






# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We  We are all  
Maths writers ... 



We are growing  
our learning 

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Assembly  
Theme for  
WB: 24/11/25  
Don't Worry,  
Be Happy.

### Term Dates

Monday 2nd September—Friday 19th December (Autumn Term).

Monday 5th January—First Day of Spring Term.

### Diary Dates

Monday 24th November—Year 5 Anglo Saxon Dress up Day.

Friday 28th November—Famous Historical People Day.

Thursday 11th December—AP1 Reports to Parents.

Thursday 18th December—Whole School Pyjama/Christmas Dress Up Day—No charge just fun.

**Saturday 29th November—PTA Christmas Fair at AF 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m.**

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 2 (non-discrimination)** The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

### Another Reminder

Another reminder please about being on time for school in the mornings. Fully appreciating that the weather has turned a tad colder (and wetter) over recent weeks, we still have a lot of children arriving late for school. This is not the best way for them to start the day because everyone else is already in and settled.

AF doors open at 8.30a.m. and close at 8.40a.m. and the Town doors open at 8.40a.m. and close at 8.50a.m.



### School Crossing Patrol

Please don't forget we are still in desperate need of a school crossing patrol officer.

<https://workingforessex.com/apply/school-crossing-patrol-officer-st-johns-green-primary-school-colchester-19698?source=workin>

### Year 5 (Year 6 Residential 2026)

Please remember that the first deposit payment for the Year 6 Residential in September 2026 of £70 is due by Friday 5th December. Many thanks.

### Awards

Star— Lola (RROX), Jumbo— Shai (MM), Chariot— Elijah (MM).  
Eagles— Jeremy (CC), Circus— Syd (MLM), Roses— James (MM).  
Mercury— Noah (RREX), Claudius—Chloe (RREX), Romans— Kayden (MM).  
Paxman— Darcie-Rose (RREX), Iceni— Georgie (CC & MM), Dutch— Victor (RREX & MM).  
Castle— Jenson (All), Cavalier— Albie (CC), Garrison— Olivia (All).  
Oysters— Mya Rose (MM), Magnets— Emma Chloe (MM), Raedwald— Willow (MM).  
Trinovantes— Alan (MM), Lathes— Rupert (MM), Cymbeline— Henley (MLM).  
Attendance— Mercury



### AF Kitchen

We have had a few developments this week as anyone walking past our AF site will have seen.

Firstly, at the start of the week, two very large containers turned up. These are for us to store the kitchen equipment that is currently residing in the hall.

Secondly, yesterday a temporary kitchen has now arrived. This has not been fully connected yet or commissioned, but we are expecting this to happen early next week.

We are hoping that, by Monday 1st December, the new kitchen will be up and running and we will be able to offer hot meal options at AF. The menu for the AF site will look a bit different to the T site in the first instance, just while kitchen staff familiarise themselves with what they can and can't do in the new temporary kitchen unit. Please look at for the new menu for AF which we will send out towards the end of next week.

As soon as all those things are in place, the contractors will start the remedial works in the kitchen which we're told could take 6-8 weeks.



Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst this has all been going on, but we are at last now seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

### Website

<https://www.stjohnsgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Please be advised that the school is transferring to a new website.

Our current website will stop working on Monday 24th November.

Please bear with us, whilst we make sure the new website is populated.



**STALL HOLDERS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR!**  
BOOK YOUR STALL BY 14TH NOVEMBER  
**£20 PER STALL**  
29TH NOV - 12PM-2PM  
AT ST JOHN'S GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ABBEY FIELDS  
CIRCULAR ROAD EAST, COLCHESTER, CO2 7SZ.  
PLEASE SEND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY CONTACTING US ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL [PTA@STJOHNSGREEN.ORG.UK](mailto:PTA@STJOHNSGREEN.ORG.UK)

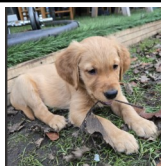
It's not too late if you want to be a stall holder at our PTA Christmas Fair—but it is close.

Please contact the PTA if you're interested very quickly.

### PTA Christmas Fair

Please don't forget our PTA Christmas Fair is next Saturday (29th November) from 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. at our AF site.

Please come along if you can.



### Cooper

I am delighted to inform you that courtesy of Mrs. Minshall we are very soon going to have a Therapy Dog in school called Cooper.

Cooper is very much at the early stages of his training as at the moment he is just 8 weeks old. In the first instance whilst Cooper becomes acclimatised to the school he will be staying just in the Headteachers Offices at the two sites. As he grows and learns, we will begin to see him out and about in the school more.

There is a very detailed letter that we have sent by email with this newsletter that explains all about Cooper and why we're having a Therapy Dog in school.

### Amazon OPAL

As a school we're on a bit of a scrounge, just to save some pennies.

We have created an Amazon Wishlist for all things OPAL. Basically, if parents click on the link, and are feeling generous, and have some pennies to spare, they can order (and pay for) anything on the wish-list and it magically arrives in school.

The children will then get to use them on the playground as part of their lunchtime play.



<https://amzn.eu/egLahrq>



# Christmas **FAIR**

RAFFLE  
CHOIR PERFORMANCE  
GAMES  
OUTSIDE STALL-HOLDERS  
SMORES AT THE FIREPIT  
SLIME WORKSHOP  
DELICIOUS TREATS  
& MORE

**29TH NOVEMBER**

**FROM 12PM UNTIL 2PM**



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SCHOOL, ABBEY FIELDS SITE