



# St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 6h October '23

## Diary Dates

Friday 13th & Monday  
16th October

Bikeability

Friday 20th October

Break up for half term

Tuesday 31st October

Closing dates for second-  
ary school applications

Tuesday 31st October

Return to school after  
half term



Collective Worship theme:

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

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Hello parents and carers,

Our Tesco token scheme has now been running for a week so I hope that lots of people have been filling up our pot so that we can receive some money for the school!

We sent out letters this week regarding school photos. We are using a new provider 'Belinda Grant Photography' and this is a new system for us so please let us know if you have any questions or any problems. We have had lots of positive comments about how good the photos are and we cannot wait to see them. Please get your orders in quickly.



We had a great week this week with our 'Dress like a Rockstar day' to relaunch TTRS. Everyone looked fabulous and thank you for a great effort and well done to our best dressed winners; Alfie in Koala class, Paisley in Owls and Harry P in Panther class. We were also lucky enough to have Mrs Thomas's son in to play his electric guitar for us as we rocked the afternoon away. Check out the video on Class Dojo.



Today we launched our new attendance initiative to encourage children to achieve over 96% attendance. We will now be awarding the class with the highest attendance over a month with CAKE! That is right, attendance cake was enjoyed today by Koala class.

This week, Owl class went on a walk around our local area and visited the church, the pub and the memorial cross. The children were impeccably behaved and we were incredibly proud of how safe they were walking around the village.

Yesterday, lots of our Year 6 children attended the Hedingham open evening and there was lots of excitement today about going to secondary school. If you didn't make Ramsey or Hedingham's open evenings, both schools will do individual tours—you can book Hedingham's online at <https://www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk> from Monday 9th October or call Ramsey 01787 472481. Applications for Year 7 places need to be made by Tuesday 31st October—please make sure you do this!!

This week our school value was **Nurturing** and we celebrated our 'Gold award' winners this week in collective worship. It was really great to have lots of parents in to share in the celebration. Children from Panther class also read out the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' where we are reminded to love thy neighbour and look after each other. Take time this weekend to look after someone in need or someone in your family but also remember it is important to look after yourself.

See you on Monday

Miss Gage

# CONGRATULATIONS

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
<b>Infants</b>	97.90%	97.46%
<b>Lower Juniors</b>	95.36%	97.32%
<b>Upper Juniors</b>	98.95%	96.29%
<b>Whole School</b>	97.46%	97.09%

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.**



## Gold awards 6th October 2023

### NUTURING

#### Pebmarsh Cup – Ava

Ava, your class has nominated you to receive the Pebmarsh cup this week for lots of different reasons! Everyone who voted for you said how kind you are to everyone – you have welcomed the new children into the school and you spend your break times playing with the Infants. Other children have described you as being a good friend and not just that but you are a wonderful member of the class, always participating and engaging in lessons. Well done Ava!

#### Upper Juniors - Katie-Rose

You are a kind caring and incredibly nurturing person in our class. You care for everyone and everything in the class and we know that you would help anyone in need. Your nurturing personality shines through your acts of kindness everyday and we are very lucky to have you in our class.

#### Lower Juniors – Teddy

Mr Chinnery has been blown away this week by the kindness you have shown to both new and old members of the Koala class. You have such a caring nature and this is something that can't be taught, it comes from within you. Well done Teddy, keep being you!

#### Infants – Cade

You have been so kind, and nurturing of everyone in the Owl class this week, including the adults!! You have been checking that we are all okay, coming up with solutions to help us if we are sad, and generally just being an AWESOME friend and classmate!!

Highest attendance award goes to Infants this week!

For the month of September, Lower Juniors had the highest attendance!

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 .

A message from Belinda Grant, our school photographer:

So as a thank you to the families of Pebmarsh school for allowing me to meet and photograph their gorgeous children, I'd like to offer them the opportunity to **win a £50 photography voucher**, redeemable against a photo shoot with me.

**All you need to do to be in with a chance to win a £50 PHOTOGRAPHY VOUCHER (perfect as a Christmas present!) is:**

**google: Belinda Grant Photography UK and leave me a review!**

**THE DRAW CLOSES ON 16TH OCTOBER!**

Best wishes,

Belinda



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# **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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## Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

This term for Mid Essex we will be at:

Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham CM8 2DY

Wednesday 18 October  
9am to 12.30pm

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out addresses and more (QR and link below).



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



# **TUESDAY TERROR**

**-24TH OCTOBER-**



**EARLS COLNE VILLAGE HALL**

**AGE 3-12 WELCOME**



**£26.00 PER DAY**

**£50.00 FOR BOTH DAYS**



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# **WEDNESDAY**

**-25TH OCTOBER-**





**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
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Infants	Learning Together 2.00pm-3.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Bring a bottle for non uniform day
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

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

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