



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Newsletter

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We We are all
Maths writers ...



We are growing
our learning

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School Closed.

Please remember that the school is closed tomorrow, Friday 1st May for a Non Pupil Day and on Monday 4th May for Bank Holiday Monday.

Lates

Could I please remind parents that, at our AF site, the school doors open at 8.30a.m. and close at 8.40a.m. and all children at AF should be in by this time.

At T site, the school doors open at 8.40a.m. and close at 8.50a.m. and all T site children should be in by this time.

We have had a steady increase in children not being quite as punctual as they should be and whilst we very much appreciate that sometimes things conspire against us, this should be the exception rather than the norm.

Please after the long weekend when everyone is well rested, could parents ensure that their children are on time for school. Many thanks.

Getting your child to school on time really matters

If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost

Parent Governor Elections

Please remember that today is the last day for parents to return their voting papers for our parent Governor Elections.

If you have not returned them yet, it's not too late, please just make sure you hand them in to either School Office by 4.30p.m.



Year 2 Abberton

Year 2 enjoyed an amazing trip to Abberton Reservoir a few weeks ago exploring different habitats and learning about the plants and animals that lived in them. Sweeping for bugs in the long grass, a minibeast hunt in the meadow and pond dipping were highlights of the day and the children were able to use keys to identify the creatures that they found. The pupils were fantastic and full of enthusiasm. We would also like to thank the brilliant parent helpers who supported us and helped keep the day running smoothly.



Term Dates

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May—Half Term

Friday 17th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Two Non Pupil Days in the Summer Term—Friday 1st May and Friday 19th June.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd April—Year 4 Swimming starts

Thursday 30th April (4.00p.m.) Closing date for Governor Election Ballot Papers

Friday 8th May Non Uniform Day for children in Team Priory (Yellow) at AF (Year 1/5/6). Non Uniform Day for children in Team Abbey (Red) at T (Year 2/3/4).

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATs

Friday 1st May—Non Pupil Day—The School is Closed.

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday Monday—The School is Closed.

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Smart Watches

Please could I remind parents that children should not be bringing or wearing smart watches to school. Not only are they expensive but they are also a distraction to the children that wear them.

A reminder again please for those parents that park on Abbey Field. Please use the drop down parts of the kerb only to access the grass and be very mindful of children and parents walking/scootering/running etc.

Colchester United



Sadly Colchester United didn't finish their final home game of the season with quite the bang that would have been nice, deciding instead to lose.

Never mind, there's always next season to hope that they can once again reach the dizzy heights of League 1!

That aside, both Karter and Max had a great day, getting their photos taken with Danny Cowley.



Musical Brilliance



Really well done to Aidan who recently won 2nd place today in the Rotary Music Piano Competition in Colchester, in the Grade 4-5 category.

Even more impressively, he also completed his Grade 4 piano exam on the same day, gaining a Merit.

Eggs!



A massive thank you and well done to all the children (perhaps with a little bit of help from parents) entered the Historeggical Compeggtition, some fantastic eggtries.

I know Mrs. Palmer had a very difficult time deciding on the winner. Congratulations though to Alishba whose historical egg of Mahatma Gandhi was victorious.



Awards

Star— Charlene (MM), Jumbo— Marilyn (MM), Chariot— Cece (MM).
Eagles— Amelia (MM), Circus— Whole Class (CC), Roses— Whole Class (CC).
Mercury— Violette (CC), Claudius— Isla (RROX), Romans— Peggy (CC).
Paxman— Eve (MM), Icen— Raife (CC), Dutch— Isabella (CC).
Castle— Ralph (CC), Cavalier— Maria (CC), Garrison— Alfred (RROX).
Oysters— Oliver (RROX), Magnets— Timi (RROX), Raedwald— Barnaby (CC).
Trinovantes— Vladimir (RREX), Lathes— Whole Class (CC), Cymbeline— Lilly (MM).
Attendance— Dutch/Circus/Roses