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Please remember that today is the last day of the Summer Term.

The Autumn Term starts on Tuesday 2nd September.

PTA Free Uniform Event

Please don't forget that our PTA are holding a free uniform event on Monday 21st July from 10.00a.m.—1.00p.m. at AF. Parents please just come along and help yourself to any uniform you need in readiness for September.



Goodbye Year 6

I was saying yesterday at the Year 6's final production, that from Foundation, our Year 6 children have been in school for approximately 273 weeks, 1,365 days, 8,190 hours and 491,400 minutes. If you say it quickly it doesn't seem too bad.

The end of year 6 is always a sad time. Your first seven years of school have come to an end and you are all about to go onto new schools, new ventures, new experiences. What will you remember in a few months time about your time at St John's Green?

You will have some very real memories. Memories of trips, of friends, of things you did, of assemblies. You'll also have memories of how you felt at different times: excited, sad, happy, jubilant. And mixed into all that will be the memories that have been created of how you respond, how you act, how you work. The real you, the type of person you're going to become.

You're going to make mistakes, we all do. You're going to get things right and you're going to get things wrong. You'll say the wrong thing at the wrong time and probably do the wrong thing at the wrong time too. But if you learn from it, it doesn't matter. If you treat people as you want to be treated and be the friend you want them to be, then you'll not go far wrong. Remember we can't change our past, it has already happened but your future, your tomorrow hasn't been written yet, so go out there and make it the best one possible.

So, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, and thank them for everything they've done to make our school so special. Good luck.



Trinovantes

Clark, Amira, Reggie, Tommy, Magenta, Bella, Rome, Scarlett, Zain, Chloe, Joshua, Ivy, Isabelle, Connor, Erica, Amelia, Ronnie, Lexie, Sienna, Jackson, Fiyin, Chineye, Derek, Freddie, Eva, Alexa, William, Priyansh, Esme, Jospeh.

Cymbeline

Tim, George, Tami, Alexander, Harley, Amber, Summer, Holly, Lola, Alex, Kira, James, Aidan, Hugo, Tina, Dahlia, Alexa, Maria, Albert, Ioana, Leon, Maynee, Charlotte, Layla, Quinn, Ellis, Ryan, Joshua, Victor, Fahim.

Lathes

Samaa, Haqnain, Isla, Lydia, Salma, Sophie, Leah, Awana, Kia-May, Martha, Leyre, Aidan, Artem, James, Phoenix, Aaryan, Haatim, Kiara, Jayden, Carson, Ashton, Jasmine, Kane, Isla, Kejda, Dylan, Julia, Julia, Ollie, Tia, Zariana.



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Term Dates

Friday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term

Tuesday 2nd September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Saturday 13th September—Heritage Open Day—Town Site Open (Times TBC)

Sunday 21st September—Friday 26th September—Year 6 residential, Kingswood.

Assembly Theme for WB:
2/9/25 No Limits

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.



Please remember that from September children will not be able to bring Smart Phones; phones with Internet capability into school.

There is a separate letter coming out by e-mail with the newsletter that sums up the school communications over this last term.

Year 6 Production—The Wizard of Oz

A huge thank you and well done to our Year 6 children and staff for a brilliant production.



The children were amazing, acted their hearts out and sang fantastically. I cannot praise them enough. Phenomenal!

Obviously, our thanks as well to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Woodham, Mrs. Wall, Mr. Bates, Mrs. Li, Mrs. Karakus and Mr. Matthews. It couldn't have happened without all their hard work, effort and enthusiasm.

For those of you that weren't able to see it or haven't been told, the production started off well enough talking about the fact that *I keep people entertained with stories of donkeys called Dominic and my love for all things Kingswood and something called Colchester United.*

Even better, I was revered as *'The Great Mr Billings, the brilliant and the handsome.'* Sadly after that, at least for me, it went a bit downhill and I ended up as an old man, without a magical bone in my body.



Mrs. Skinner on the other hand ended up as *The Good Witch*, who saved the day and Dorothy.

Year 5/6 Netball.

Finally, on an all things Year 6 front page. On Tuesday, after school, our Year 5 children challenged the Year 6 children to a netball match! The game finished 7-0 to Year 6.

The baton was well and truly handed over to year 5's who will be competing in the top CPSL netball league due to the Year 6's winning their league this year and being promoted. Well done to the Year 5's - you were beaten but you held your own at many points during the game (even after only 5 practise sessions). The netball future of the school is looking bright! Thank you to the parents who came to watch and the staff who helped and cheered. And a special thank you to Mr. Gilbranch who made it all possible.



Full Governing Body Meeting (11.7/25)

The Governing Body met for our quarterly meeting on the 09/07/25. The Governors shared that we had all been in to visit our respective classes in the past weeks and had met with class teachers to look at how your children have progressed over the year. We were pleased to agree which classes we will be working with in the new academic year and look forward to meeting with your children after the summer break. Well done to all the children, teachers and support staff for a successful year.

