



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 13th March 2026



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at our school! Our Year 2 children had THE BEST day at St. Peter's Primary School in Sible Hedingham on Tuesday for the animal-themed singing day. A huge thank you to Mrs Lock and Mrs Watkins for taking the children and joining in the fun! We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Bush and Mrs Stacey for looking after the Year 1 children all day; they had a wonderful time with you.

The children have also started a block of Indian dancing lessons this week. The videos looked amazing and I cannot wait to join in next week. All classes will be having a chance to take part.

On Wednesday, our Panther Class enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Braintree Town Hall, where they attended a Green Creative Careers event. The children learned about a variety of fascinating jobs, including beekeeping, working with wind turbines, and even how technology can help save our planet. It was a great event, and we are proud to say that the children were impeccably behaved!

Today, we are all buzzing with excitement for the school disco! DJ Nichols is in da house, and we can't wait to see everyone dancing the night away. A massive thank you to our incredible FOPS team for arranging this event and for the special gift sale at lunchtimes this week. Your efforts truly make a difference to our children's experiences.

Looking ahead to Monday, we are thrilled to welcome Dave Holmes, who will be making pizzas with our Koala Class. This activity will support their learning about Europe, and what better way to start than with delicious Italian cuisine? We are so fortunate to have such amazing parents in our community who support us in these endeavours.

Lastly, a gentle reminder that our parents' consultation meetings are scheduled for next week. We can't wait to share your child's progress with you! These meetings will be held in the Headteacher's office, and please remember to sign in at reception.

We have received some feedback from villagers regarding cars parked during drop-off and pick-up times, particularly near the war memorial. We kindly ask that you be safe, mindful, and considerate, as we wish to maintain good relations with our local community.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

## Diary Dates

### **13th March**

FOPS Spring Disco

3.30pm-5pm

### **W/C 16th March**

Parents' consultations

### **25th March**

Panthers and Owls to  
IWM, Duxford

### **26th March**

Easter Service in church  
9.15am—all welcome

### **27th March**

Break up for Easter

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	93.57%	93.25%
Infants	94.44%	93.95%
Lower Juniors	94.33%	95.98%
Upper Juniors	93.60%	94.91%
Whole School	94.07%	94.71%

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](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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Pebmarsh Cup - Finley

Finley you have been nominated for the Pebmarsh cup by your classmates. They have said that you are a fantastic friend as well as a leader, who planned a fantastic forest school session that everyone enjoyed. They also said how kind you were and that no matter what someone was thinking or feeling, you were always willing to listen to them and help them find a solution. But, aside from everything else, everyone in the class is incredibly impressed by how hard you work, no matter what issues or problems present themselves you always give it your best go with a smile on your face!

Well done Finley, you are a fantastic role model for the entire school and we are lucky to have you in our class.

### **Panthers -Oliver for self-motivation.**

Oliver, throughout the entire of year five you have grown and developed into a fantastic learner. You consistently embrace new challenges and show a sense of enjoyment and pride when you learn something new. This is incredibly evident in your writing, not only have you improved the content of your writing but you have also embraced the challenge of cursive handwriting, which you have overcome fantastically. Well done Oliver, keep this positive attitude going as you are capable of anything!

### **Koalas – Charles – Self-motivation**

You have really come out of your shell since joining us in Year 3. Every morning you come through the door with a lovely welcome that fills our hearts. I am so proud of how well the presentation of your work has developed and how much effort you put into your work. We all love to hear your contributions in class, where you showcase your learning and understanding with us. Keep up the hard work

### **Owls – Frida – Self-motivation**

Frida, you have been working SO hard in class and outside of the classroom with Mrs Couttie too. You are becoming a more independent learner and your confidence in yourself is growing. On Tuesday you loved the Music Festival and joined in with all of the songs and took the day in your stride. It is a privilege to watch you blossom and shine your light brightly. Keep being you Frida - we think you are amazing.

