



St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Newsletter

We We are all
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We are growing
our learning

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OPAL Play – We Need Your Help!

We are looking for donations of items to enhance our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) activities. If you have any of the following at home that you no longer use, we would love to give them a new life at school:

- **Arts and crafts materials** (paper, card, beads, fabric, etc.)
- **Small world toys** such as mini figures, trains and tracks, LEGO, farm animals
- **Scooters**

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. The children are really enjoying these new opportunities at playtime, and your contributions make a big difference!



Exploring Colchester's History – Year 4 Local Walk

As part of our History curriculum and the *One Square Mile Project*, our Year 4 children enjoyed a local walk around Colchester to discover some of the town's most iconic landmarks. Guided by Mr. Bates, who did a fantastic job as our resident history expert, the children learned fascinating facts about Jumbo, the Roman Wall, Colchester Castle, the Dutch Quarter, and other notable sights along the way.

The weather was kind at first, but a sudden downpour cut the walk short! Despite this, we loved seeing the children out and about, taking pride in their local area and deepening their understanding of its rich heritage.



EYFS FAMILY SESSIONS



HUB FUN.



Our Hub children have been working on their fine motor skills this week—cutting skills were a huge success. Well done!



READING IS THE KEY

The Importance of Reading and Recording in Reading Records

Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning and development. Regular reading at home helps children build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and develop a lifelong love of books.

Please ensure your child reads every day and that you record this in their Reading Record. This simple habit allows teachers to track progress and celebrate achievements, and it shows children that reading is valued both at school and at home.

Tips to Make Reading Fun at Home:

- **Create a cozy reading corner** – a special spot with cushions or blankets makes reading feel like a treat.
 - **Read together** – take turns reading pages or act out characters for extra fun.
 - **Let them choose** – give your child the freedom to pick books they love, whether it's stories, comics, or non-fiction.
 - **Make it interactive** – ask questions about the story or predict what might happen next.
 - **Use audiobooks** – great for car journeys or winding down before bed.
- Thank you for your contin-

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Assembly
Theme for
WB: 17/11/25
IT'S NOT
FAIR!

Term Dates

Monday 2nd September—Friday 19th December (Autumn Term).

Monday 5th January—First Day of Spring Term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18/11/25—Thursday 20/11/25—England Rocks—TTRS.

Friday 21st November—NON Uniform Day for PTA Christmas Fair

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Friday 28/11/25—Famous Historical People Day

EYFS Family Learning Sessions:

Star—Tuesday 18th November, Chariot—Wednesday 19th November, Jumbo—Thursday 20th November. (9.00-9.30 @ AF)

New Intake Viewings:

Tuesday 18/11/25 @ 10.00a.m.

Monday 24th November—Year 5 Anglo Saxon Dress up Day.

Saturday 29th November—PTA Christmas Fair at AF.



WET WEATHER As the weather turns wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with a **warm, waterproof coat** and **wellies**. Outdoor learning and play are an important part of our school day, and having the right clothing means children can enjoy these activities comfortably and safely—even when it rains!

Remembrance

This week, through our assemblies and activities in class, the children have been learning about remembrance Day and the significance of November 11th.



Awards

STAR— Elizabeth (CC), JUMBO—Prisha (CC), CHARIOT—Cece (CC)
EAGLES— David N CC, CIRCUS— Evelyn (CC), ROSES— Isaac M (CC)
MERCURY— Alya (CC), CLAUDIUS— Lottie (CC), ROMANS— Tola (CC)
PAXMAN— Tola (CC), ICENI— Lily (CC), DUTCH — Tabasom (CC)
CASTLE— Imogen (CC), CAVALIER— Frankie (CC), GARRISON— Erick (CC).
OYSTERS— Isabel (CC), MAGNETS— Reuben (CC), RAEDWALD— Zahra (CC)
TRINOVANTES— Tilly (CC), LATHES—Barney (CC), CYMBELINE— Noah (CC)
ATTENDANCE— Jumbo