



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 27th March 2026

Diary Dates

27th March

Break up for Easter

13th April

Return to school

17th April

Selected Eco club members going to Cressing Temple Barns



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a delightful week it has been at our school! We had the pleasure of seeing the lambs today, and we extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr Chamley for his wonderful support in making this happen. The children were absolutely enchanted!

Our Easter service was a lovely occasion, with the children singing and reading beautifully. It truly warmed our hearts to see their enthusiasm and talent shining through.

On Wednesday, the Owls and Panthers had a fantastic day at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. They were exceptionally well-behaved, and it was amazing for Panthers to engage with veterans and hear their inspiring stories.

As we look forward to returning to school on Monday, 13th, we can't wait to see all the smiling faces again! A quick reminder that clubs will start in the first week back, so please sign up as soon as possible—places are filling up quickly!

We are also excited to announce more Indian dancing sessions coming up, which we know the children will love. Congratulations to the Owls for achieving the highest attendance in March—enjoy your well-deserved cake!

Looking ahead, we have some fantastic trips planned after Easter. The Koalas will be visiting the British Museum, the Eco Club will explore Cressing Temple Barns, the Panthers will head to Braintree Museum, and KS2 will participate in the Essex School Food and Farming Day. Additionally, the Owlets will visit Jimmy's Farm after the May half-term week.

A big thank you to FOPS for organising the Easter egg hunt this week—it was a wonderful event for our children!

Please make sure to note the important dates on the back page of this newsletter, especially for sports day.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter, and we look forward to welcoming you back for the summer 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	82.31%	92.31%
Infants	96.66%	94.09%
Lower Juniors	93.67%	95.87%
Upper Juniors	96.80%	95.06%
Whole School	92.37%	94.63%

Congratulations to OWLS CLASS for the highest attendance in March!

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 March 2026

Pebmarsh Cup –Jack

Jack, you have been chosen by Owl Class this week to receive the Pebmarsh Cup because they say that you are kind, fun to play with and that you are a good friend. They also said that they have noticed how well you are doing in your work and they realise that this is because you are always ready, always listening and always trying your hardest at everything you do. Keep being you Jack because Owl Class think you are amazing.

Panthers -Fleur - Self-motivation

Fleur, throughout this term and this year you have been consistently trying your best at everything you do. Not only has this shown through the fantastic work you produce in lessons but also in the person that you have developed into so far. You are an incredibly hard worker who is always enthusiastic about everything that we do in school. You always contribute your opinion to the class and throughout this year you have become much better at listening to the opinion of others. You are also always there for your friends when they need you and never hesitate to put someone else first when they need help and support. Well done Fleur, we are very proud of the person you have become.

Koalas – Issy - Imagination.

Issy, you consistently take great care with your work, ensuring it is completed thoughtfully and presented to a high standard. You have worked extremely well in English, creating an engaging and exciting board game for a young child. It has been wonderful to see how your original design has developed and improved over time. You responded positively to feedback, carefully considering suggestions and using them to make meaningful improvements. This shows not only your independence as a learner, but also a strong sense of maturity. The children in our school thoroughly enjoyed playing your game, which was lovely to see.

Owls – Harrison - Imaginative

Harrison you were absolutely AMAZING on our Duxford trip this week. I had the pleasure of your company on the bus (along with T-Rex) and you were in my group for the day. You loved every second of the trip and your enthusiasm was catchy. You were focused on the vehicles we saw and wanted to know more and more all the time. You were incredibly polite and you included those around you in everything you did such as jumping over the cracks as we walked down the paths and in your imaginative games on the play area planes. You made the day fun and thoroughly enjoyable. Thank you. Never stop being you Harrison because you are amazing just as you are.

Owlets – Greyson – Self-motivation & Imaginative

Greyson, you have been ON FIRE this week, even asking me to put you out with my invisible hose! You used your phonics to write words for the first time, which was an absolute pleasure to see, not only this but your imagination is out of this world. We are so proud of you, Greyson, keep being you!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Izzy and Grace-Koala Class



During a fire drill yesterday, you acted calm, sensibly and knew exactly what to do. You are role models to everyone in our school and I was blown away by your maturity.



St John Baptist School Pebmarsh



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Halstead Marathon – 10th May

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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.



The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
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Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>



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