



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 6th March 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

13th March

FOPS Spring Disco

3.30pm-5pm

W/C 16th March

Parents' consultations



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers

What a brilliant day we had at school yesterday, celebrating World Book Day! The excitement was palpable as we saw some fabulous costumes, and the children absolutely loved guessing who the masked reader was. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for participating in the celebrations—your creativity truly made the day special!

This week, our wonderful Year 6 children received the exciting news about which secondary school they will be attending in September. There's still lots more work and fun ahead for them before they leave us, and we're all looking forward to it!

A huge well done to our Koala class for achieving the highest attendance across the month of February! We hope you enjoyed your well-deserved cakes as a reward for your fantastic commitment.

Next week, our Year 2 children will be visiting St. Peter's Primary School in Sible Hedingham for an animal-themed singing day. What fun they will have singing and learning about animals! We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

Our Panther class is also gearing up for an exciting trip—on Tuesday, they will head to Braintree Town Hall for a Green Creative Careers event. We look forward to hearing about the careers they're interested in pursuing when they leave school!

Don't forget, next Friday FOPS will be holding a Spring Disco after school. Please ensure you hand your forms and money in to the school office—correct change only, please!

We are currently seeking a Catering Manager to join our team. Please spread the word! We would love to find someone who is passionate about providing great food for our children. Follow this link if you are interested; all training will be provided, but do feel free to book a meeting with me if you'd like to discuss this further. <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=117362>

Lastly, a big shout out to Mr Nichols, who is running the marathon! We plan to use the funds raised to replace our climbing frame, which comes at a cost of £20,000. Every little helps, and of course, we do not expect Mr Nichols to raise this amount alone. If you have a business that may be willing to donate to this cause, please follow this link to start giving. Thank you for your support! https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mrnichols?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Have a lovely weekend

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 | 92.14% | 93.24% |
| Infants | 94% | 93.93% |
| Lower Juniors | 95.30% | 96.06% |
| Upper Juniors | 93.60% | 94.97% |
| Whole School | 94.03% | 94.74% |

Congratulations to KOALA CLASS for the highest attendance in February!

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 6th March 2026

Pebmarsh Cup - Cade

Cade, our class has voted for you to receive the Pebmarsh Cup because they see you as a loyal and caring friend who always makes an effort to include others in what you do. Your kindness and willingness to make sure everyone feels part of the group does not go unnoticed, and it means a lot to the people around you. Your friends also recognise how hard you work in the classroom and the positive attitude you bring to your learning each day. Keep being the kind, thoughtful, and hardworking person you are—those qualities make you a wonderful friend and an important part of our class community.

Panthers – Griff - Imaginative

Griff, you are receiving the gold award this week for Imaginative. This week in Science the class were challenged to create a sieve to separate their gold nuggets, gold flakes and mud. You worked creatively as part of a team to come up with a fantastic solution in order to complete the task. Not only did you show fantastic problem solving and creative skills, but you were also able to evaluate and review your design discussing what you would change next time if you had another chance. This shows fantastic reflective skills and demonstrates your fantastic scientific thinking. Well done Griff! Keep it going!

Koalas – Brooklynn - Nurturing

Brooklynn, your kind and caring nature has had such a welcoming and positive impact on your friends and peers. You consistently show thoughtfulness and empathy in the way you interact with others, and it truly makes a difference in the environment around you. You have gone out of your way to make our new child feel not just welcomed, but genuinely supported and included. This shows a level of maturity and compassion that is wonderful to see. Helping others is truly a gift that you have. What makes it even more special is that you do it naturally, without needing to be asked. This quality helps create a positive and caring community for everyone, and they are traits that will continue to make a difference wherever you go.

Owls – Imogen – Self-motivation

Imogen, you have been an absolute superstar this week. You (and the rest of Owl Class) have been showing Mrs Watkins and I what you know and what you need to learn next. You have approached each session positively and when you were reading you showed real resilience to keep going. You blew our minds away - **including Ann's!** **Well done Imogen. Keep believing in yourself** because we believe in you.

Owlets – Hettie Self-motivation

Hettie, you have been working exceptionally hard with your reading and writing. Your confidence is shining out of you. You are becoming more and more independent which is lovely to see. Keep up the great work and positive attitude.

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Frida



Every morning when I visit breakfast club, you brighten my day. You love to show me which ever wonderful thing you are working on and you chat away making me as excited as you for your work. I am so proud of how proud you are of what you have achieved. Keep shining bright!



St John Baptist School Pebmarsh



**Mr Nichols is
running the marathon.**

Halstead Marathon – 10th May

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and our new climbing frame.



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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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| COURSE TITLE | VENUE | START DATE | START TIME | END TIME |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| FL SETTING CLEAR BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN | ONLINE LIVE | 24/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 19:00 | 21:00 |
| FL ZONES OF REGULATION | ONLINE LIVE | 25/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 13:00 | 15:00 |
| FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS | ONLINE LIVE | 26/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL ZONES OF REGULATION | ONLINE LIVE | 26/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 19:00 | 21:00 |

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| FL SUCCESSFUL CO-PARENTING | ONLINE LIVE | 12/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 09:30 | 11:30 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM | ONLINE LIVE | 13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 12:00 | 14:30 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN | ONLINE LIVE | 13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:00 | 11:30 |
| FL SLEEP WORKSHOP | ONLINE LIVE | 17/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY | ONLINE LIVE | 19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:45 | 11:45 |
| FL MANAGING ANXIETY FOR SEND | ONLINE LIVE | 19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:30 | 11:30 |

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| FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS FOR SEND | ONLINE LIVE | 04/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 12:30 | 14:30 |
| FL ABOUT BOYS COURSE | ONLINE LIVE | 04/03/2026 (4 WEEKS) | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL POSITIVE PARENTING | ONLINE LIVE | 05/03/2026 (4 WEEKS) | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS | ONLINE LIVE | 06/03/2026 (1 WEEK) | 12:30 | 14:30 |
| FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY | ONLINE LIVE | 11/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 18:00 | 20:00 |
| FL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS | ONLINE LIVE | 12/03/2026 (2 WEEKS) | 09:45 | 11:45 |

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