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our learning



# St John's Green Primary School

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Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Meet the Staff—Continued

Thank you for the feedback on staff photos and roles. This week we continue with introducing some of our staff who you might not see, but who do always work tirelessly for the school. This week—our Catering Team



Sarah Burke—  
Catering  
Manager



Kellie Bill—  
Catering  
Assistant



Eileen Blackery—Catering  
Supervisor



Jadzia Cetinkaya—  
Catering  
Assistant



Theresa Gaffney—  
Catering  
Assistant



Katie Hosi—  
Catering  
Assistant

And also Mabia Sultana—but unfortunately no photo.

### Awards

STAR—Jimmy (MM), JUMBO—Loki (MM), CHARIOT—Max (MLM)

EAGLES—Scarlett & Maja (RROX), CIRCUS—Isabel (MM), ROSES—Lottie (RREX)

MERCURY—Reuben (MM), CLAUDIUS—Alina (RREX), ROMANS—Logan (MM)

DUTCH—Athira (CC), ICENI—Tia (MM), PAXMAN—Rome (MM)

CASTLE—Harry (MM), CAVALIER—Violet (MM) GARRISON—Ronnie (CC)

OYSTERS—Connor (MLM), MAGNETS—Hritika (RREX), RAEDWALD—Dominic (MM)

CYMBELINE—Luke (MM), TRINOVANTES—Grace (MLM), LATHES—Taliyah (RROX)

HUB—Aidan (MLM), ATTENDANCE—Castle

### Colchester Walks

During our Governors meeting on Monday, we talked about the benefits of both being outside and doing things together as a family and one of the things that the children often remember from our residential's is the Morning Walks!

With that in mind, for the next few weeks we'll be sharing with you walks in Colchester that you can do as a family. We've also created a page on the website cunningly titled 'Colchester walks'

Go on, pop outside together, turn off the TV and enjoy...



### Clothes Recycling

You may have noticed we now have two very snazzy bins at both our sites. These are for you to pop in any old unwanted clothing as you drop off/collect your children from school. The PTA makes a small amount for every load that is collected so all very worthwhile.



### PTA Bingo Night—Tonight—7.30p.m. @ AF

Please don't forget it's PTA BINGO Night, tonight at 7.30p.m. @ AF.

There are still a few spaces, so don't worry if you haven't yet brought a ticket, just turn up and we'll extract your £5 from you when you get here. Don't forget to bring your own drinks and nibbles. I've even unearthed my dinner jacket just for the occasion—I just need to locate the very snazzy gold waistcoat I got for my last efforts!

### The Big Question for this Assessment Period—Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—Being me in my World.

Our Assembly Theme for next week: Our Learning Powers

### Data Sheet

Just a reminder please, if you haven't yet done so—please return the data sheet confirming your contact details as soon as possible. This is essential information if we need to get hold of you in an emergency.

### Term Dates

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

Last day of Autumn Term—Friday 17th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

### Diary Dates

Friday 8th October @ 7.30p.m. PTA BINGO Night @ AF

Tuesday 12th October—PTA AGM, 7.30pm

Thursday 14th October—Individual School Photographs @ AF

Friday 15th October—Individual School Photographs @ T  
Tuesday 19th October—Friday 22nd October—Danbury Residential (Year 5)

Thursday 25th November. Revised Date for Flu Vaccinations AF & T

Saturday 4th December, 2.00p.m.—5.00p.m.—PTA Christmas Fair

**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.

### FGB Meeting—Monday 4th October, Lynn Spencer—Campbell

On 4th October, the Governors had their first meeting in person since the beginning of lockdown. It was refreshing to be able to discuss the data together and consider moving forward.

Having reminded ourselves of our mission - that happens at the start of every meeting, the Chair, Mr Beales, welcomed the governors who had joined the committee in the past two years and not yet met in person.

We were given a detailed report by Mrs. Bourne on the current attainments of the children from recent assessments compared with their attainments at the start of Autumn 2020. We were very impressed by the progress the children have made, bearing in mind the reduced attendance in school due to lockdowns. This is the result of extremely hard work by the Leadership and Teaching teams and the committee was highly impressed with the in-year progress and how well the children had done learning remotely. The governors also appreciated the support of parents in this process and the challenges they faced.

The Recovery Curriculum is still in place as children are encouraged to develop independence in their learning and greater confidence on their return to full time school.

We discussed the strategic priorities of the school Leadership team for the year ahead and endorsed these, with each governor adopting one to support. This means that the governors and Leadership team will be working closely together to monitor the agreed developments to maintain high standards within our school.

Mr Billings informed the Governors of the recent residential visit to Kingswood and outlined the plans for subsequent residential visits. The Year 4 visit to Danbury will be led by Miss Wittenfeld this term.

