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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information—including Christmas Production Times, EYFS and Year 2 Production dates are on e-schools.



### Year 6 Roman Cup (Squash)

Mrs. Woodham took 12 Year 6 students to the Roman Cup Squash tournament at the Garrison. She was immensely proud of the enthusiasm, sportsmanship and role model behaviour they displayed. Mrs. Woodham may have gotten carried away with the cheering and now has a sore throat to pay for it. Every child scored points for St. John's Green and they have been invited back to the final in a couple of weeks time! An enjoyable time was had by everyone. Let's hope Mrs Woodham will be on her best behaviour for this!

Well done and good luck for the finals!  
(written and pasted unabridged by Mrs. Woodham!)

Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.



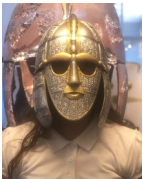
A huge well done to every child who had a real go on TTRS this week. Out of the 943 nearby primary schools, we came 127th - we scored 760 (the schools in the top 50 scored 1005 or above). Considering this is our first year—a magnificent effort.

Our top scorers in each year group were:

- Y6 - Lenny
- Y5 - Quinn
- Y4 - Ethan
- Y3 - Daniel
- Y2 - Jim

### The Anglo Saxons

This half-term, Year 5 children have been learning all about the Anglo Saxons, so Mrs. Randall had organised an artefact box from Sutton Hoo. On Thursday, Raedwald Class had a mini museum session, exploring all the different artefacts that were discovered in the dig of 1938 and can be seen at the British Museum. The children thoroughly enjoyed handling all the many tools and amazing brooches and making crayon rubbings of the Anglo-Saxon designs using the clay pot pieces. The highlight was dressing up by trying on the woollen capes, tunics and finally the most well-known piece, King Raedwald's ceremonial helmet.



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### Awards

- STAR— Freya (MLM), CHARIOT— Persephone (MM), JUMBO- Noah (RREX).
- EAGLES— Harry (RREX), ROSES— Charlie (RROX), CIRCUS- Tola (MM).
- MERCURY— Myah (RREX), CLAUDIUS- Edidiong (RROX), ROMANS- Jim (MM).
- DUTCH— Adam (MM), ICENI— Sofia (MLM), PAXMAN— Daniel (MM).
- CASTLE— Amelia-Rose (RREX), GARRISON— Ellis (MM), CAVALIER— Thomas (MLM).
- OYSTERS— Bella (MM), RAEDWALD- Samaa (MM), MAGNETS- George (RROX).
- TRINOVANTES— Ali & Stanley (MM), CYMBELLINE— Mia (MLM), LATHES— Thomas (MM).
- ATTENDANCE— Dutch

**Danbury:** The 2nd Danbury Payment of £25 for the Year 4 residential is due by Friday 24th November.

### Help—EYFS/Year 1 Parents

Our EYFS and Year 1 children have got a bit of a project for the end of this term all linked to the Polar Express.

They're after some junk bottling materials as listed to help them make some trains!

Could you send in- empty/used and clean—cereal boxes, toilet rolls, small boxes, big boxes, kitchen rolls. No plastic bottles please.

### Attendance and Medicine

It is certainly the season for coughs, colds and snuffles. As much as possible, I would encourage you to send your child into school. They always miss out on so much when they're not here.

We are quite happy to administer calpol to help them through the day and if you call into either office we can get your consent to do that.

If your child is prescribed antibiotics, again we can administer that with your consent.

This is really all a very polite way of saying, please don't keep your child off unnecessarily. School is more often than not, the best place for them and if they really do become/seem very poorly during the day—we will contact you to come and collect them.



### It's a Leaf Thing

Mr. Bromley and Mr. Skinner are not

that impressed but our AF site was swamped with leaves at the start of the week as they blew over blizzard-like from Abbey Fields.

What I haven't told Mr. Bromley and Mr. Skinner yet—is that I actually then moved a whole load more leaves into the school site for the EYFS children to have a play with. 'Best Day Ever' apparently!

