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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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**One Square Mile**—Please remember to follow on: <https://m.facebook.com/people/One-Square-Mile-Heritage-on-our-Doorstep/100086912204893/>



**Please remember that Monday 30th November is Non Pupil Day and the school is closed. Children should return to school after HT on Tuesday 31st October.**

### Reminder (Again) Breakfast Club Parking

AF—Please could I remind parents not to use the school car park at AF when dropping off their children for Breakfast Club. Please park at the front of the school and walk down the path.

T—Ideally please park at the front of the school and walk round.

At both AF & T, staff are arriving and we do not want children walking across the car parks. Many thanks.

### History Ambassadors

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 children. A week or so ago, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Skinner held interviews for the children to become History Ambassadors, as part of our One Square Mile project. The quality of preparation that the children put in for the interviews and the way the children conducted themselves, was exemplary. We have appointed 8 Ambassadors and 5 Working Group members.

Well done to: Jack, Alisha, Daisy, Ruby, Tilly, Rupert, Jojo and Jasper for becoming our Ambassadors.

Well done also to Lotta, Nina, Ethel, Ellie and Theresa for joining the OSM Working Group.



### Mrs. Bourne

Just so parents are aware—Mrs. Bourne has been seconded to another local primary school for the second half of the Autumn Term as their Acting Headteacher.

Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Bullivant and myself will be picking up on those areas that Mrs. Bourne led on in the school.

Obviously, our temporary loss is their gain and we wish Mrs. Bourne the very best.



### PTA Bingo Night

Friday 10th November 7.00p.m. @ AF.

More details will follow after HT but please keep the night free and gather some friends and a bottle or two to drink!

Assembly Theme for WB: 30/10/2023—How do we Learn from History

### Term Dates

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term

**Monday 30th October—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed**

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term

### Diary Dates

CANCELLED—Saturday 21st October 'Walk a Mile to End Polio' 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. (Meet at Museum Street Gate).

Thursday 2nd November—EYFS Parent Information Phonic Session—9.00a.m. @ AF.

Saturday 2nd December. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF. 12.00-2.00p.m.

Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information.

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Difference

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 17** (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

### Year 6 Parents (Secondary Applications)

Please remember that the closing date for applications to secondary schools is 31st October 2023.

Applications can be made via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### Awards

STAR—Sophie (RROX), CHARIOT—Archie (MM), JUMBO— Archie (MM).

EAGLES— Raife (MM), ROSES— Zaida (MM), CIRCUS— Ruby (RREX).

MERCURY— Hollie (CC), CLAUDIUS— Jessica (MM), ROMANS— Archie (RREX).

DUTCH— Samuel (RROX), ICENI— Jack (MM), PAXMAN— Mayar (RREX)

CASTLE— Lester (RROX), GARRISON— Zack (MLM), CAVALIER— Jordan (RROX).

OYSTERS— Zain (RREX) & Whole Class (CC), RAEDWALD— James (MLM), MAGNETS— Joshua (RREX).

TRINOVANTES— Chiyo (MM), CYMBELLINE— Leila (RROX), LATHES— Ned (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Oysters

HUB—Jude

### Catch up Flu Clinic

Catch up Clinics for Flu Vaccine for children are taking place in Colchester on 24th October,

4th November and 16th December.

Parents must call 0300 790 0597 to book a place for their child's vaccination.

### PTA Pumpkin Trail

The PTA have organised a Pumpkin Trail which takes place during half-term. Parents/children can do the trail any time from Saturday 28th October through to Tuesday 31st October.

To be able to do the trail, parents need to have bought a map from either school office for a £1.00. Maps have been on sale during this week and are available to purchase until 4.00 p.m. on Friday 20th October. Once you have completed the trail and the map, hand it in to either school office by Friday 3rd November. All entries will be entered in a draw to win a prize. Thanks to the PTA for organising this event!



## THE KNIFE ANGEL



The Knife angel is an incredible Sculpture that's touring in the UK. This October I went to see it. The Knife Angels blades are used to create his incredible wings, and his body is made of complete knives. All 100,000 of these knives have been confiscated from by the police.

The 27ft high Sculpture was not only made to be a beautiful Art piece but also to raise awareness of knife crime. The memorial is for people who have lost their lives.

The artist who created the Knife Angel is called ALFE BRADLEY. I visited the Knife Angel in the early evening and seeing the Sun reflect on those knives was truly astonishing. The positioning of the angels hand are asking why? His face is sad that so many lives were lost to violence through knife crime.

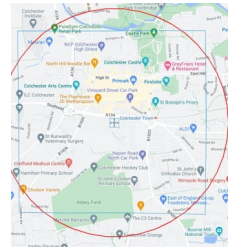
"A knife in the pocket is coarse as bad as a loaded gun."  
— Ann Oakes-odger MBE.

The Knife Angel is in Colchester until the 31st of October 2023.

By Ned Alberton.



# HISTORY ON OUR DOOR-STEP... ONE SQUARE MILE.



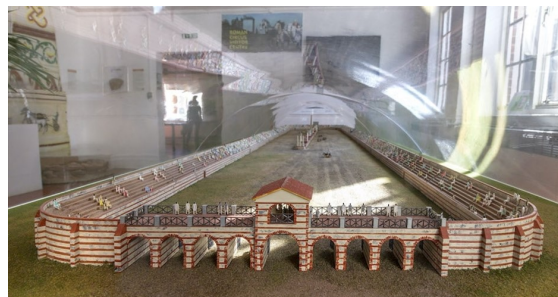
## Roman Circus

### Did you Know?

- The site of the Roman circus was identified in 2004 and represents the only known Roman circus in Britain.
- It was a monumental structure and it may have seated up to 8,000 spectators: it would have been used as a venue for spectator sports, including chariot-racing.
- It was built in the early 2nd century CE and seems to have been in use for about 150 years.
- At one end of the track there was a row of eight starting gates and at the other a sharp 180-degree turn. The two long straight sections were separated by a barrier called which supported a series of decorative columns and other features, including lap counters and pressurised water features.



- This arena was built specifically for chariot racing, and would have attracted a large volume of visitors.
- Chariot racing was the oldest and most popular sport in the Roman world and the Circus building would have been used for other spectator sports, such as boxing and hand-to-hand combat (gladiatorial fights).
- It's believed emperor Hadrian himself funded this once architectural wonder.
- The Colchester Roman Circus is a classic example of its type - an elongated arena, approximately 450 metres long and 74 metres wide.
- The Roman circus must be considered in conjunction with other monumental buildings or structures surviving from Roman Colchester. It provides further evidence of the importance of Colchester as one of the principle urban centres of Roman Britain.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yl6vnmWAjs>