



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 26th June 2026

Diary Dates

28th June

FOPS summer fete 12-3pm

30th June

Sports Day

(Weather allowing)

2nd July

Reserve Sports Day

3rd July

Athletics event at Hedingham
School (selected pupils)

8th & 10th July

KS2 performance of 'Oliver!'



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and brilliant week we have had at school!

On Tuesday, we had a fantastic day out at ARU for the Essex Food and Farming Show. It was a very hot one, but the children were absolutely amazing throughout the day. They represented our school beautifully, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity at every turn. Well done, everyone!

Thank you also for all of your support regarding the optional school closures this week. We know that decisions like this are never easy, but the safety of our children and staff must always come first. We are very grateful for your understanding. Looking ahead, the weather for Sports Day on Tuesday is expected to be much more bearable, so thank you in advance for your support. We are really looking forward to seeing all parents on the field at 12:00hrs with a picnic.

A quick reminder that Oliver tickets are now on sale from the school office, so please do come and get yours before they sell out.

Unfortunately, Forest School will not be running for the rest of the summer term. This is due to Holly's health, and we know you will join us in sending her and her family our prayers and best wishes during this difficult time. We hope to welcome Forest School back as normal in September.

Transition morning was amazing today. The children handled the morning very well and clearly enjoyed spending time in their new class. Conversations and handover with new teachers will take place at the end of term. If any further discussions are needed between parents and new teachers, these will happen in September.

We also hope that our Year 6 children had a wonderful time visiting their secondary schools. We know it can feel a little scary, but please remember that you are so ready, and you will shine when you leave us.

A huge thank you to FOPS and all of our parents for their hard work in sorting the summer fete on Sunday. I cannot wait to see you all there, helping to raise money and support our school. I have heard there may even be stocks for the teachers... I may be hiding in a cupboard at that point!

Finally, Miss King, Mrs Stacey and Miss Bush have been busy carrying out home visits this week for our new Owlet class. It has been lovely to hear all about the children who will be joining our school.

Have a cooler weekend hopefully, 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	82.86%	91.13%
Infants	91.54%	94.07%
Lower Juniors	94%	95.81%
Upper Juniors	90.77%	94.60%
Whole School	91.11%	94.42%

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.





HEDINGHAM CASTLE

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER



THE JUNGLE BOOK 28 JULY

Join Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera as they transport us to the jungle in a story that has remained a favourite for generations.
Open-air theatre for all ages.



FAIRYTALE FEST 11 AUGUST

A magical day filled with characters, live performances, unicorn rides, a petting farm, disco, soft play, crafts, storytime & more!



MEDIEVAL JOUST 30 & 31 AUGUST

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the thrill of medieval jousting at Hedingham Castle for our final joust of the year!
Fun for the whole family!



Plus Classic Car Show and more!

For full lineup visit hedinghamcastle.co.uk

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.



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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 some 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
17 th July	Whole School	Break up for summer holidays