



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We We are all
Maths writers ...



We are growing
our learning

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our children, parents and families and wishing you all the very best for 2026.

Courtesy of Google—some New Year wishes to you all...

Short and Sweet

Happy 2026! May it be your best year yet.

For Loved ones and Friends

May this year bring you closer to your dreams and fill your days with gratitude.

Professional and Inspirational

Here's to turning 'someday' into today in 2026.

Fun and Playful

Hello 2026, please be nice!



Fully appreciating that it takes everyone a little bit to get going in the New Year but ...

We have too many children arriving late for school on a daily basis, which is not helpful for their learning and does not set them up to succeed.

Please remember that the doors open at AF at 8.30a.m.—8.40a.m. and this is the time you should be aiming to get to school please.

At T the doors open at 8.40a.m.—8.50a.m. and this is the time children at T should be arriving at school.

Many thanks to all those children who arrive on time every day ready to learn.

Those children/parents that are consistently on time—thank you. It is appreciated and very much noticed.

OPAL—Are you still having a clear out?



As per our humble request at the end of last term. If you now find yourself with too many toys following Christmas, we have the perfect solution.

We are desperately after a few things to help improve our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision.

- 1, Scooters—if you have a scooter that you no longer need (two wheels or three)
- 2, Small World Toys (things like: play animals, mini-figures/characters, playmobil, trains, cars, etc.)
- 3, Dolls or action figures.

Please just bring them/pop them along to either school office. Huge thanks.

Peoples of Essex Exhibition

Many thanks to Mrs. Palmer who, just before Christmas, took a group of children to the 'Peoples of Essex' exhibition at the Colchester Library where they took part in craft activities, interactive exhibits, short films, and animated timelines all about the Romans, Dutch Weavers and the Windrush periods.



The children made Roman helmets, played an ancient Roman game and used stop animation to create short motion clips. They then had a tour of the newly refurbished library and how we can get our library cards. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the exhibition and are bringing back some skills to share with their fellow peers!



Awards

Star— Maxwell (MM), Jumbo— Shai (MM), Chariot— Rosie (RREX).
Eagles— Theon (MM), Circus— Eliza (MM), Roses— Dean (MM).
Mercury— Albie (RROX), Claudius—Kiyon (MM), Romans— Sophie (MM).
Paxman— Ruby (MM), Icenii— Scarlett (MM), Dutch— Zaida (MM).
Castle— Kiera (MM), Cavalier— Jess (MM), Garrison— Sebastian (MM).
Oysters— Lilah (MM), Magnets— Summer (MM), Raedwald— Mayar (MM).
Trinovantes— Theresa (MM) Lathes— Elsie (MM), Cymbeline— Olivia-Kay (MM).
Attendance— Jumbo

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Assembly
Theme for
WB:
12/1/2026
Mindfulness

Term Dates

Monday 5th January—First Day of Spring Term.

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term.

Friday 27th March—Last day of Spring Term.

Monday 13th April—First day of Summer Term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th January—Make your Dreams come True Day.

Wednesday 14th January—Year 6 Swimming Starts.

Thursday 5th February—5.30p.m.—7.00p.m. Shared Supper.

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Year 6 Swimming



Our Year 6 children start their swimming lessons next Wednesday. Please make sure that children have coats, etc. when they come to school.

Please also remember that you must provide your child with a towel and one-piece swimming costume (Girls) and trunks (Boys) in a waterproof bag (boys must wear swimming trunks and not swimming shorts. Swimming shorts increase the amount of drag in the water and are not as hygienic as swimming trunks). Children should not wear swimwear to school under their uniform. Swimwear should be with their towel in their bag and all children should change at the pool. It is not hygienic for children to be wearing their swimwear, walking to the pools, going to the toilet during the morning and then swimming in it.

School Dinners (Census Day) Next Thursday 15th.

Next Thursday is Census day for all schools where the 'powers that be' allocate funding based on school numbers. Part of this is linked to the uptake of school meals on Census Day. It would be very helpful and kind if as many children as possible could have a school meal next Thursday.

On offer is:

At AF—Beef Burger (Cheese if you'd like), Jacket wedges.

At T—Chicken Nuggets in a wrap.

Many thanks in advance.