



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 25th September
2026

Diary Dates

1st October

Open evening at Hedingham
School for Year 6's

2nd October

Harvest festival service in church
9.30am—

all welcome

6th & 7th October

Individual school photos

31st October

Closing date for Year 7 Sept
2027 applications



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly proud of Panther Class for their fantastic behaviour and engagement at the "Let's Talk Trash" day at Braxted Park Hall. The event organisers told us that our pupils were the most well-behaved and engaged school there. This is a wonderful achievement and a real credit to the children and staff. Thank you to everyone involved for representing our school so positively.

If your child is in Year 6, please click on the link below to apply for a Year 7 place:

[Apply for a Year 7 place](#)

Please make sure that you complete the application within the required time-scale.

We are now offering tours for EYFS places for September 2027. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school, please tell them about us and ask them to contact the school office to arrange a tour. We would be very pleased to welcome prospective families and show them around our school.

We have noticed a dip in attendance recently. Please think carefully about whether your child is too unwell to attend school, or whether they are well enough to come in and be monitored during the day. Regular attendance is important for children's learning, friendships and routines. If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you.

Thank you to the parents who have already donated fancy-dress clothes. We still need more items, so please continue to send them in if you are able to help. Any sizes or styles will be great, and all donations will be welcomed.

Next week we have a menu change on Thursday! We have Fakeaway day, where children can enjoy a burger or hotdog in all the Fakeaway packaging you may expect from a rather large restaurant with a mascot called Ronald! Please support us on this day by ordering a yummy school dinner. I know I will be.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Gage

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week Fri-Thurs	Year to date
EYFS	98.67%	95.68%
Infants	93.21%	93.07%
Lower Juniors	95.52%	95.84%
Upper Juniors	94.62%	93.59%
Whole School	95.10%	94.41%

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 see our school website for our attendance and uniform policies

<https://www.st-john.essex.sch.uk>



Gold awards 25th September 2026

Pebmarsh Cup - Mollie

Well done Mollie, you have won the Pebmarsh Cup this week! They say you are hard- working, you have a great personality and you are a good learner. You show all our school values, but especially honesty, nurture, empathy and imagination. You let people play with you if they are on their own. You are a good role model to everyone in the school and we love having you in our class.

Panthers – Farrah – Self Motivation

Farrah, you have surpassed all of our expectations at the beginning of this year. Not only have you been completing your work to the highest standard, you have also been a fantastic role model to the rest of the class. You demonstrate what it means to be a member of Panther class every day with your incredible work ethic, nurturing nature and your amazing pro-active attitude. Well done Farrah!

Koalas – Lara – Self-motivation

Well done, Lara, on such a fantastic transition into Year 3! You have settled in so confidently and have shown what a self-motivated learner you are. Your enthusiasm for learning, positive attitude and willingness to work hard across the curriculum are wonderful to see.

Owls – Rafe – Self-motivation

Rafe, you are quite simply amazing. You have come into Owl Class with a focus, a passion for learning and it is fantastic seeing you make connections to what you already know. You are building your learning bit by bit and it shows in all that you do. This is all alongside a cheeky grin and a fantastic sense of humour. You are a delight to have.

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Freddie Tully



On a learning walk this week, myself and a special visitor were blown away by your passion and focus in a spelling lesson! Keep shining brightly for everyone to see.



Attendance & Punctuality

Working together to give every child the best start

Every minute matters.
Every day counts.



ARRIVE ON TIME

Gates open at **8:40am**
Gates close at **8:55am**

- If you arrive after **8:55am**, please bring your child to the school office where you will need to sign them in as late.
- Regular lateness can be disruptive for your child and the rest of the class. If your child is regularly late, we may invite you in for a meeting so we can offer support and seek solutions.



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

Please contact the school office by **9:20am**.

