



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 3rd July 2026

Diary Dates

8th & 10th July

Key Stage 2 summer performance of Oliver!

14th July

New menu tasting

3.20pm-4.20pm

16th July

Leavers' assembly—
9.15am in church

17th July

Break up for summer



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week we have had in school!

A huge thank you to FOPS and all the volunteers who attended the school fete on Sunday. It was so lovely to have you all there, and your support made such a difference. We also want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who came along. We know that many of you spent a lot of money, but it was all for a fantastic cause, and the children loved every second of it.

Well done to everyone who participated in and helped organise Sports Day. It was a great event, and it was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship from across the school.

Rehearsals have been going on all week, and our Key Stage 2 children are very excited to perform Oliver next week. We do still have a few tickets left so please contact the school office if you wish to purchase some more. Well done to our Koalas and Panthers who took part in the Athletics event at Hedingham School today. We are incredibly proud of you all for your effort, commitment and determination.

Congratulations to Owls for having the highest attendance across the month of June — enjoy your cakes!

Next week is especially exciting as we welcome our new Owlets into school. We are looking forward to meeting them and helping them settle in.

A quick update regarding KS2 SATs outcomes: these have been delayed by the DfE, so they will not be included in the children's school reports next year. We should receive them on 16th July.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has signed up to Arbor. This is a new system for us, and Mrs Baldock is working incredibly hard to sort the school dinners. We made the decision to move over before the end of the year to ensure a smooth transition into September, when our new kitchen will be up and running.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend

United we strive for excellence—together we shine

Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	85%	90.95%
Infants	92.2%	94.34%
Lower Juniors	93%	95.73%
Upper Juniors	89.62%	94.45%
Whole School	90.75%	94.31%

Congratulations to Owl Class for the highest attendance in June!

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 3rd July

Pebmarsh Cup - Octavia

Congratulations on winning the Pebmarsh Cup! You received the most votes because you are always kind, honest, and caring to everyone around you. You are always willing to help your friends, make people laugh with your great sense of humour, and work hard in school. You are a wonderful friend and a fantastic role model. Well done—you should be very proud of this special achievement!

Panthers – Isaac – Nurturing

Isaac, you are always very kind and put other people first but your nurturing side shone this week, especially during sports day. During the morning of sports day, it was fantastic to see how much care and attention you showed towards the younger members of our school. You helped them to complete their activity and they all left with a sense of pride and fulfilment due to the care that you showed. Well done Isaac, you have been a fantastic member of Panther class and your new school will be lucky to have you.

Koalas – Freya - Honesty

Freya, this award is for being brave and honest. You showed real courage by talking with me about how you were feeling. By sharing your thoughts, you made me understand how to support you, and it made a big difference in helping you feel happier and more confident. We are so proud of you for speaking up and showing that it's always okay to ask for help.

Owls – Whole of Owl Class -Nurturing

Owl Class, you were quite simply amazing last week with the Owlets. You opened your classroom to them, you lovingly shared your teachers with them, you shared your class equipment with them and guided them when they needed help. It is never easy sharing but you made it look really simple and you all showed how nurturing to others you can be. Thank you for all being you. The Owlets loved their time with us and cannot wait to be with us again.

Owlets – Ezra – Nurturing

Ezra, your kindness knows no bounds, you not only support your friends in Owlets, but also others throughout the school. You were making sure your friends were okay during Sports Day and keeping hydrated, which we all know is very important in this hot weather. You went out of your way to cheer your friends up who were struggling this week. Never stop being you, because you are a star!

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Mr Nichols



Thank you for all of your hard work making sports day the most amazing event ever! From filling up rabbit holes, to setting up equipment and the finally running the day, you were amazing.

Same time next year?





EARLS COLNE SUMMER CAMPS

EARLS COLNE RECREATION CLUB

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TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

9AM - 3PM | PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN | £30 PER DAY
HOT OR COLD LUNCH INCLUDED
WHEN BOOKED SPACES ARE NON REFUNDABLE



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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	Cressing 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
6th May	Year 6	SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm
7 th May	Owls	Forest School
10th May	Mr Nichols	Halstead marathon
14 th May	Panthers	Forest School
14th 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
21st 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
5th June	Whole School	FOPS ‘Break the Rules Day’
9th June	Whole School	Class photographs
10th June	Owlets	Class trip to Jimmy’s Farm
11 th June	Owls	Forest School
18 th June	Panthers	Forest School
23rd June	Key Stage 2	Trip to ARU, Writtle, Essex Schools food and farming day
24th 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
3rd July	Selected pupils	Athletics event at Hedingham School
8th July	Key Stage 2	Summer performance of ‘Oliver’ in village hall at 9.30am & 1pm
9 th July	Owls	Forest School—CANCELLED
10th July	Key Stage 2	Summer performance of ‘Oliver’ in village hall at 4pm
14th July	Whole School	Food tasting afternoon
16 th July	Panthers	Forest School—CANCELLED
16th July	Everyone welcome	Year 6 leavers’ assembly 9.15am
17th July	Whole School	Break up for summer holidays