



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 19th June 2026



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely week. There is plenty happening in school over the next few days, so please do read on for the latest updates.

Next Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 children will be heading to ARU for the annual Essex Schools Food and Farming Day. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about where our food comes from and to take part in some engaging, hands-on activities. As the weather is set to be warm, please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat, suncream already applied and a water bottle. We would be very grateful for your support in helping everyone stay comfortable and safe throughout the day.

Next week is also transition week, and we would like to wish our Year 6 children all the very best as they prepare to move on to their new schools. We know this is an exciting time and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us. On Friday in school, the children will spend the day with their new classes. When they arrive in the morning, they will make their way straight to their new classroom, and this will be explained carefully to them in school ahead of the day. They will then spend the day with their new teacher and will be dismissed from their new classes at the end of the day. Please bear with us at collection time, as adults will be unfamiliar to teachers and this may make dismissal take a little longer than usual.

## Diary Dates

### 23rd June

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

### 24th June

Year 5 taster day at Hedingham School

### 25th & 26th June

Year 6 transition days

### 28th June

FOPS summer fete 12-3pm

### 30th June

Sports Day

(Weather allowing)

### 2nd July

Reserve Sports Day

A quick update regarding our Owlets: Miss King and Miss Bush will be out on home visits next week as they meet our new Owlets. During this time, our current Owlets will spend the week in Owls, supported by Mrs Couttie. We know this will be a lovely opportunity for the children to spend time together and settle happily.

Our summer fete is taking place a week on Sunday, and we are hoping for lots of support from our FOPS community. Please do respond to FOPS if you are able to help, as the more help we have, the merrier it will be. Events like this are only possible thanks to the generosity of our families, and we are very grateful for every offer of support.

Finally, rehearsals for Oliver are now in full swing. The children are working so hard, and it is shaping up to be a fantastic production. Costume lists will be sent on Dojo later this week. Main characters may take inspiration from the screen version or the stage show when thinking about costumes. Oliver tickets will be available to purchase from next week, and these can be bought from the school office. As seating is limited, we will initially offer two tickets per child, and you will be able to request reserves if available. Tickets cost £2 each for adults, children are £1. Babies in arms do not need a ticket but if you require a chair you will need to purchase a ticket. This covers the hire of the hall and other costs for the show.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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	91.43%	91.38%
Infants	93.85%	94.15%
Lower Juniors	96.67%	95.87%
Upper Juniors	91.15%	94.71%
Whole School	93.84%	94.52%

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](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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Pebmarsh Cup - Lara

Lara, you have been chosen by Owl Class to receive the Pebmarsh Cup this week because they recognise what a truly fabulous friend you are. They say that you are kind and that you always play with them. They have noted that you are always willing to help them without being asked and they feel that you value them as a friend. One said that you 'make them smile'. How fabulous is that? Keep making us smile Lara because we think you are amazing.

### Panthers – Toby – Self-motivation

Toby, throughout Year 6, you have shown a tremendous amount of self-motivation in everything you do. It would be possible to give you the Gold Award every single week as you always bring your best self to school. From the second you walk in the door, you give everything your maximum effort. You are a fantastic role model to everyone in and outside of Panther Class and your new school will be lucky to have you as a Year 7.

### Koalas – Oliver – Nurturing

Oliver, you are getting the Gold Award for consistently demonstrating kindness and consideration towards others. You always show a caring attitude, offer help when needed, and make everyone feel welcome and valued. Your thoughtful actions and positive example have made a real difference to our class, and you should be very proud of this achievement. Well done .

### Owls – Albie - Nurturing

Albie, it is always something to nurture others but it is something else entirely to nurture ourselves. You have really started to nurture and value yourself as a learner and because of this you are making fabulous progress in everything. You are more confident in your own abilities and you are always willing to give everything a go. All brilliant qualities to have. It's a joy to watch your face break into a smile each time we tell you how fabulous you are or 'shout out' about your work. Keep smiling Albie at being brilliant because it will take you far.

### Owlets – Greyson – Self-motivation

You have blown Miss King's socks off in Phonics. Not only that Greyson, but you have truly been on fire with building your reading fluency. Also, you are using your phonics to begin to write words and short sentences. Your imagination comes to life through all your incredible drawings. Well done Greyson, we love seeing how you are improving in front of our eyes

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

### **Griff and Oliver-Panthers**



Thank you for standing up for your rights this week and handling a feeling of injustice with such a mature approach. You raised your concerns, made a campaign and hopefully feel like your injustice has been fixed! I feel that one day you could be running the country!



# Asthma Newsletter

## Summer 2026

Mid and South Essex  
Community Collaborative



### 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.



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## Spring Term 2025-2026

### Parent Calendar

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