### **Owlets – Albie – Self-motivation**

Albie, you have been an absolute superstar this week and a fantastic role model to your peers. You are thoughtful and kind to not only the other children, but members of staff too. You are on fire with your learning too and we are so proud of you! Well done, Albie.

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

### **Reuben**



**You have blown me away today with your focus and attention in phonics! You are a role model to everyone in your group and I think you are a superstar!**



# St John Baptist School Pebmarsh



**Mr Nichols is  
running the marathon.**

Halstead Marathon – 10<sup>th</sup> May

Follow the website to  
donate towards his efforts  
and our new climbing frame.



**PLEASE DONATE:** [www.justgiving.com/crowdfundig/mer8onrfl0s](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfundig/mer8onrfl0s)

# ADHD INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scraig@st-peters.essex.sch.uk)**

**with the number of people in your party.**



The ACL logo is a white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

## Community & Family Learning Courses



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

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website [acessex.com](https://acessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

**acessex.com**  
0345 603 7635





PRIMARY EDUCATION

# EASTER MULTISPORTS CAMP

30th March - 7th April

**BRAINTREE**  
CRESSING  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DUNMOW**  
DUNMOW LEISURE  
CENTRE

**HEDINGHAM**  
ST PETER'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DISCOUNT CODE: EARLYBIRD25**

25% OFF WHEN YOU BOOK BEFORE 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

SCAN  
ME!



**AGES 5-11 YEARS**  
8:00AM - 5:00PM



## ACTIVITIES

- LASER TAG
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- EASTER THEMED BAKING
- EGG HUNT
- GLOW DODGEBALL
- RACKET SPORTS
- INVASION GAMES
- AND MUCH MORE .....

GIVE YOUR CHILD AN EASTER PACKED  
WITH FUN,  
FRIENDSHIPS AND ACTIVITY!

FROM JUST  
**£25**  
PER DAY



“The best holiday camp  
we've used. Professional,  
friendly and stress-free.”

PARENT FEEDBACK - FEB 26

USE YOUR TAX FREE CHILDCARE | CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS WHEN BOOKING

EGG HUNT



**BOOK NOW**

01371 829 216

primary-education.co.uk

admin@primary-education.co.uk

**ACL****Community & Family Learning Courses**

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>END TIME</b>
<b>FL SUCCESSFUL CO-PARENTING</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>12/03/2026 (1 WEEK)</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>14:30</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>
<b>FL SLEEP WORKSHOP</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>17/03/2026 (1 WEEK)</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>20:00</b>
<b>FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)</b>	<b>09:45</b>	<b>11:45</b>
<b>FL MANAGING ANXIETY FOR SEND</b>	<b>ONLINE LIVE</b>	<b>19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)</b>	<b>09:30</b>	<b>11:30</b>

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website [acessex.com](https://acessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

**acessex.com****0345 603 7635**

Essex County Council



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

If you would like to enrol on to a **FREE** course please Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

FIRST CLASS

FREE

# CHEER classes

AGE 6 - 16

EARLS COLNE VILLAGE HALL

5:45pm - 7pm

BOOK NOW:

[www.amadanceacademy.com](http://www.amadanceacademy.com)



# JOIN THE PEBMARSH YOUTH CLUB!

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

LET KIDS BE KIDS, PLAYING, CHATTING, AND HAVING  
FUN IN A SAFE, WELCOMING SPACE.

IT'S TIME FOR FUN, LAUGHTER, AND REAL FRIENDSHIPS. OUR YOUTH  
CLUB GIVES CHILDREN AGES 8 - 13 A CHANCE TO STEP AWAY FROM  
MOBILE PHONES, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND ENJOY ACTIVITIES  
TOGETHER.



LOCATED AT PEBMARSH VILLAGE HALL (NEXT TO THE PEBMARSH SCHOOL)

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY

THE 4:30 - 8:30 PM

CONTACT: CAROL PARSONS

VIA THE PEBMARSH YOUTH CLUB PAGE ON FACEBOOK

