

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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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the Spring Term starts on Monday 23rd February.

Have a very good Half Term.

Friday 13th

Today is Friday 13th - supposedly the unluckiest day! There's even a special word for the fear of Friday 13th - **paraskevidekatriaphobia**.

Many think the reason for why the number 13 is thought to be bad luck comes from the Bible.

Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was the thirteenth guest to sit down to the Last Supper.

In Norse mythology, a dinner party of the gods was ruined by the thirteenth guest called Loki, who caused the world to be plunged into darkness.

In Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, written way back in the 1300s, he says "and on a Friday fell all this mischance".

Because of the superstitions around the number 13, some hotels will have no room 13, while a lot of buildings with multiple floors will skip number 13, jumping straight from 12 to 14.

Some airlines also refuse to have a row 13 in their planes too.



FGB 4/2/26

In our regular meeting last week the Governing Body received a report on teaching and learning, on finances and an update on how the behaviour policy is progressing. We are very excited about this of work and are already hearing about the positive impact of it on in the school, we look forward to final launch and the whole school approach to it. Good behaviour means that there can be more focus on learning and in the end better outcomes for children.

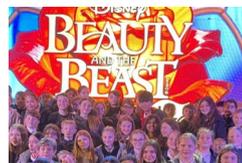
We also heard about the extensive support that the school has given over the past term to many different families. I can say on behalf of all of the Governors that we are extremely proud to be part of such a caring school community and we thank everybody that supports the school; whether it's by bringing in a tin of food for the community cupboard, a donation to OPAL or attending a PTA event, this all goes towards helping the children.

I wanted to give my usual reminder to parents that we have an excellent school dinner offer (I hope my next visit coincides with a mac and cheese day) so please consider giving them a try. We also have vacancy for a Parent Governor currently so if you are interested in being involved please email the school office with your details.

Elisa Vasquez Walters

Beauty and the Beast

Our Year 6 children were very fortunate this week when they had a special invitation to go and watch a production of 'Beauty and the Beast' by some of the children at Philip Morant. The children had a fantastic experience, prompting many to get excited about their upcoming Secondary school lives fast approaching!



School Car Parks

Please can parents not use either school Car Park at either AF or T when dropping off and collecting children for Breakfast Club. Many Thanks.

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.

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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

Wednesday 4th March—Holi

Wednesday 4th March 3.30p.m.—5.30p.m. Informal Parents Evening @ AF & T

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day—Come to school dressed as a Book Character.

Monday 9th March—Thursday 12th March—Book Fair @ AF & T

Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March—Science Week

Tuesday 10th March—Year 5 Trip to St Osyth Priory.

Seagull Rescue

On Monday, the children spotted a very bedraggled looking seagull on the school roof, looking as though he'd had quite the weekend.



The fire brigade soon arrived—sirens off, hero mode on—and helped our feathery friend down from the roof. The gull was whisked off to the vets, and Miss Parsons got to pose in a fire engine!

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for activities/events that you may be interested in over Half Term.

Awards

Star— Jeanne (All Powers), Jumbo— Noah (RROX), Chariot— Whole Class (MM) & Mrs Maddison (RREX)

Eagles— Ada (MM), Circus— Naomi (MM), Roses— Arabelle (MM)

Mercury— Reggie (RROX), Claudius— Leo (RROX), Romans— Hunter (MM).

Paxman— Emily & Whole Class (MM), Iceni— Emma (MM), Dutch— Bewar (MM).

Castle— Ben (RROX), Cavalier— Farrad (CC), Garrison— Neave (RREX).

Oysters— Josie (RREX), Magnets— Daniel (MM), Raedwald— Rhys (RREX)

Trinovantes— Ciprian (RREX), Lathes— Lily (MM), Cymbeline— Ranaaa (MM)

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Performing Arts WORKSHOP

A day of Musical Theatre Fun, Crafts and Activities for students of all ability and experience aged 5-16.

MON 16th FEB 9am-3pm @ The Abbey Field Centre Colchester

LIMITED SPACES. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

[Ticketsource.co.uk/starzperformingartsacademy](https://ticketsource.co.uk/starzperformingartsacademy)

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Disney WORKSHOP

Join us for a day of Disney fun!

Dance, Drama, Singing & Craft Activities for students aged 5-16.

All ability and experience welcome!

Tuesday 17th Feb 9am-3pm @The Abbeyfield Centre Colchester.

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AMAZING ADVENTURES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Exhilarating school holiday activity days for kids age 8+

Water sports, high ropes, zip wire, archery, bushcraft and more at four centres.

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Essex County Council essexoutdoors.com/school-holiday-activities

HALF PRICE FOR FEBRUARY
£20 PER DAY

HALF TERM FUN

14-22 FEBRUARY 2026

AT COLCHESTER MUSEUMS

Family fun for all this February

Colchester Museums have something for everyone this half term! Explore mythical creatures and join family tours at Colchester Castle, get creative with crafts at Hollytrees Museum, or enjoy wildlife trails at the Natural History Museum. With three museums packed with activities from 14-22 February, there's plenty to keep kids entertained – plus it's all indoors, so no need to worry about the weather!

https://colchester.cimuseums.org.uk/events/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=museums-preference&utm_campaign=feb-events-26

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Firstsite Holiday Fun

February Half-term 2026
Sat 14 Feb and Tue 17 - Sat 21 Feb

Activities take place at:
Firstsite Lewis Gardens, High St Colchester, Essex CO1 1JH

How to book

Early bird tickets will be available from 9am Tue 10 Feb.

More tickets will be released three days in advance of each session.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come first served basis.

If you can no longer attend your booking, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01206 713700. If you contact us 24 hours before the event your space can be made available for another family.

Thank you!

Book online at firstsite.uk or call 01206 713700

Scan the QR code to book

How to find us

Firstsite, Lewis Gardens High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH

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Make
Free creative art activities
10:00am - 2:30pm

Move
Free fun sport and social activities
10:45am - 11:45am & 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Canteen
Free freshly made hot meals for all the family
11:45am & 1:00pm

Our Holiday Fun activities are for families facing economic challenges or who require additional support during the school holidays, including those that qualify for benefit-based free school meals.

- Advanced booking is essential for Move activities and Canteen
- Activities most suitable for 4-11 years, but all ages welcome
- Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the activities
- Menus and lists of activities available at www.firstsite.uk