



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 27th February 2026

Diary Dates

10th March

Year 2 trip to St Peter's School, Sible Hedingham

11th March

Panther Class to attend Green Creative Careers Fair at Braintree Town Hall

W/C 16th March

Parents' consultations



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been absolutely lovely to welcome the children back to school and to see them dive straight back into their learning with such enthusiasm! Our Year 6 students recently completed a mock SATs week, and I must say, they have absolutely smashed it! I have never encountered such a confident year group; regardless of the results, you have all done us proud!

Exciting news on the horizon—our new kitchen is coming along nicely! We are eagerly looking forward to designing menus and putting it to good use as soon as we can. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help us at lunchtimes; your support is truly appreciated. We've even started reaching out to celebrity chefs to come and open our kitchen in April, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please give them a nudge!

As we move forward, please note that parents' consultations will be held in school during the week commencing 16th March. If you haven't already done so, please book an appointment with your child's Class Teacher next week. Our fabulous teachers are, as always, being incredibly flexible, so do reach out to them. It's important that you hear about how your child is progressing.

We have also begun sending out letters regarding upcoming trips. Please ensure that you return the permission slips and make any payments as soon as possible to help us facilitate these exciting experiences.

Additionally, we have a midday assistant job advert out, offering a flexible/casual contract with ad-hoc hours. All training will be provided, and you would have the opportunity to work at our fabulous school.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help paint our sensory room. We are thrilled to announce that the wonderful Stephen Dwyer has booked to carry out the works, and even more amazingly, he has convinced his company to provide all materials for free! Parents like you, are the reason our school is such an amazing place.

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	95.39%	93.29%
Infants	91.73%	93.93%
Lower Juniors	93.79%	96.09%
Upper Juniors	96%	95.03%
Whole School	94.23%	94.59%

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 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 27th February 2026

Pebmarsh Cup – Ivy

Ivy, you have been chosen to receive the Pebmarsh Cup this week from your classmates because they say that you are kind, helpful and they think that you thoroughly deserve it. They said that they love the way you find connections with your learning and they enjoy being your partner either in class or on the playground. They also love the way you keep Mrs Lock in check! He! He! He!

Keep being you Ivy because Owl Class love you.

Panthers – Frank - Imaginative

Frank, this week you were voted to be our worship monitor. You fully embraced this role and brought your unique style and flair to worship. Not only did this keep everyone entertained but you also ensured that we had an engaging worship experience but also that everyone felt heard and had a chance to share their thoughts and experiences. Well, done Frank, public speaking is a very difficult skill, and you seemed to have mastered it, so much so that you have been voted to present our class worship every Wednesday! I can't wait to see what else you bring to our class worship!

Koalas – Mollie for Self- motivation.

Mollie you have won our Gold award this week for your attitude and strong will to learn and improve. You approach tasks with enthusiasm and you show perseverance when faced with challenges. Your positive mindset and determination are excellent examples for others to follow, well done.

Owls - Bernie and Self-motivation and Honesty

Bernie, you have come back after half term on fire - particularly in Maths. This week you have worked really hard in your independent work and you were honest enough with yourself to recognise that this week saw you reach the challenge part of the lesson for the first time this year. Your words not ours. This is awesome. You were SO proud of yourself and we are SO proud of you too. You can do it Bernie. You've got it. Keep smashing it!

Owlets – Ezra– Self-motivation

Ezra, you have won our Gold Award this week because you have been working so hard in school and at home with your phonics. We have noticed a big improvement in your writing and it is wonderful to see your confidence and independence grow so much. Also, you have been super helpful in the classroom, always offering to help out with jobs that need doing. Well done!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Ares



You have blown me away with your resilience this week! Faced with huge tests and difficult work, you have not been phased at all. You have given everything a go and tried your hardest and this is all we ever ask from you! Keep up the great work!



ADHD INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday, 16th April, 5 – 6.30 pm

Venue: St Peter's Primary School, Sible Hedingham

**Led by Steve Challen from ADHD+ and Sally Grainger from
SEND IASS**

ADHD+ Support are based in Chelmsford, Essex. They are a charitable organisation, with a primary aim of providing information, support and services to those with ADHD and its many associated and co-existing conditions. They are primarily run by volunteers with a personal connection to these conditions.

Their work is with those who have or are in the process of obtaining a diagnosis of ADHD, their families, parents/guardians, and professionals, to help find and provide better ways to cope with the day-to-day struggles.

This is an adult-only event.

The school will be running a childcare facility for school-aged children. This will take place in the school library and will include some colouring and a film. Please email the address below to book a space for your child/children. Spaces will be limited to 12 children on a first come first served basis.

All welcome, including family and friends. To book a space, please email

Sue Craig at

scraig@st-peters.essex.sch.uk

with the number of people in your party.



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CONTACT: CAROL PARSONS

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