



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 6th February 2026

## Diary Dates

### **9th February**

Second hand uniform sale in  
library after school

### **13th February**

Break up for half term

### **23rd February**

Back to school-

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED

A PACKED LUNCH



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at our school! We are thrilled to share that our recycling efforts have really stepped up a gear or two this week. Thanks to our lovely new bins, we are ensuring that everything goes where it should for correct recycling. A huge thank you to all our children and staff, and especially to our Eco Club for their unwavering support in this important initiative!

We also want to give our congratulations to our Owlets for winning the highest attendance in January! We hope you enjoy your well-deserved cakes as a reward for your fantastic commitment to being in school.

Exciting news on the horizon: our new kitchen is set to begin construction during the half-term week! We are all buzzing with anticipation and can't wait to share updates with you as the project progresses. Please keep an eye on our newsletter for more information.

As a quick reminder, when we return to school on Monday, 23rd February, all children will need to bring a packed lunch with them. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that everyone is prepared for the day ahead.

After school clubs will commence in the first week back after half-term, and letters have been emailed out today. As always, places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please do return your forms as quickly as possible to secure a spot for your child. Paper copies are available in the office foyer if you need one.

We would also like to express our gratitude to FOPS for providing scooters for the playground. They have become a fantastic asset, and the children absolutely love using them! Additionally, we are fortunate to have four dedicated volunteers who come in each week to support our children in various ways within the classroom, these are Ann, Margaret, Susan and Louise.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone next week for the final week before half-term!

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	83.85%	93.76%
Infants	95.11%	94.28%
Lower Juniors	98.97%	96.19%
Upper Juniors	94%	95.08%
Whole School	92.98%	94.98%

Congratulations to OWLETS CLASS for the highest attendance in January!

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 permitted but they must be black with no other colours. Otherwise, black shoes must be worn.

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 - parents will be informed via email and Class Dojo

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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **Pebmarsh Cup – Poppy**

Poppy, your class have voted for you to win the Pebmarsh Cup! They have said that you are a kind and fantastic friend who is always a joy to be around. They say that you are always very welcoming and that they love to spend time with you inside of school and out on the playground. Your class mates think that you are really clever and contribute great ideas when you have your hand up. Well, done Poppy!

### **Panthers – Farrah - Self motivation**

Farrah you have made brilliant progress since coming back from Christmas and this has been noticed by all of the adults in Panther class. The biggest change that we have seen is in your self-belief! Now that you know you can overcome any obstacle there is no stopping you! Well done Farrah! Keep it going!

### **Koalas – Otilie - Self-Motivation**

Otilie, you come into the classroom every day ready to learn. You are always thinking carefully and are keen to share your ideas and answers. You listen straight away when asked and consistently put your best effort into all of your work. I was particularly impressed on Wednesday with the classification key you created to help classify the invertebrates we were studying in Science. It was thoughtful, accurate, and clearly showed your understanding. We are also really impressed with the progress you have made in putting your hand up when you need help and not being afraid to ask for support. This shows great maturity and a fantastic attitude towards your learning. Keep working hard, well done Otilie!

### **Owls – Jack for Self-motivation**

Jack, you have been working so hard recently in all areas. Your reading and writing have both been amazing and this week in Maths you have really impressed Mrs Watkins with your partitioning of two-digit numbers. You are always ready for learning and are curious to know more. Your hard work and fascination with learning has not gone unnoticed. Well done Jack.

### **Owlets - Teddie for Self-motivation.**

You have blown us away with how independent you have become. You are always first to tackle a challenge and even ask for extra challenges. You have been working so hard with your phonics and it is really showing not only in drawing club but in all your independent writing too. Well done Teddie!

## **Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:**

### **Harriet -Koala Class**



Everyone next week is in for an amazing surprise as Harriet has worked incredibly hard to write the lyrics to a song which we will all be learning in collective worship next week! Keep your eyes and ear peeled for the amazing and talented song from Harriet!



**You are a star!**

# JOIN THE PEBMARSH YOUTH CLUB!

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LET KIDS BE KIDS, PLAYING, CHATTING, AND HAVING  
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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026

## Little Oaks Holiday Club



**Action packed  
holiday club**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Whacky STEM  
Outdoor adventures  
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