



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Thursday 21st May 2026



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and enjoyable week we have had across school!

Panthers have had a wonderful day at the museum, celebrating all things Victorian. The children really embraced the experience and enjoyed learning more about life in the past. We hope no one got the cane!

In Owlets, the dentist paid a visit to check everyone's teeth. They were so impressed with the children, commenting on how amazing they all are. A huge well done to everyone for showing such brilliant manners and care.

A reminder that club letters have gone home this week. Please do take a look and sign up if your child would like to join one of the activities. Choir is now open to Year 2, which is lovely news. We are excited to welcome them along and give them a little taster for next year, when we will be heading to the Young Voices concert at the O2 in 2027.

We are also looking forward to Break the Rules Day on 5th June. Please check the poster on page 4 for all the details.

Don't forget our parent tours to see the curriculum in action. The next one is on 9th June, and there is currently only one parent signed up, so there are lots of spaces available. We would love to see more of you there.

Letters were sent home today to KS2 children regarding an athletics event in July. The children volunteered and were selected, so congratulations to them all. Please return the reply slip by 5th June.

Finally, a reminder that our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on 16th July at 9.15am. All families are warmly invited to attend.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 1st June.

Miss Gage

## Diary Dates

**1st June**

Return to school

**5th June**

Break the rules day!

**9th June**

Class photographs

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is 96%

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	87.86%	91.58%
Infants	89.62%	93.94%
Lower Juniors	90.33%	95.72%
Upper Juniors	88.46%	95.04%
Whole School	89.06%	94.07%

Congratulations to Owl Class for the highest attendance in April!

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.





# Open | Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover  
the world of farming!

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Hunts Hall,  
Colne Road,  
Pebmarsh  
CO9 2QE

11am - 5pm

Tractor Trailer Rides

Farm Machines on Display

Country Walks

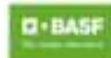
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Food Truck – Brittens Bites

Tea, Coffee and Cake Stall

Donations – Essex Air Ambulance

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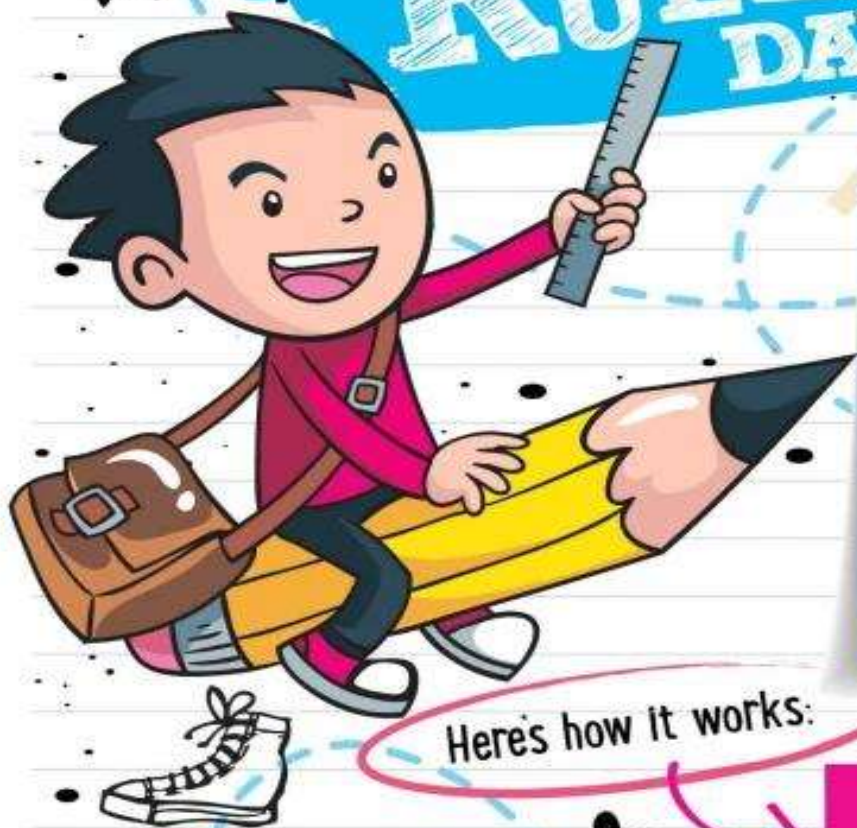
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# BREAK the RULES DAY



## Rules to be broken include:

1. No temporary tattoos
2. No nail varnish
3. Have neat hair
4. No face glitter
5. Wear school socks
6. Eat lunch in the correct order

Here's how it works:

## When?

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June



For each rule that is broken please bring in a Jar of Joy.

Jars can be filled with whatever Joy you wish. From small toys to crafts to sweets and chocolates.



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**MAY**  
26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>

**8AM - 5PM**

**AGE**  
5-11

### Activities

- ✓ Go Karting
- ✓ Inflatables
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Lazer Tag
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11-14 June 2026

# COLNE ENGAINE FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE!

**Thursday** Evening Ticket event - Quiz Night!

**Friday** Evening Ticket event - Family Disco!

**Saturday** Daytime - Family day with shows, inflatables & lots of stalls!  
Evening Ticket event - Band night with headline act  
Funk Soul Lovers!

**Sunday** Daytime - Family day with shows, inflatables & lots of stalls!

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW!



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# The Great Grid Upgrade

Bramford to Twinstead

## Road closure on Oak Road, north of Pebmarsh – 11 May to 8 June 2026

National Grid is getting ready for the main construction phase of the Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement. In preparation for this, we need to build a new, widened site entrance (known as a bellmouth) so vehicles can safely access our working areas.

To keep everyone safe while Balfour Beatty carry out this work on behalf of National Grid, part of Oak Road (north of Pebmarsh) will be closed near Collins Road **from Monday 11 May to Friday 8 June**. A full road closure is needed as the narrow carriageway means that the works cannot be carried out safely whilst keeping the road open.

We will display advance warning signs and clearly mark the work area prior to the closure. We will also clearly signpost the diversion route, which you can see on the map to the right.

We know this diversion might delay your journeys, and we apologise for the disruption this causes. Our teams will work hard to finish these activities as safely and quickly as possible.



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