



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 9th October 2026

Diary Dates

20th October

Perform Workshop in school

21st October

Flu immunisation in school

23rd October

Odd sock day in school & break
up for half term

31st October

Closing date for Year 7 Sept
2027 applications

2nd November

Non-pupil day



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the children who took part in Bikeability this week. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils worked hard to develop the practical skills and knowledge they need to cycle safely on the road. The sessions also helped the children to build confidence, become more aware of other road users and understand the importance of making safe decisions when cycling. Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting this valuable opportunity.

Our school tours are now in full swing. If you know anyone whose child is due to start school in Sept 2027, please let them know that tours are taking place. Visiting the school is a useful opportunity for prospective families to look around, see our learning environment and find out more about daily life at school.

We will be celebrating Odd Sock Day on Friday 23rd October. Please send your child into school wearing odd socks and with a bottle of something for our bottle tombola. This is a fun way for the children to take part in the day while supporting the school community. FOPS will advertise more details shortly, so please look out for further information and reminders about how you can support the event.

The flu immunisation team will be contacting you in the very near future by either email or text message, please respond as quickly as possible, even if you don't want your child to have the vaccination so when they come to school, we are all ready for them. Thank you for your co-operation.

We have lots of sports tournaments coming up, with children selected to represent the school in various events. This half term, these include football, cross country and dance. Taking part gives the children an opportunity to develop their skills, work with others, represent the school and enjoy being part of a team. We wish all those involved the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

As the weather changes, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately. Unless there is torrential rain, children will be outside for break and lunch. If they do not have a coat, they will be asked to stay inside. This also applies to PE, so please ensure that your child has joggers and a hoodie in their PE kit. Having suitable clothing will help children to remain comfortable, warm and ready to take part in activities whatever the weather.

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%	96.17%
Infants	89.24%	92.57%
Lower Juniors	96.62%	96.13%
Upper Juniors	96.07%	94.31%
Whole School	94.67%	94.63%

Congratulations to OWL class for having the highest attendance across the month of September 2026!

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 9th October 2026

Pebmarsh Cup - Laszlo

Laszlo, you have been chosen by Owl Class to receive the Pebmarsh Cup because they say that you are kind and a good friend. They love your sense of humour and the games that you play. They also say that you set a good example of how to work hard and they are impressed with what you know and how well you spell! Thank you for being you Laszlo and we are lucky to have you in our class.

Panthers – Rosalee for self-motivation.

Rosalee, you have shown that you have exactly what it takes to be a brilliant learner in Panther class. You have a fantastic attitude when it comes to your learning and you're always willing to work hard and give everything a go even if it looks challenging at first. You have shown an amazing amount of responsibility for your learning which has hugely impressed Mrs Lincoln and me. Well done on making such a brilliant start, keep it up!

Koalas - Theo Da for Self-motivation.

Theo, recently you have really impressed the koala class and me with your passion for learning in and out of the classroom. You showcased your art with this week, and we really enjoyed you telling us about it. You are full of facts and information; you've even taught me something new too! Continue to be that curious learner you are and you will flourish in life.

Owls – Greyson - self motivation and imagination

Greyson, you have been a superstar since joining Owl Class and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to watch you blossom in your learning and see your imagination grow. You astound Mrs Watkins and Mrs Lock everyday with what you are learning and what you know. Your writing and reading has shown a huge improvement and you come out with some real crackers that leave us with our mouths wide open in surprise. Keep being you Greyson because we think you are quite simply AMAZING.

Miss Gage's Shining Star of the week is:

Olivia H-Panthers

Olivia, when I was showing a prospective parent around the school you confidently came over and showed us Fitz, you were so empathetic with the child and nurturing towards Fitz that you are a role model to all children in our school.

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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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026-2027

SEPTEMBER

29th FOPS - AGM

OCTOBER

7th - 20th

Order Children's
Christmas Design

23rd Odd Socks Day

NOVEMBER

30th Elfridges Shop

DECEMBER

1st Elfridges Shop

11th Christmas Disco

14th Santa's Grotto

JANUARY

21st

Break the Rules Day

FEBRUARY

11th Movie night

MARCH

1st & 3rd

'Someone Special' -
Mother's Day stall

APRIL

15th Spring disco

MAY

21st Non Uniform
Day

24th - 11th June

Raise £20.27
Challenge in 2027

JUNE

24th May - 11th

Raise £20.27 Challenge

8th & 9th

'Someone Special' - Father's
Day stall

27th Summer Fete

JULY

19th Leavers Disco



ODD SOCKS DAY!



Friday 23rd October 2026

**Wear your silliest mismatched
socks and join the fun!**

**In return
Bring a Bottle of Alcohol
for the Alcohol Tombola**

(All alcohol need to be unopened and in date until summer 2027)



TRADING
CARDS
FOR EVERY
GENERATION

HRP

TRADING CARDS

— ENGLISH / JAPANESE / CHINESE —

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OPENING DAY

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

9AM - 4PM

Pokémon
TRADING CARD GAME

Yu-Gi-Oh!
TRADING CARD GAME

ONE PIECE
CARD GAME

DRAGON BALL
CARD GAME



WHAT WE SELL



✓ ENGLISH PACKS



✓ JAPANESE PACKS



✓ CHINESE PACKS



✓ LOOSE CARDS

✓ SEALED PRODUCT



WHERE TO FIND US



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NAYLAND ROAD
WEST BERGHOLT
CO6 3DQ



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PLAY
TRADE
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BUY
SELL
TRADE



Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
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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 **new date 20th October**
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 & odd sock day
		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
30th November & 1st December	Whole School	FOPS Elfridges shop
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
11th December	Whole School	FOPS Christmas disco
14th December	Whole School	Santa's grotto
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



Mid Autumn Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



Monday 12 October 2026



Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Church Road, Wickham Bishops, CMB 3JZ

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshow>



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