We were pleased to hear about the success of the Summer Fayre and wanted to thank the PTA for their constant stream of exciting events and support for the school over the year.

We also wanted to publicly thank Mr Bromley who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Thank you for all your hard work and for keeping the school safe and tidy Mr Bromley and enjoy a long and happy retirement!

Things to look out for in September: There will be some mid-day assistant and learning support roles available so please consider applying if this is work that interests you.

There will be some exciting changes in the playgrounds to look forward to.

And also, we really look forward to having a smartphone free school which we know will really help with concentration, focus and relationships!

Elisa Vasquez Walters

Year 5 visit to St Helena

A couple of weeks ago now, our Year 5 children went to St Helena School for the morning for some taster sessions.

Whilst there, the children had different experiences, with some learning about Wassily Kandinsky and learning about complimentary colours and blending. Other children had a music lesson, whilst others watched a preview of 'We Will Rock You' and played Rounders.

A lovely morning.



Year 3 Danbury Country Park

At the start of July, our Year 3 children visited Danbury Country Park for a Stone Age Experience Day. Whilst there, they used their collaborative skills to make a wooden shelter and hunt historical animals. They also got to create cave art and learnt how to make a fire.



Well Done Isaac and Josie

Isaac and Josie recently entered a Young Writers poetry competition and we found out at the beginning of July that their poems have been chosen to be included in an anthology that will be published at the end of summer! The book will be called "Wonderverse - Cosmic Inspirations" and a copy of the book will remain in the National Archives of the British Library forever!! Josie had a dream to be a published writer before the age of 10 and has actually achieved it!!

It's amazing what you can do when you try!
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It changes by age all the time.
Like a house for instance,
With many windows to explore,
And as you gain in age, you'll discover many more
Points of view.
Experiences matter lots as well,
What you've done, how you excel.
It's all part of a perspective,
Or a point of view.
Perspective matters.
For all we think, say and do,
That's my point of view.
Isaac Smith (10)



Darkness

Darkness and death surround me,
As distant as anything could be.
I die ever quicker,
My body becomes thinner.
Screams from above,
Not a single bit of love.
Will I ever get out,
With no one about.
Bones rot,
In the darkest spot.
I hear the shriek of a crow,
I want to go.
You may ask me,
Why am I not free?
I was captured in war, you see,
And now everyone is dead around me.
Josie Smith (8)

Thank You Luna

Thank You, Luna - And All Our Essex Therapy Dogs!



We are so grateful to Luna the Samoyed, our amazing Essex Therapy dog, who visits our school each week to support our children with her calm and comforting presence.

We also want to thank everyone who helped raise funds today by wearing non-uniform and bringing in your £1.00. We know the money raised will go towards supporting the many wonderful dogs and dedicated volunteers who give their time to help people across Essex.

We look forward to welcoming Luna back in the new term!



Athletic Prowess



A huge well done to Rupert, who a couple of weeks ago, competed in an EAL competition, for CATs (Colchester and Tendring Athletics Club) in Norwich. Rupert competed in the 80m, Shot Put and Long Jump, so a potential future decathlete in our midst?!

Rupert also achieved a personal best in the long jump.

Holiday Vouchers

We have been advised by Essex County Council that the supplier account through which the school issues supermarket vouchers has been affected by a phishing scam. As a precautionary measure the Council have had to freeze all school accounts to prevent fraud. This means we cannot issue any vouchers until further notice.

As soon as this has been resolved, we will get the vouchers issued to you.

Battens Disease

Obviously reading this newsletter, we can all very much appreciate how amazing our children are and how their actions, resilience and bravery often put adults to shame.

So, a special mention to Hickson, who rather than asking for presents this year for his birthday opted to fundraise for his best friend who has been diagnosed with childhood neurological terminal Battens Disease.



This disease is incredibly rare but is also incredibly debilitating eventually making the child diagnosed completely locked in their body & unable to eat/speak or do normal functions.

Eli, who is Hickson's very good friend, is only 10 but now has a life span of about 5-6 years left which has absolutely devastating.

We were hoping to reach out to our school community and ask for any donation and to also raise awareness as this is so incredibly rare but with the funding being deemed too expensive for the NHS to contribute the medicine for the 50 children in the UK that are diagnosed with this disease.

Battens Disease Family Association—<https://bdfa-uk.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

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And as you gain in age, you'll discover many more
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Experiences matter lots as well,
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PTA Ice Creams



It's the final day of term so why not! Huge thanks to our PTA who arranged for an Ice Cream Truck to pop along to both sites today and to give every child an ice cream. I didn't get one—just saying!



Litter Picking

A huge well done and thank you to our School Council and UNICEF Ambassadors who have again been out and about in our community making an impact.

Wise words from the children:

Isaac " It is shame if there is so much litter around the school."

Nina Y5 " Do not litter and save the environment and our sea creatures."

Awana Y6 " It feels disgusting looking at so much litter"

Elle Y6 " I feel happy that I cleared up so much rubbish"

Sophie - "Do not litter"

