



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 5th June 2026



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week in school, and there has certainly been plenty to celebrate! Thank you to everyone who took part in Break the Rules Day — it was fantastic to see so many children enjoying the fun and joining in with such enthusiasm. If your child broke a rule and forgot to bring in their jar, please do send it in next week. We really appreciate your support with this.

A huge well done to Panthers for winning the highest attendance across the month of May. What a brilliant achievement! Please enjoy your well-deserved cakes — you have earned them.

Next week is shaping up to be a very exciting one. On Monday, our Year 6 children will be going to Chelmsford Cathedral for their leaver's service at the church. Myself, Mr Nichols and Rev Bev will be there to support the children, and we know it will be a special and memorable occasion for them all.

On Tuesday, we will be taking our class photos. Please make sure the children are spit spot ready for the camera, with smart uniforms and bright smiles all round.

Then on Wednesday, Owlets are off on their class trip to Jimmy's Farm. We are sure they will have a fantastic time, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

A quick reminder about lunches: if you haven't already done so, please download the Arbor app as we will be going live with lunches very soon. Don't worry if you have ordered through ParentPay until the end of term, as any money will be refunded. Emails have been sent to parents and guardians today with instructions on how to sign up, and a helpful guide can be found here: https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360008790297-Leaflet-poster-and-communication-templates-for-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App#h_01HEMM18BAKAW5S9MTGZS9S8PZ

Finally, our mobile phone policy is now available on the school website. For convenience, here is a shortcut: <https://stjohnthebaptist1.ovw10.juniperwebsites.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=400>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Miss Gage

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

Diary Dates

8th June

Year 6 to

Chelmsford Cathedral
for leavers' service

9th June

Class photographs

Parent tours

10th June

Owlets class trip to

Jimmy's Farm

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is 96%

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	81.25%	91.31%
Infants	97.12%	94.03%
Lower Juniors	96.25%	95.73%
Upper Juniors	91.83%	94.95%
Whole School	93.18%	94%

Congratulations to Panther Class for the highest attendance in May!

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 5th June 2026

Pebmarsh Cup – Isaac in Panthers

Isaac, you have been voted by the class to win the Pebmarsh Cup this week! They say you are kind, honest, nurturing and understanding – you will always help people out. You show all our school values every day. You are funny and make people laugh. Not only that, but you contribute to discussions in the class and you are motivational too

Panthers – Lana – Imaginative

Lana, throughout your time in Panther Class, you have always approached your learning with a fantastic sense of creativity, this ensures that you produce unique and exciting work which is always a pleasure to read. Other staff members have commented to me how you have blossomed since being in Year 6 and you are so ready for your next stage in your learning journey. Well done Lana, keep up your positive mindset.

Koalas – Amber – Self motivation

Amber, you are receiving the class Gold Award this week for pushing yourself to try harder, working consistently, and then achieving greatness in your multiplication check, you should feel incredibly proud. Your great self-motivation and determination have truly shone through. You faced the challenge with a positive attitude and showed real resilience throughout. Keep believing in yourself and continue to embrace every opportunity to learn and improve. Your hard work and effort have made a wonderful difference, and this is something to celebrate. Well done, Amber — a fantastic achievement!

Owls – Reuben – Self-motivation

Reuben you could have received this award every week this year. You consistently try your hardest and give everything to all that you do. This term we have seen the benefits of all that hard work in your learning as you have made great strides in your reading and writing. You have been knocking our socks off! You are using all that you have been taught and are just steaming ahead. It is a pleasure and a privilege to watch and be a part of. Keep shining your light brightly Reuben. You are amazing.

Owlets –Harrison – Self-motivation

This week Harrison, you have been SOOO helpful, in and out of the classroom. You have come back from half term and just blown us away with your positive attitude towards your learning, asking questions to find out more and deepen your knowledge. This has been fantastic to see, please keep it up as we love this about you, Harrison!!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Isobel-Owlets



When I covered phonics this week, you blew me away with your enthusiasm and focus! You are such a hard worker and I know you will flourish in Year 1 very soon! Keep up the hard work!





Open | Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover
the world of farming!

7th June 2026

**Hunts Hall,
Colne Road,
Pebmarsh
CO9 2QE**

11am - 5pm

Tractor Trailer Rides

Farm Machines on Display

Country Walks

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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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