



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 28th November
2025



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Forest School this week, the Owlets walked down to Fitz Forest and explored the area. They were exceptionally well-behaved and enjoyed playing in the forest. We hope to hold another session there for the Owlets before the end of the year!

What a wonderful time we have had today at the pantomime! After our workshop yesterday, the children really embraced this enriching experience, and we were so proud of them all for representing our school so well. A huge thank you to FOPS for their generous contribution towards the cost; you truly make a difference in our school community.

I am SO proud to announce that the grand total raised for Diabetes UK was an incredible £1278! The charity is immensely grateful and will be sending us a framed certificate very soon, along with more information to share with our families. Please keep an eye out for this exciting news!

Next Friday is the much-anticipated school disco! If you haven't done so already, please complete your forms with payment as soon as possible. It promises to be a fantastic evening filled with fun and dancing.

Don't forget that the Christmas fair is also happening next weekend. We warmly invite you to come along and find that perfect gift or simply enjoy a mince pie and a refreshing drink with friends and family.

We have another exciting Cross Country event taking place at Hedingham School. We wish all our children the very best of luck—go Team Pebmarsh! Please remember to return your slip soon so we can confirm numbers.

If your child missed the flu immunisation in school and you would still like them to have it, please refer to pages 6 & 7 for details on where to get this done.

Lastly, we are hosting a parent coffee afternoon on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm, specifically for parents of children with neurodiversity. It's a great opportunity to chat with others and receive support, with outside assistance also joining us.

On a final note, we are in need of more scooters for the playground. If you are upgrading, please consider donating your old one.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Gage

Diary Dates

3rd December

Cross Country at Hedingham School

5th December

FOPS Christmas disco 3.30-5pm

6th December

FOPS Christmas Fair 12-2pm

W/C 8th December

Sports club finish this week

9th December

KS1 nativity 2pm in church

10th December

KS1 nativity 9.30am in church

16th December

Christmas dinner/Wear a Christmas jumper day

17th December

KS2 Carol Concert in church 9.15am

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is 96%

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	93.08%	96.75%
Infants	97.93%	95.14%
Lower Juniors	94.48%	95.98%
Upper Juniors	99.62%	94.59%
Whole School	96.70%	95.46%

Who will win the highest attendance for November? Find out next week!

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.



New SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex

Space is a free parent to parent service, offering 1 to 1 support and online group sessions, run by peer educators. All the peer educators are parents and carers with lived experience of having a child with SEND.

SPACE offers:

- One to one support – a telephone conversation or a video call
- Online group sessions

Supportive resources through the website <https://parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk/>

You can also come along to a community event and chat to one of the team for support and advice around any area of SEND. The service support parents of children aged 0 to 25.

Advice on SEND



Sensory Needs

Understand and manage the sensory needs of children and young people with SEND.



Eating

Advice on helping children and young people who are selective eaters or have ARFID.



Sleeping

Methods to help your child enjoy better and more regular sleep.



Toileting

Advice on helping children learn to use the toilet and dealing with problems.

Online group sessions

Book a place at a SPACE online event. Each webinar will focus on a topic and allows time to listen and talk.

Wednesday 3 December	9.30am to 11am	Toileting
Thursday 4 December	12pm to 1.30pm	Sensory needs
Monday 8 December	10am to 11.30am	Demand avoidance
Tuesday 9 December	12pm to 1.30pm	Sleeping
Wednesday 10 December	6.30pm to 8pm	Attendance difficulties (EBSA)
Tuesday 16 December	11.30am to 1pm	Eating
Thursday 18 December	10.30am to 11.30am	Drop in (daytime)
Monday 22 December	9.30am to 11am	Anxiety

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PARENT COFFEE
AFTERNOON**



**FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN
WITH NEURODIVERSITY**

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 2PM

**COME FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT
& MEET A MEMBER OF THE
ESSEX CHILD & WELL-BEING SERVICE**



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities







SPACE

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

-  **in person** – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events
-  **by phone** – talk one-to-one with a peer educator
-  **online** – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
-  **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime



Book your place for an online session, or a phone call today!

parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk



Flu Vaccination Final Reminder

Dear Parent/Carer,
If your child has missed having their Flu vaccination at school, please click on the link below to book a catch-up appointment at a local clinic. You can book for both the Flu Nasal Spray and the Porcine free IM Vaccine.

During last year's flu season the flu virus caused children and young people to be admitted to hospital, and some into intensive care, at increasing rates to previous years. The flu virus could make your child extremely unwell and can lead to severe ear infections and bronchitis and pneumonia (chest infections) in children and young people.

Flu vaccines are safe and very effective at reducing the risk of contracting flu. Children who have the flu vaccine are less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family, especially those who may be at greater risk from flu, such as young babies, elderly people or friends and relatives with a serious health condition.

To Book an appointment please click [HERE](#)

Clinic Availability:

Appointments will be available from **09 October 2025 to 17 December 2025** across the following areas and dates:

Town	Location	Date
Billericay	Langham Cresecent, Billericay, CM12 9RD	29/11/2025 -Saturday
Maldon	West Maldon Community Centre, Sunbury Way, Maldon, CM9 6YH	29/11/2025 -Saturday
Thurrock	Thurrock CVS, The Beehive Resource Centre, West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP	05/12/2025 -Friday
Braintree	GLEBE COMMUNITY HALL 20 Dover Close,	06/12/2025 -Saturday

	Braintree CM7 5TD, Braintree	
Harlow Library	Harlow Library 30 High Street	06/12/2025 - Saturday
Colchester	Colchester & East Essex Cricket Club	10/12/2025 - Wednesday
Maldon	West Maldon Community Centre, Sunbury Way, Maldon, CM9 6YH	13/12/2025 - Saturday
Braintree	GLEBE COMMUNITY HALL 20 Dover Close, Braintree CM7 5TD, Braintree	13/12/2025 - Saturday
Grays	Orsett Village Hall, Mill Lane, High Road, Orsett, Grays, Essex RM16 3HB	13/12/2025 - Saturday
Colchester	Colchester United Football Club	16/12/2025 - Tuesday
Chelmsford	Waterhouse Busniess Centre, Unit 12 Chelmsford CM12 QE	17/11/2025 - Wednesday

Yours Faithfully,
School Immunisation Team – 01245 984145



Vaccination UK



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WORKSHOP**

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PRODUCTION

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AGE 6+ . 10AM-3PM
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11AM - 4PM
AGE 6+
£40




To book contact Jo: jowwhite.csod@gmail.com



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Date	Yr Group	Event
14th October	Whole School	Perform Workshop in school—Black History
16 th October	Panthers	Forest School
17th October	Whole school	FOPS movie night 3.20pm—5.15pm (no choir club)
20 th & 21 st October	Panthers	Bikeability course (for children who have already signed up)
23 rd October	Owls	Forest School
24 th October	Whole school	Break up for half term
31st October	Year 6	Secondary school applications close
		Half Term
3 rd November	Whole school	Non pupil day
6 th November	Koalas	Forest School
12 th November	Owlets	Road safety presentation (parents welcome) 8.55am
12th November	Year 5	Pedestrian safety presentation
13 th 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 th November	Panthers	Forest School
27 th November	Owls	Forest School
27th November	Whole school	Pantomime workshop
28th November	Whole school	Pantomime Trip to Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds
4 th December	Koalas	Forest School
5th December	Whole school	FOPS Christmas disco 3.30-5pm
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 th December	Owls	Forest School
16th December	Whole school	Christmas lunch in school
17th December	KS2	9.15am—Carol concert in church—all welcome
18 th December	Panthers	Forest School