



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 15th September

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th &

Wednesday 20th

September

Individual school

Photographs

Thursday 28th September

9.30am Harvest Festival
at church

(parents welcome)

Monday 31st October

Closing dates for second-
ary school applications



Collective Worship theme: *'Gathering together again'*

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing and positive start to our summer Term this year. It has been great to see everyone together again and with the delivery of our great Ofsted report the school is in a great position to continue thriving.

The wonderful Mrs Baldock has secured us a Tesco community grant at Sudbury store where we are raising money for more books in our library.

If you visit the Sudbury store please vote with the blue tokens, the more we get, the better chance we get of receiving the full £1500 grant. This will start on the first week of October!



I am pleased to finally share with you that we continue to be good. Everyone within our school worked incredibly hard and continue to do so. We are busy working away regarding our areas of improvement and will share a letter in the coming weeks regarding our changes to reading in KS2.



This week, all classes visited the church to discover more about Sir William Fitzralph and have also been creating some beautiful work which will be displayed in the church to celebrate his 700th birthday. Information about the event is at the end of the newsletter. Thank you to Sarah Burgess and Reverend Beverly for visiting the school and also accommodating us at the church.

I'm pleased to say that we have new members of our Pebmarsh Parliament. The children were elected by their peers and will be meeting shortly. When we have our lovely photographer in next week we will capture a picture of them together and share it on our website.

We have some exciting new clubs this year including a breakfast club provision on a Monday and Wednesday morning. Lots of parents have expressed an interest in having wrap around care and we are looking at providing a breakfast club everyday of the week. Unfortunately, if the uptake of breakfast club remains low then we will not be able to extend it to 5 days a week as it is not possible for us to sustain the costs as a school. I will also be sending out a survey shortly about a wrap around care provision.

Our value this week was self-motivation and the children looked at Noah's ark in the bible and how he had good patience and resilience to survive forty days and forty nights on an ark filled with animals! Can you imagine the smell? We thank God for giving us patience when faced with challenges.



Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday morning. Miss Gage

CONGRATULATIONS

Lower Juniors and Infants for the highest attendance for this week

Our schools attendance target is 96%

	This Week	YTD
Infants	100%	100%
Lower Juniors	100%	100%
Upper Juniors	95%	95.63%
Whole School	98.52%	98.71%

If your child is off sick from school, please notify the school office no later than 9.20am—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.

Please Note: Trainers are not permitted. Black shoes for boys and girls only. Children can bring trainers into school to change into at breaktime if they wish to.

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.

Feel free to pack a healthy snack for your child to have a breaktime, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

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 and any money will be refunded.

Gold awards 15th September 2023

SELF MOTIVATION

Upper Juniors - Frankie

You have shown great self motivation this week as you started a new school and leaving your friends and you have been determined to have a smile on your face! We are so lucky that you have joined our class and your new friends are incredibly lucky to have you as their new friend!

Lower Juniors – Finley

Finley, you have settled in so well to year 4 so well, just like a duck to water.

Mrs Bain and I have observed your maturity and wiliness to explore and study every day, always showing us that you're ready to learn. Not only do you walk through the door each morning motivated to learn, you also help and motivate others in our class.

We are very proud of you, keep up the hard work.

Infants – George

George, you have been absolutely amazing since coming back after the summer holidays. Last week, you motivated yourself to complete Maths challenges independently during some free time and you kept going back to Mrs Watkins for more and more challenges to your learning. You found ways to record your findings and all by yourself, you found resources within the classroom to solve the challenges. WOW, WOW, WOW!! We are so proud of this fantastic self motivated behaviour and you should be too!

If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, please complete a leave of absence form. These are available from the school office .