Just a reminder that parents should be signing their children in to Breakfast Club at AF and T. Many Thanks.

Roman Cup	1
England Rocks	1
Anglo Saxons	1
Help (EYFS/Year 1)	1
Non Uniform Day	1
OSM — Balcerne Gate	2

### Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term  
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term  
Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term  
Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

### Diary Dates

Friday 24th November—Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair  
Saturday 2nd December. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF. 12.00-2.00p.m.  
Tuesday 5th December—PTA AGM @ AF @ 2.15p.m.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Celebrating Dif-

### 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.

### IMPORTANT Please Read Again—PTA Updates

**The PTA will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Tuesday 5th December at 2.15 p.m. at the Abbey Field Site.**

Nominations for any of the positions and to go onto the Committee will be welcome. Any parents are welcome to come along and join in with this meeting. Please ask at either school office for any information.

Xmas Card orders - Last date to order your child's Xmas Cards is the very latest on Monday 13th November. The company will not take any further orders after this date!!

The PTA have supplied a green wheelie bin at each school site for donations of School Uniform. The wheelie bin has replaced the uniform boxes in the reception area at each site.

If any parent requires certain items of school uniform, please let the school office know and the PTA will do their best to provide the school uniform required.



## NON UNIFORM DAY



FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Friday 24th November will be a non-uniform day in aid of the school's Christmas Market. The Christmas Market will be held on Saturday 2nd December from 12.00 (midday) to 2.00 p.m. at our Abbey Field Site.

We are collecting donations for the event on the Non-Uniform Day on Friday 24th November.

Instead of money, could parents please send their children in to school with any one of the following:

- Anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola stall
- Good quality items suitable for toy/gift tombola
- Bottles of fizzy drinks/cans of drinks, biscuits or sweets to sell on the refreshment stall
- Individual small packets of sweets suitable for prizes

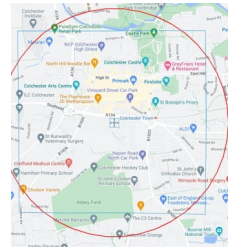
Urgently Needed: Donations for the Raffle (e.g. boxed toiletries, bottles, gifts, good condition toys) (Adults- please hand any glass items directly to either school office. If any parents have contact with local businesses please let them know about our raffle. We are grateful for all donations!)



Please could parents not leave or enter the school through the school Car Parks at AF and T at the start and end of day—I have staff and deliveries arriving/leaving and it's not safe. Please use the pedestrian gates. Many thanks.



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



## St John's Green (Balkerne Gate)

### Did you Know?

- Colchester has the earliest, best preserved and one of the longest Roman town walls in Britain. Its construction began in the period AD 65 to 80 following the destruction of the town during the revolt by Queen Boudica against Roman rule. The entire wall circuit is 2,800 metres, or  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles, in length and it once stood nearly 6 metres high.
- In the Roman period the wall had six gates located at regular intervals. Of these only two survive above ground today: Balkerne Gate and Duncan's Gate. The Balkerne Gate was the original main entrance to the town. It was upgraded to a Triumphal Arch celebrating the conquest of Britannia by the Roman Emperor Claudius. The remains of a Roman Guardroom can be found next to the Balkerne Gate. Originally, it would have been the gate.
- It is the largest surviving gateway in Roman Britain and was built where the Roman road from Londinium intersected the town wall of Camulodunum.
- Although it is the best-preserved Roman gateway in the country, it only survives in part. The remaining gateway is the south-side arched footway; however, the remains of a guard tower are also visible. The rest of the gateway has been overbuilt by the 18th-century Hole in the Wall public house, which is also a listed building.
- The gate probably dates to the 2nd century AD. It appears to have incorporated an existing monumental arch from the 1st century.
- Roman town gates sometimes had as many as three entrances but were usually limited to one or two. The Balkerne Gate, however, had four gates, and unusually wide carriageways.
- There are no other quadruple gates in Britain but there are a few elsewhere in Europe.

