



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 10th July 2026

## Diary Dates

### **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,

It has been another busy and joyful week in school, and there has been so much to celebrate. A huge well done to our KS2 children for their amazing performance of *Oliver!* It was a fantastic production, full of confidence, talent and enthusiasm, and we are incredibly proud of everyone involved. Thank you to the teachers for all of their hard work behind the scenes, and to parents for providing such brilliant costumes that helped bring the show to life.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to FOPS, who raised an impressive £2,311.78 at the summer fair. What a wonderful achievement! Your support makes such a difference to our school, and we are so grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm that went into making the event such a success.

If you would like to see some lovely examples of creativity, please do take a look at page 4 for pictures by our Art Club. Art Club will start up again in September, and we are looking forward to seeing more wonderful work then. In the meantime, Mrs Wells is running a summer club in school, so please see page 5 for more details.

Please keep an eye out next week, as after our food tasting afternoon we will be publishing our new menus on Arbor. We will then ask you to order meals for the first week back in September.

A reminder that the library summer reading challenge begins on Saturday 18th July. Vouchers have gone home today, so please sign up and keep reading over the summer holidays.

Colne Engaine have informed us today that they will only be supplying rolls next week, except for Thursday when the main choice will be fishfingers. We apologise for any inconvenience. We will ask the children each morning what they would like in their roll, unless they bring a packed lunch.

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new Owlets this week. They have settled in beautifully and are already feeling like part of the family.

Finally, everyone is warmly invited to our leavers' service on Thursday morning at 9.15 am in the church. We will also be saying farewell to Rev Bev and Jo Clayman, our chair of governors, both of whom have given amazing support to our school community and will be very much missed.

Miss Gage

**United we strive for excellence-together we shine**

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

|               | This Week<br>Fri-Thurs | Year to date |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| EYFS          | 92.09%                 | 90.99%       |
| Infants       | 90.74%                 | 94.25%       |
| Lower Juniors | 97.33%                 | 95.78%       |
| Upper Juniors | 93.46%                 | 94.42%       |
| Whole School  | 93.70%                 | 94.30%       |

**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](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 10th July

#### **Pebmarsh Cup - Luke**

Congratulations on winning the Pebmarsh Cup! You received the most votes because your classmates say you are really good friend – you have been described as an inspirational person who is liked by everyone. You had so many comments on how well you did with the music for the performance of Oliver this week, which shows that working behind the scenes is very important too! Well done Luke, we all know what a wonderful Year 6 you are going to be!

#### **Panthers –**

Well done to the entire cast of Oliver, you have all been absolutely brilliant and worked incredibly hard to make the show as brilliant as it is. You should all be so proud of your efforts, you set a very high bar for next year!

#### **Koalas – Whole class – Self-motivation**

Congratulations to the whole class for winning the Gold Award! This is for your amazing effort, hard work and fantastic teamwork during the school performances of Oliver!. You all tried your very best, practised with enthusiasm, supported each other and shone on stage. Your smiles, confidence and determination helped make the show a wonderful success. Well done Koala class, you should all be very proud of yourselves!

#### **Owls – Sidney – Self-motivation**

Sidney, you have settled in so well to Owl Class and life at St. John's, it's like you've been here forever! You are an absolute delight to have in class, and a pleasure to teach - we are just sad we don't have you for longer in the Owl Class, but we also know you will be amazing in the Koala Class.

#### **Owlets – Nurturing**

Owlets you have done us so proud the last few weeks. Transitioning beautifully into Owls, so much so Mrs Lock and Mrs Watkins did not want to give you back. You took it upon yourselves to set up some activities you thought the new Owlets would love which was so thoughtful. You are all so kind, thoughtful and just amazing! Well done Owlets!

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

### **Mrs Baldock**



As all of you know, we have switched over to a new system called Arbor. Now this has been a marathon of change and learning and Mrs Baldock has been instrumental in this! Without her, I do not know what we would have done. Thank you for always taking these things in your stride and doing so with a smile!





Some of the art club's Picasso style portraits in oil





Summer Art Club

Peabmarsh School

9.45 – 12.45pm

**COME AND HAVE 3 HOURS OF FUN IN  
THE HOLIDAYS WITH SOME CREATIVE,  
PAINTING, SCULPTURE, PRINTING AND MUCH MORE!**

£15 per 3 hour session, all materials included  
- *limited spaces!*

Dates: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.45- 12.45

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 9.45- 12.45

**CONTACT SARAH ON 07388492922**

[sarswells@gmail.com](mailto:sarswells@gmail.com)



**FULLY QUALIFIED TEACHER. DBS CHECKED. INSURED.**

Please bring snack, bottle of water, hat and ensure your child wears sunscreen.





# EARLS COLNE SUMMER CAMPS

**EARLS COLNE RECREATION CLUB**

GREEN FARM MEADOW, HALSTEAD ROAD, EARLS COLNE, CO6 2NG

**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**



[FootballFundaylimited29](https://www.instagram.com/FootballFundaylimited29)



[Football Fun Day](https://www.facebook.com/FootballFunDay)



**BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**  
**CONTACT DAN MATHER**  
07585959529 | [info@footballfunday.co.uk](mailto:info@footballfunday.co.uk)

**Climbing  
Trees.**

**COACHES ARE QUALIFIED AND FA LICENCED**





# **WILDERNESS**

**FOUNDATION UK**

**Ages  
9-14**

**July/Aug  
2026**



**FREE SPACES available**

## **Neurodiversity Outdoor Summer Camps**

**FRIDAYS: July 31st, Aug 7th, 14th, 21st**  
**LIMITED TO 1 FREE PLACE PER PERSON**  
**[Click here for further details & booking form](#)**

**(28<sup>th</sup> August date remains as a fee paying session)**

# St John the Baptist Primary School

## 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         | Cressing 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                           |
| 6th May                                  | Year 6           | SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm                                |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Owls             | Forest School                                                  |
| 10th May                                 | Mr Nichols       | Halstead marathon                                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Panthers         | Forest School                                                  |
| 14th 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                                       |
| 21st 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                                                  |
| 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 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Owls             | Forest School                                                  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <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                                        |
| 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Panthers         | Forest School—CANCELLED                                        |
| 16th July                                | Everyone welcome | Year 6 leavers’ assembly 9.15am                                |
| 17th July                                | Whole School     | Break up for summer holidays                                   |
|                                          |                  |                                                                |
|                                          |                  |                                                                |
|                                          |                  |                                                                |