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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Term Dates

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January— Christmas Holiday.

*(Please also see school online calendar and school website)*

### Diary Dates

Thursday 28th November—Year 5 Stargazing @ AF— 5.30p.m.—6.30p.m.

Friday 29th November - 'Terrific Tree Challenge' Deadline for entries

Friday 29th November—Year 1 Dress up Day (Castle Themed: knights/princesses/queens/kings/jesters/wizards/dragon s etc)

**Saturday 30th November - 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m.— Christmas Fair @ AF**

Monday 2nd December—Flu Immunisations for children @ AF.

Friday 6th December - Terrific Tree Challenge Entries— Non Uniform Day

**Please keep an eye on the school's website calendar for dates/times relating to Christmas.**

Assembly Theme for WB: 25/11/24—Safety

### Christmas Fair



Please don't forget that next Saturday is our PTA Christmas Fair from 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. at AF.

A whole host of stalls and food to tempt you to spend your money. Our choir will be regaling us with a few songs, a plethora of games, food to keep you warm. Tombola and raffle etc etc.

This year each year group is going head to head in an enterprise competition and they have come up with different ideas to try and make as much money as possible—The year group that makes the most money from their 'enterprise' wins!

A lovely way to spend a couple of hours.



### Year 5 Stargazing

Next Thursday (28th) from 5.30p.m.—6.30p.m. Year 5 parents and their children are invited to a stargazing session at AF with the Year 5 teachers and Mr. Bates.

This is a bit weather dependent, and we do need clear skies, so please keep an eye on your e-mails.

However, if it goes ahead, you'll never look at the night sky in the same way again.

Mr. Bates will talk you through the different constellations in the night sky where to find them and how to identify them.

He may even dip into a legend or two about the stars and throw in a planet or two.



Well worth it—you'll leave starry eyed!

### Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 4 November 2024, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2025.

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



### Charge

Yesterday our Year 1 children headed off to Colchester Castle as part of their History work.

The children walked round the castle identifying some of the key features—including the toilet!

After, looking at the castle, the children then went to the bottom of the hill and imagined they were the invaders attacking the castle



(the hill was actually quite steep).

Following on from that the victorious children basked in their victory with a well earned snack on the bridge.



### Flu

Our school is booked to have the Flu Vaccination at our Abbey Field Site on Monday 2nd December. Years Reception, Yr 1, Yr 5 and Yr 6 children will be given the flu vaccine if you have booked direct.

An email has been sent to all parents with children in EYFS, Yr 1, 5 & 6. Please follow the link to complete the consent form. The latest date to book the vaccination is Thursday 28th November.

Many thanks.

### Plastic



It's always great when children are so inspired by some of the things that they learn at school, that they want to carry on and make an impact at home.

Felipe from Year 4 had been asking to take his litter picker and a bag out during his outings with his mum. He is extremely keen to clean out all the plastic he sees on the floor.

Over a week ago now, on his walk from school all the way home he started picking all the rubbish, shortly after he was joined by Sofia and Morris (they also had two little helpers Mia and Freya).

Well done all of you and thank you.

### 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.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Celebrating Difference

### Danbury (Year 4) & Kingswood (Year 5)

Please remember that the 2nd Danbury instalment of £25.00 is due by Friday 22nd November.

Year 5, Please remember that the first payment of £70 is due by Friday 6th December.

As always and as was said in the initial meetings—the best way to do this is little and often.

For both residential, £20 a month (£5 a week) from now on will almost cover the cost to you.

### Community Cupboard

Please remember—If you are in a stronger position financially and do feel you may be able to support, any donations of tinned food, toiletries, pasta (sauce) rice, biscuits, etc., would be so much appreciated for our families that are struggling.

Every little bit does make a huge difference.

Thank you.

### Awards

STAR— Montana (RREX), CHARIOT— Thea (MLM), JUMBO— Lacey-Mae (CC).

EAGLES— Kaylen (RREX), ROSES— Whole Class (CC), CIRCUS— Moriah (RREX).

MERCURY— Hope (RROX), CLAUDIUS— Ruth (MM), ROMANS— Jude (MM).

DUTCH— Ellie (MM), ICENI— Loki (MM), PAXMAN— Albie (MM).

CASTLE— Kane (RROX), GARRISON— Barney & Daisy (CC), CAVALIER— Andrew (MM).

OYSTERS— Zack (RROX), RAEDWALD— Emilie (RREX), MAGNETS— Jaxon (MM).

TRINOVANTES— Ivy (MM), CYMBELINE— Lola (RROX), LATHES— Leah (RREX).

ATTENDANCE— Romans & Paxman