making

Belchamp St Paul Primary  
School, CO10 7BP

8.30am-3.30pm

Open to all local children  
aged 3-11 years old.

**BOOK NOW**

[info@littleoakskids.com](mailto:info@littleoakskids.com)

**Fun activities each day including:**  
Arts & Crafts, Baking, Whacky Science, Exploring Nature,  
Engineering fun, Forest School and more!

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<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN</b>	<b>03/11/2025</b>	<b>08/12/2025</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>
<b>FL SUPPORTING FAMILY MATHS</b>	<b>04/11/2025</b>	<b>11/11/2025</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL POSITIVE PARENTING</b>	<b>04/11/2025</b>	<b>09/12/2025</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL FAMILY WELLBEING</b>	<b>04/11/2025</b>	<b>09/12/2025</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>15:00</b>
<b>FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL</b>	<b>04/11/2025</b>	<b>09/12/2025</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>20:00</b>
<b>UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND ASD IN CHILDREN</b>	<b>04/11/2025</b>	<b>09/12/2025</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>21:00</b>

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# Online Courses



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<i>FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL</i>	<i>05/11/2025</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>09:30</i>	<i>11:30</i>
<i>FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES</i>	<i>06/11/2025</i>	<i>11/12/2025</i>	<i>09:30</i>	<i>11:30</i>
<i>FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING</i>	<i>06/11/2025</i>	<i>11/12/2025</i>	<i>09:30</i>	<i>11:30</i>
<i>FL RAISING BOYS</i>	<i>06/11/2025</i>	<i>13/11/2025</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:00</i>
<i>FL SEND SUPPORT</i>	<i>06/11/2025</i>	<i>11/12/2025</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>12:00</i>
<i>FL ZONES OF REGULATION</i>	<i>07/11/2025</i>	<i>07/11/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES</i>	<i>08/11/2025</i>	<i>13/12/2025</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>20:00</i>

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The logo for ACLESSEX, consisting of the letters 'ACLESSEX' in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

# Online Courses

A photograph of colorful wooden letters spelling out the word 'Learning' on a light-colored wooden surface. The letters are in various colors including green, red, blue, and yellow.

## Community & Family Learning Courses

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<i>FL SUPPORT SEND CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTION</i>	<i>11/11/2025</i>	<i>18/11/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE</i>	<i>11/11/2025</i>	<i>18/11/2025</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>20:00</i>
<i>FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES</i>	<i>12/11/2025</i>	<i>17/12/2025</i>	<i>18:00</i>	<i>20:00</i>
<i>FL SLEEP WORKSHOP</i>	<i>13/11/2025</i>	<i>13/11/2025</i>	<i>13:00</i>	<i>15:00</i>
<i>FL INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR PARENTS</i>	<i>14/11/2025</i>	<i>14/11/2025</i>	<i>12:00</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL TALKING SO CHILDREN WILL LISTEN</i>	<i>14/11/2025</i>	<i>21/11/2025</i>	<i>09:00</i>	<i>11:30</i>

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<b>FL RAISING GIRLS</b>	<b>20/11/2025</b>	<b>27/11/2025</b>	<b>19:00</b>	<b>21:00</b>
<b>FL SETTING BOUNDARIES</b>	<b>20/11/2025</b>	<b>27/11/2025</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>20:00</b>
<b>FL SETTING BOUNDARIES</b>	<b>21/11/2025</b>	<b>21/11/2025</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>14:30</b>
<b>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</b>	<b>25/11/2025</b>	<b>02/12/2025</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>15:00</b>
<b>FL SIBLING RIVALRY</b>	<b>28/11/2025</b>	<b>28/11/2025</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>14:30</b>

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Date	Yr Group	Event
14th October	Whole School	Perform Workshop in school—Black History
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Panthers	Forest School
17th October	Whole school	FOPS movie night 3.20pm—5.15pm (no choir club)
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Panthers	Bikeability course (for children who have already signed up)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Owls	Forest School
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school	Break up for half term
31st October	Year 6	Secondary school applications close
		<b>Half Term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whole school	Non pupil day
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Koalas	Forest School
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Owlets	Road safety presentation (parents welcome) 8.55am
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Owls	Forest School
14th November	Whole school	World Diabetes Day—sponsored walk
17th November	Owls	Parents' consultations 8.40am-12.00pm & 1pm-3pm
18th November	Owlets	Parents' consultations 8.40am-12.00pm
19th November	Koalas	Parents' consultations 8.40am-12.00pm & 1pm-3pm
20th November	Panthers	Parents' consultations 8.40am-12.00pm & 1.00pm-3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Panthers	Forest School
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Owls	Forest School
27th November	Whole School	Pantomime workshop in school
28th November	Whole school	Pantomime Trip to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Koalas	Forest School
6th December	Whole school	FOPS Christmas fair 12-2pm
8th December	EYFS & KS1	9.00am Nativity dress rehearsal
9th December	EYFS & KS1	Nativity performance in church at 2pm
10th December	EYFS & KS1	Nativity performance in church at 9.30am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Owls	Forest School
17th December	KS2	9.15am—Carol concert in church—all welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Panthers	Forest School