St John the Baptist Church Pebmarsh

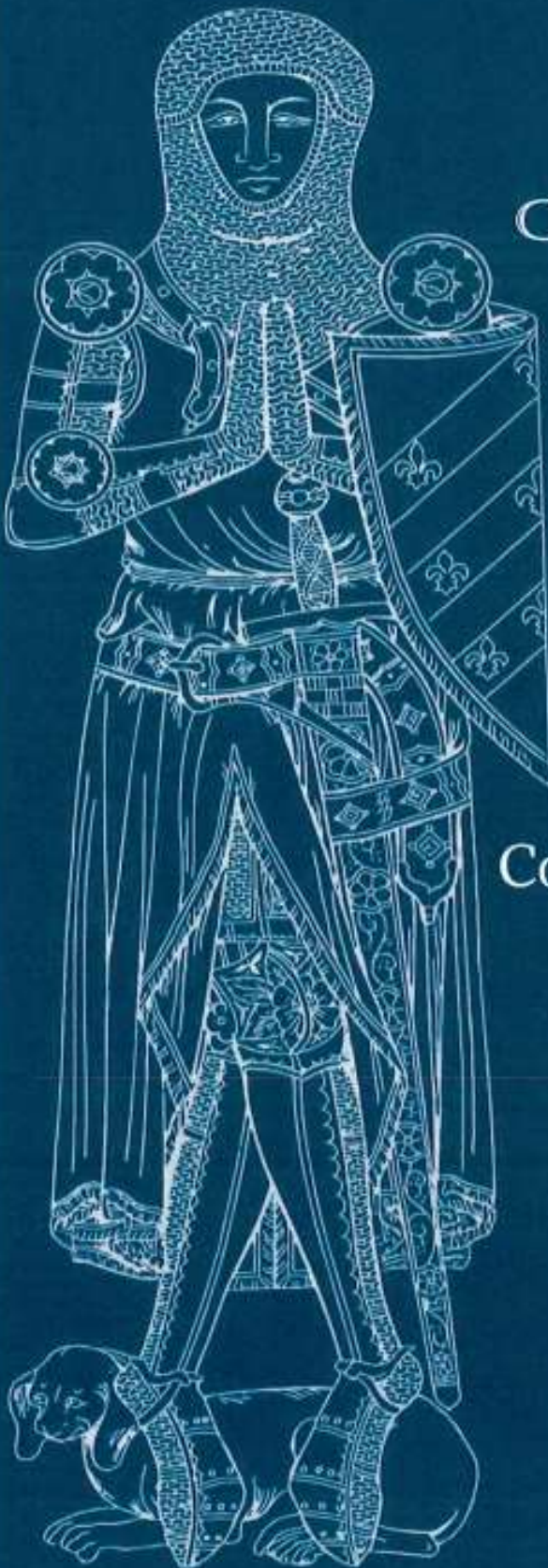
CELEBRATING 700
YEARS OF
SIR WILLIAM
FITZRALPH
OF PEBMARSH

23rd September 2023 at
3.30 pm

Concert with Choir for Hire
(Sudbury choral society)
&

Talk by Ashley Cooper
The life and times of
Sir William Fitzralph

Tickets £10
from Courtyard stores
Pebmarsh or
01787 269092



CHILDREN GO FREE!!



Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Sunday 24th September 2023
(10.30am to 4.00pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS**



The Ramsey Academy,
Halstead

Open Evening

Aspiration • Diversity • Endeavour

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Thursday 28 September 2023
from 6.30 – 8.30pm

Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm & 7.30pm

"A good school where all leaders and managers have high ambitions for the students, ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve as well as they can" - Ofsted

St John the Baptist Primary School
Autumn Term September-December 2023
Parent Calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
6 th September	Whole School	Back to school for Autumn Term – Meet the Teachers
19 th & 20 th September	Whole School	Individual school photographs
28 th September	Whole School	Harvest Festival at church at 9.30am – all welcome
5 th October	Whole School	Times Table Rock Stars Day
13 th & 16 th October	Year 5 & 6	<u>Bikeability</u>
20 th October	Whole School	Break up for half term
		Half Term
30 th October	Whole School	<u>Non pupil day</u>
31 st October	Year 6	Closing day for secondary school places
9 th November	Whole School	Perform workshop in school
10 th November	Upper Juniors	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
10 th November	Whole School	Scholastic book fair for one week
13 th November	Whole School	Parents' consultation evenings
16 th November	Whole School	Parents' consultation evenings
17 th November	Whole School	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty
17 th November	Whole School	Scholastic book orders to be in
21 st November	Whole School	Flu jabs in school
24 th November	Lower Juniors	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
30 th November	Whole School	Pantomime Day
1 st December	Whole School	Bring a bottle for <u>non uniform</u> day
2 nd December	Whole School	<u>FoPS</u> Christmas Fair
5 th December	Infants	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
11 th December	Infants	Nativity performance 2.00pm
12 th December	Infants	Nativity performance 5.30pm
15 th December	Whole School	Christmas meal day & wear a Christmas jumper
18 th December	Whole School	Christmas carol concert at church
20 th December	Whole School	Break up for Christmas return on Thursday 4 th Jan

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

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