



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 29th September '23

## Diary Dates

Monday 2nd October

Tesco Sudbury collecting  
blue tokens starts this  
week

Thursday 5th October

Times Table Rock Stars  
Day

Open Evening at  
Hedingham School for  
Year 6's

Monday 31st October

Closing dates for second-  
ary school applications



Collective Worship theme:

***'Men and women whose faith helped change the world'***

Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Dear Parents and carers,

Wow, what another fabulous week of learning this week inside and outside school. A big well done to Katie and Tash who were jointly awarded 'Cub of the Year' this week for living the scouting rules. Keep up the hard work and continue to shine!

Our lost property box is very full again with lots of unnamed clothing. Please feel free to pop in and have a look through in case anything is yours.

It is Times table Rockstar day on Thursday 5th October and we are looking forward to seeing you all dressed as rock stars for the day!

It was lovely to see so many of our year 6 children attend the Ramsey open evening yesterday and hear how excited they were about going to secondary school. Just a reminder that Hedingham school have their open evening on Thursday 5th October too and we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

After our wonderful Harvest Festival service yesterday, we are now providers of foodbank vouchers for anyone who may need them. This will give you access to food and provisions from our local foodbanks if you need any support. Please speak to myself or Mrs Jinks and all conversations are strictly confidential and we are always here to support anyone who might need help. Thank you for your donations this week we will be sending them to the warehouse next week. And thank you to all the parents who joined us in church.

Our pond area has been renovated by Mrs Lincoln's wonderful husband and son and the children cannot wait to use it in the spring for pond dipping during their forest school session! Check out our Amazon wish-list to see the new pond filter we need to keep it clean. Thanks also to Miss Bush's partner for creating us a compost area out of pallets. With the help of our lovely community, the field and playground are looking excellent.



We have noticed that there has been an increase in the amount of parents parking outside our school office at drop off and collection. Can we please ask that you do not use this area as we need to keep it clear for deliveries and staff.

Our Tesco blue token scheme starts this weekend in Sudbury store. We would love for you to send us photos of you voting for our school to appear in the newsletter next week please email [Teresa.gage@st-john.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Teresa.gage@st-john.essex.sch.uk) to share the joy!

Finally, a moment of reflection. After a busy week of ghost story writing, greater than and less than in maths and monster pizza recipes, it is important to remember to take time to relax with your family and enjoy the beautiful world that we live in. Have a great weekend and we will see you all on Monday to start another week filled with excellence.

Miss Gage

# CONGRATULATIONS

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	96.86%	97.33%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	98.10%	97.84%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	92.11%	95.57%
<b>Whole School</b>	95.92%	96.98%

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](mailto: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.

## **Unexpected School Closures**

If we have to close school unexpectedly - information will be posted on the Home Page of the school website:

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

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.**







We continue to be a 'Good' school. If you haven't heard about our great Ofsted, it is now live on the Ofsted website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/115137> We will be featuring in the Halstead Gazette this week, online from Monday and in the printed paper on Thursday.

We have plenty of space in our KS2 classes, so please spread the word if you know anyone moving to the area that needs a place in Year 3,4,5 or 6. If you could share the poster beside on social media or print and put anywhere then that would be a huge help!

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IMAGINATIVE

**Pebmarsh Cup – Rosie**

Rosie, you have been nominated by the Koala class to receive the Pebmarsh cup award for always having good ideas and possessing good leadership skills. You are so good at looking after your classmates and you are a fantastic friend to everyone.

**Upper Juniors - Natasha**

After a tricky start, you have really become a fantastic writer – your writing this week was imaginative, thoughtful and even a little bit spooky!! Amazing Natasha, well done!

**Lower Juniors – Robyn**

Firstly, Mr Chinnery would like to say how very proud he and Mrs Bain are of how well you have settled into Year 3. Robyn, this week you were challenged to complete your first Big Write as a Year 3 writer, using your vivid imagination to guide you, which led to you producing an engaging and creative piece of work. Your teachers are really looking forward to seeing what your creative mind brings for the rest of the year!

**Infants – Paisley**

Paisley, you showed exceptional imagination at the beginning of this week when we met the Pebmarsh Purple Shape Dragon in class. The dragon flies overhead and spits out the shape of the buildings he sees below him. You were able to imagine what he would see if he flew over our school and drew, with meticulous detail, the shapes and features you could imagine him seeing. Your imagination took our breath away. Well done.

**Highest attendance award goes to Lower Juniors this week!**

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 .





HEDINGHAM SCHOOL  
AND SIXTH FORM

Join us at our **Open Evening** on  
**Thursday 5 October 2023**  
**6.00 - 9.00pm**

It is less than two weeks until our Open Evening and we are really excited to show you what we can offer here at Hedingham School

Choosing a secondary school is a big decision, and our Open Evening is a fantastic way to meet our staff and students

Join us for one of the Headteacher's presentations  
at either 6.15pm or 7.15pm in the Main Hall

School tours will commence on Monday 9 October  
*Tours can be booked via our website from Monday 2 October*



[www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk)



**OLIVERS PLANTS KITCHEN GARDEN**

# **PUMPKIN PICKING**

**7TH & 8TH OCTOBER**

**NO ENTRANCE FEE**

**14TH & 15TH OCTOBER**

**NO BOOKING**

**21ST – 29TH OCTOBER**

**JUST PAY FOR  
YOUR PUMPKIN**

**OUR BLACK HORSE**

**PRICES £1.50 – £10.00**

**POP UP CABIN WILL BE OPEN**

**SPOOKTACULAR RIDES**

**FOR AUTUMNAL**

**FOR AGES 3 – 10 YRS**

**DRINKS & TREATS AT**

**21ST & 22ND OCTOBER**

**WEEKENDS**

**(ADDITIONAL CHARGE PER RIDE)**

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# **Halstead Library**

## **What's on**

### **Monday**

#### **Baby & Rhyme Time**

Every Monday

10.30 am – 11.00am

### **Pokemon Club**

Play and exchange pokemon cards & other card collections

Children must be supervised

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

Juice and biscuits provided

3.30-4.00pm

### **Friday**

#### **Homework Club**

Complete homework tasks in the library

Juice and biscuits provided

From 3.30pm

### **Saturday**

#### **Story Time**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

10.30am





Essex County Council

# New to Halstead Library

## Poetry Club

- Each month we will pick a theme
- Anyone can enter a poem in any style
- Enter the poem by the last Friday of the month
- Poems will be displayed for all to enjoy

**Upcoming themes:**

**Autumn (submit by 27/10/23)**

**Lights (submit by 24/11/23)**

**Winter (submit by 22/12/23)**



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

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

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