Agreement had been given to the purchase of 19 replacement computers and these are now in place.

Three revised policies were approved to do with personnel procedures.

The next meeting on Monday 6th December will be via Teams and will include a summary of the end of term data and a review of the Safeguarding and SEND reports.

### Natasha's Law

Please remember that cakes/biscuits that are home made and brought into school must now have included with them a list of ALL the ingredients that have been used to make the item. This doesn't need to be a printed list, just handwritten is fine as long as ALL the ingredients are listed. This is really important as far as the school is concerned as we do have a number of children that have different allergies in the school and our primary concern is to safeguard them.

### Annuals

Do you have any old annuals that you no longer want/use at home. Whether it's Disney, Minecraft, Match of the Day, Harry Potter, Guinness Book of Records, Dinosaurs, etc, etc. If they are surplus to requirements, please could you drop them in to school and send them winging Miss Wiggins' way. Many thanks.

### PTA AGM

Please remember that the PTA Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 12th October at 7.30p.m. at the Abbey Field site.

Everyone is welcome, so please pop along if you would like to be involved in anyway.

### PLEASE



NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS



# COLCHESTER'S ROMAN TRIVIA TRAIL

1. Firstsite
2. Colchester Castle
3. Charles Gray's Summer House
4. Roman House
5. Outer Temple Wall
6. Roman Theatre
7. Queen Boudica
8. Elephants
9. Mercury Theatre
10. Balmerne Gate
11. Roman Church
12. Roman Circus

**KEY:**  
Colchester Town  
Walls are the oldest  
and longest in Britain!

Walk the trail with an adult and discover fascinating facts about Roman Colchester. You'll find lots of information panels along the way where you can learn even more.

When you've finished, write your own fascinating fact or draw a picture of Roman Colchester and we'll give you a prize in return!

We advise checking opening hours of various heritage attractions prior to starting the trail to avoid disappointment. Please note Hollytrees Museum is closed on Sundays. The Roman Circus Centre is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Most of the route is fully accessible. Please contact the Visitor Information Centre on 01206 282920 who can advise you if you have concerns about your access requirements.

- 1. Roman Mosaic** - This was originally the floor of a Roman dining room. It was discovered in 1923 and spent many years on display at the Castle. It is now back at almost the exact spot it was originally found.
- 2. Colchester Castle** - The Castle is Norman but built on the ruins of a Roman Temple, partially of Roman tiles - can you spot them? At 950 years old it is less than half the age of the Roman Wall!
- 3. Charles Gray's Summer House** - Charles Gray once owned the land that is now Castle Park. He was given the Castle as a wedding present. This summer house was built by Charles in 1731 to resemble a Roman Temple.
- 4. Roman House** - You can see the outline of a Roman House near the Castle Park bandstand. There's no ruins as the bricks from these houses were used to build the Castle! Can you imagine what the rooms were used for?
- 5. Outer Temple Wall** - Don't miss the small brick wall on your lefthand side as you exit the Park. It's the last remaining piece of the Roman Temple of Claudius! It would have formed part of the great curtain wall.
- 6. Roman Theatre** - Peer through the window to see a section of the Roman Theatre. If you look at the paving stones nearby you can see the shape of the theatre marked out in a darker colour, and part of the stage can be seen in the wall of St Helen's Chapel.
- 7. Queen Boudica** - As you reach the Town Hall, look up at the statues. Can you see Boudica? She is famous for leading a rebellion against the Romans, and destroyed the Roman City of Camulodunum.
- 8. Elephants** - Colchester is full of elephants! These two help people find their way, and if you look up at the top of Jumbo Water tower you'll see an elephant on the weathervane too! Can you think of any more? It's said the Roman emperor Claudius rode elephants into Colchester - the first elephants in Britain!
- 9. The Mercury Theatre** - This is named after the Roman Messenger God, Mercury, who had wings on his feet. There is a big statue on the front of the building, and inside a smaller statue that is a replica of an important Roman artifact found in Colchester! The original can be seen in the Castle Museum.
- 10. Balmerne Gate** - This is the largest standing Roman Gateway left in Britain! It's amazing that you can still walk through it. There would have been an even larger gateway next to the one that you can see, which is where the Emperor Claudius would have arrived with his elephants.
- 11. Roman Church** - It's thought that this might have been the very first Christian church in Britain, but it's difficult to know for sure, and it may have been a smaller temple for a Roman God called Mithras.
- 12. Roman Circus** - This is the only known Roman Chariot Racing site in Britain. At it's height, up to eight horse drawn chariots would have raced around the circuit, and attracted huge numbers of spectators.

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Britain's First City

