



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 12th June 2026



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we have had in school! There has been so much to celebrate, and we are delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Our Owlets were incredibly well behaved on their trip this week. They represented the school beautifully and made us all very proud. A huge thank you to Miss King and Miss Bush for arranging and facilitating such a wonderful experience for the children. We are so grateful for all the planning and effort that went into making the visit a success.

Please do take a look at the back page of this newsletter for our Key Stage 2 summer performance dates. We are looking forward to sharing these special events with you. Tickets will be available to purchase soon, so keep an eye out for further details.

It is not long now until our Key Stage 2 trip to Anglia Ruskin University for Essex Schools Food and Farming Day. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn more about food, farming and where our food comes from. If you have not already done so, please make payment by Monday.

We have also been sent an asthma newsletter for the summer, which you can find on page 5. We hope you find the information useful as we head into the warmer months.

Children had their class photos taken this week, which is fantastic news! They looked wonderful, and orders for these will be sent out soon.

We also have some important and heartfelt news to share. Rev Bev will sadly be retiring in September, and it would be lovely to have as many of you as possible at the leavers service in July to wish her well. She has given such a great deal to our school community, and this will be a special chance to thank her for everything she has done.

On the exciting side of school life, we have appointed an amazing Catering Manager to begin our kitchen adventure with us. Annette, also known as Bubs, has already been asking the children what they would like on their school menu, and our School Parliament has started researching ideas too. We are also pleased to invite you to a food tasting afternoon after school on 14th July, where you can come along and try some of our potential new dishes.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss Gage

Diary Dates

18th June

Panthers Forest School

23rd June

Key Stage 2 to ARU for
Essex Schools Food and
Farming Day

30th June

Sports Day

(Weather allowing)

2nd July

Reserve Sports Day

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	92.86%	91.38%
Infants	96.92%	94.16%
Lower Juniors	98.33%	95.84%
Upper Juniors	91.54%	94.83%
Whole School	95.45%	94.54%

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 12th June 2026

Pebmarsh Cup - Ezra

Ezra, this week, the Owlets have voted you to get the Pebmarsh Cup! The children absolutely love you and enjoy playing with you. They said you are a brilliant friend. At the farm this week, you went out of your way to make sure your partner was safe but also enjoyed themselves and had a great day out. You are such a lovely, caring young man, it is a pleasure to have you in our class and you deserve this award!

Panthers – Ares - Honesty

Ares, this week you have been very brave and honest when dealing with a very difficult situation. The bravery and maturity you have shown this week is a small demonstration of the kind of person you are. This is not the first and will not be the last difficult situation you face in life but, if you keep applying the same brilliant attitude no challenge will be too big to overcome. We are all incredibly proud of you Ares, keep being you.

Koalas – Rosalee – Self-motivation

Rosalee, you have been pushing yourself to try harder and achieve greatness. Your great self-motivation and determination have truly stood out, showing a positive attitude and a strong commitment to learning. You have faced challenges with resilience and pride, and your hard work has made a real difference. Keep believing in yourself, because your continued effort and perseverance will help you reach even greater success. Well done, Rosalee, on this well-deserved achievement.

Owls – Evie- Imaginative

Evie, your imagination knows no bounds. You are SO creative and how your mind works sometimes is truly AMAZING. It leaves us standing there with our mouths open! This week you took your time and made detailed dip dying patterns on your kitchen towel. You created a fantastic character too when given a blank piece of paper with some googly eyes on. You were also able to draw a detailed scientific diagram of a plant in Science. We'll be honest...it is difficult at times to stop you being so creative and imaginative. They say creativity is intelligence having fun. You are certainly having plenty of fun!

Owlets – Betsy – Imaginative

Betsy, you always try your best in everything you do. You are enthusiastic in joining in with all activities, you brighten up the class with your smiley face and constant giggles. You make the most amazing models in the creation station and we always look forward to seeing your creations. We love having you in our class!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Grace-Koala class

Grace, you are receiving this for just being a star! I think you are an incredible young lady and your smile brightens my day!



HOLIDAY COURSES

**Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Level 3,
Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn**

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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Asthma Newsletter

Summer 2026

Did you know there is an increase in asthma attacks in the week following back to school?

Want to know how to prevent this?

Follow the Children's Community Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **Preventer** inhaler every day.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Know what **triggers** your asthma.
- Book an **asthma review** with your GP practice during the summer holiday.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

What are asthma triggers?

Triggers are things that make asthma worse when exposed to them. For example, colds, pollen or air pollution.

What is good asthma control?

1. No symptoms during the day.
2. No symptoms waking them at night.
3. Able to complete all normal activities including PE.
4. Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, why not visit your GP to discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.



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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Spring Term 2025-2026

Parent Calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
16 th April	Koalas	Forest School
17 th April	Eco club	Crossing Temple Barns trip
23 rd April	Owls	Forest School
30 th April	Panthers	Forest School
30 th April	Koalas	Class trip to British Museum, London
6 th May	Year 6	SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm
7 th May	Owls	Forest School
10 th May	Mr Nichols	Halstead marathon
14 th May	Panthers	Forest School
14 th May	Owlets	Visit from dental nurse to talk about oral hygiene
21 st May	Owls	Forest School
21 st May	Panthers	Trip to Braintree Museum
21 st May	Owlets	'Lift the Lip' visit from the dentist
22 nd May	Whole School	Non pupil day
		HALF TERM
4 th June	Koalas	Forest School
5 th June	Whole School	FOPS 'Break the Rules Day'
9 th June	Whole School	Class photographs
10 th June	Owlets	Class trip to Jimmy's Farm
11 th June	Owls	Forest School
18 th June	Panthers	Forest School
23 rd June	Key Stage 2	Trip to ARU, Writtle, Essex Schools food and farming day
24 th June	Year 5	Taster Day at Hedingham School
25 th June	Owls	Forest School
25 th & 26 th June	Year 6	Transition Days at secondary schools
28 th June	Whole School	FOPS Summer Fair 12-3pm
30 th June	Whole School	Sports Day (weather allowing)
2 nd July	Koalas	Forest School
2 nd July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day date
3 rd July	Selected pupils	Athletics event at Hedingham School
8 th July	Key Stage 2	Summer performance of 'Oliver' in village hall at 9.30am & 1pm
9 th July	Owls	Forest School
10 th July	Key Stage 2	Summer performance of 'Oliver' in village hall at 4pm
14 th July	Whole School	Food tasting afternoon
16 th July	Panthers	Forest School
16 th July	Everyone welcome	Year 6 leavers' assembly 9.15am