- You must contact us **every day** your child is absent.
- You can:
 - Phone the school
 - Leave a message on the answerphone
 - Email the school office
 - Speak to a member of staff on the gate when dropping off a sibling



Please do not use **Class Dojo** to report absence.

- If we have not heard from you, or cannot make contact, we may carry out a home visit as part of our safeguarding duty to know where your child is.



HOLIDAYS & LEAVE

- All requests for leave must be made using a Leave of Absence form (available from the school office).
- Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised and will be recorded as unauthorised absence.
- Unauthorised holidays may result in the possibility of a penalty notice.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

- Where possible, please avoid making medical appointments during the school day.
- If an appointment cannot be avoided, please complete a Medical Leave of Absence form (in the school entrance foyer) and hand it to a member of staff.
- We may ask for evidence of medical appointments to monitor absences.



OUR ATTENDANCE TARGET

96% OR ABOVE

We monitor attendance daily, weekly, monthly, termly and annually.

If we believe your child's attendance is a cause for concern, and there are no underlying health conditions, we will invite you in for a meeting so we can work together to improve their attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Brighter futures start with great attendance!



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CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER '26

THE ROUND CHURCH, LITTLE MAPLESTEAD, CO9 2SL
10AM - 3PM

JOIN US TO SUPPORT THE ROUND CHURCH AND LOCAL ARTISANS

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| ✓ LADIES ACCESSORIES | ✓ POTTERY | ✓ FLORISTRY |
| ✓ DECOUPAGE & CRAFTS | ✓ HANDMADE COSMETICS | ✓ PRESERVES |
| ✓ STAINED GLASS | ✓ HONEY PRODUCTS | ✓ HANDMADE HOMEWARES |
| ✓ FACE PAINTING | ✓ RAFFLE | ✓ MORE STALLS TBA |

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CARDS ACCEPTED - CASH PREFERRED



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities



SPACE

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

-  **in person** – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events
-  **by phone** – talk one-to-one with a peer educator
-  **online** – join webinars on key topics, led by peer educators
-  **on the SPACE website** – find helpful info and guidance anytime



Book your place for an online session, or a phone call today!

parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk



St John the Baptist Primary School

Autumn Term 2026-2027

Parent Calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
2nd September	Whole school	Back to school for Autumn Term
11 th September	All welcome	School's 60 th birthday party 6.30pm-10.30pm
17 th September	Koalas	Forest School
22 nd September	Panthers	'Let's Talk Trash' Day at Braxted Park
24th September	Owls	Forest School
1st October	Panthers	Forest School
2nd October	Whole School	Harvest festival in church 9.30am
6 th & 7 th October	Whole School	Individual school photographs
7 th , 8 th , 9th October	Panthers	Bikeability (if you previously signed your child up for this)
8 th October	Owls	Forest School
13 th October	Whole School	Perform Workshop
15 th October	Koalas	Forest School
21 st October	Whole School	Flu immunisation
22 nd October	Owls	Forest School
23 rd October	Whole School	Break up for half term
		HALF TERM
2 nd November	Whole School	Non pupil day
5 th November	Panthers	Forest School
12 th November	Owls	Forest School
19 th November	Koalas	Forest School
23 rd November	Owls	Parent consultations 9am-3pm
24 th November	Panthers	Parent consultations 9am-3pm
24 th November	Owlets	Parent consultations 1.00pm-3.00pm
24 th November	Whole School	Parent consultations 3.30pm-5.00pm
25 th November	Koalas	Parent consultations 9am-3pm
26 th November	Whole School	Pantomime trip
3 rd December	Panthers	Forest School
7th December	Key Stage 1	Nativity dress rehearsal in church 9.00am
8th December	Key Stage 1	Nativity performance in church 2pm
9th December	Key Stage 1	Nativity performance in church 9.30am
10 th December	Owls	Forest School
17th December	Key Stage 2	Carol Service in church 9.30am
17 th December	Koalas	Forest School
18 th December	Whole School	Break up for Christmas