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# St John's Green Primary School

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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



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**PLEASE REMEMBER—READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN 5X A WEEK AND LOG IT ON Boom Reader (Formerly GoRead).**  
Older Children can do this for Themselves.  
Boom Reader logs reading recorded from Saturday morning to Saturday morning.

**Christmas Card Orders** The deadline for orders is **Monday 14th November.**  
No orders will be taken after this date.

### THANK YOU

FOR PLANTING TREES

#### St John's Green Primary School

This is to certify that your school has planted 558 trees by taking part in the JUST ONE Tree Day 2022-2023.

During the next rainy season, your 558 seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years, removing approximately 171.86 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years.

With this contribution we will be able to help global reforestation efforts clean the air we breathe, clean the water we drink, increase biodiversity, protect against deforestation, improve livelihoods and most importantly combat climate change.

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

**Term Dates**  
Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term  
Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

**Diary Dates**  
**TONIGHT...Friday 11th November—7.30p.m.—9.30p.m.**  
**PTA Bingo Night. (Tickets available from both school offices)**  
Friday 18th November—Non Uniform Day—Donations for Christmas Fair (Please see attachment in e-mail)  
Thursday 17th November. 9.00a.m. -9.30a.m.EYFS Phonics to Parents. AF site. Everything you need to know about supporting your child in learning to read.  
Monday 21st November. 9.00a.m.—9.30a.m. EYFS - Phonics in the Classroom. (Come and learn phonics in the classroom with your children) No Pre-School Children please - sorry.  
Saturday 26th November. 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF.  
**PLEASE LOOK AT THE CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DIARY DATES FOR EYFS/YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.**

Our Assembly Theme after Half Term is: What makes us Unique, I am not a label!

**Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.**

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Differences.

**Colchester at War—World War Two Trail**  
Attached to the electronic version of the newsletter sent out by e-mail and on the school website, is a walk that follows the World War II defences along the River Colne.

**Dodgeball**  
You will no doubt have heard from your children that over the last couple of weeks an inter-house dodgeball competition has been taking place.  
Competition was fierce between the teams and as you can see from the table, every year group needed to play their part.

	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
Temple	13	12	51	20	8	18	122
Abbey	16	15	33	8	16	21	109
Siege	13	20	46	16	24	21	140
Priory	7	18	43	16	12	23	119
Colne	18	24	41	20	20	21	144

As always though, there can only be one winner—so very well done to Team Colne, who this year were victorious.

**Viking Longships!**  
This week, year 5 were able to complete their model Viking Longships. They have been through the design process and have worked together in groups to saw, drill and construct these amazing creations. All teachers are very proud of what the children have achieved and how they were able to collaborate well. They have linked this in with our Road to Writing and the children have also written detailed instructions using year 5 techniques so have been Making Links Mollies as well! We are very proud of all of them, well done! Mrs Rowe.

**Primary School EYFS Admissions**  
A reminder to parents that admissions are now open Reception places for September 2023.  
The statutory national closing date is 15th January 2023.  
From 7 November 2022, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)  
The website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

**Lest we Forget**  
This morning we held a Remembrance Day assembly for the whole school. As a school community, we took some time just to listen and reflect and think about those people who have given so much for our freedom.  
The assembly concluded with the children listening to this song.  
Well worth a listen to and very powerful,  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=you+tube+chil-dren+remembrance&view-detail&mid=2FABABB6E1B28A43D572FABABB6E1B28A43D57&FORM=VDRVSR>

**Rocksteady Music**  
EYFS, year 1, year 5 and year 6 all had an amazing assembly on Wednesday with Rocksteady Music. They were introduced to lots of musical instruments and some children were chosen to form a band and perform on these instruments. With very little practise, Rocksteady's Tim soon had everyone singing along to instruments played by our very own pupils! Even the teachers were allowed a quick go at the end! Letters have gone out to parents of these year groups detailing the lessons available. It is on a first come first served basis so if you would like your child to be involved, please read the letter carefully and arrange through the link provided.

**Awards**  
STAR—Zahil (RREX), CHARIOT— Charles (MM), JUMBO— Ruth (RREX).  
EAGLES—Olivia (RREX), ROSES— Jared (MM), CIRCUS— Archie (MM).  
MERCURY— Ryan (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Barnaby (MM) & Maya (MM), ROMANS— Austin (MM).  
DUTCH— Daisy (MM), ICENI— Furkan (MM), PAXMAN— Jasper (MM).  
CASTLE— Connor (MLM), CAVALIER— Charlotte (CC), GARRISON— Isla (MM).  
OYSTERS— Violet (RREX), MAGNETS— Ivy (RROX), RAEDWALD— Phoebe (MM).  
TRINOVANTES— Mollie (RROX), CYMBELINE— Maddie (MLM), LATHES— Lucy (MM).  
ATTENDANCE— Cavalier  
LIBRARY— Barney (MM)

The best way to raise positive children in a negative world is to have positive parents who love them unconditionally and serve as excellent role models.

# Reading Card Competition

One of the best things about this time of year is the sending and receiving of cards.

We need a new official festive card for 2022 and we thought who better to design it than our incredibly creative Purple Mash community.

That's why the Purple Mash Festive Card Competition is back!

## WHO CAN ENTER

- The competition is aimed at children between the ages of 5 to 11 (Up to age 18 for children with additional needs).
- Each child can submit one entry to the competition.
- There is an under 5s, under 8s and an under 12s category. Children who turned 5 before 1st September 2022 should enter the under 5s category, children who turned 8 before 1st September 2022 should enter the under 8s category and others should enter the under 12s category.
- Children with additional needs should be allocated the appropriate age category by their teacher.

## HOW TO ENTER

- Children enter their work by submitting it to the 'Festive Card Competition' Display Board for their age group.
- There is a [video in Purple Mash](#) showing how to do this.
- Children should submit their work once they are happy with it.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- The competition is open from the 4th to the 23rd November 2022.
- Judging will commence on the 24th November.
- Winners will be announced shortly after the judging\*.  
\*The judges' decision is final and we will have 1 overall winner, plus 3 runners up, in each category. Winners and runners up will be contacted as soon as possible after the competition has finished.

## CHOOSING A STYLE

You can use any of the seventeen 2Paint a Picture styles to enter the competition. All designs must be your pupils' original artwork.

## STAYING SAFE ONLINE

The competition Display Boards will be visible to the public, so it's important not to include personal information in your entries. Do not use names or other personal information as part of the designs. **Any entries that include personal information will not be accepted or displayed on the board.**

The only information visible on the board will be the school name.



## St. John's Green's Awesome Authors

Dear Parents,

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to support pupils in their reading, I have been trialing an idea with a number of pupils to create their own storybooks. This has been to further help them with their understanding of stories, so that when they read, they do not just see words on a page but can learn to follow, comprehend and enjoy a story, as a complete reading experience.

These self-created storybooks are going to go into both school libraries for all pupils to read and enjoy, and eventually I hope to have a full section of pupil stories from Year 1 to Year 6.

A number of pupils have commented that they would like to create their own storybooks and so, due to this enthusiasm, I am opening up the concept to any pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 who wish to do so.

The story for the book needs to be of the pupil's own idea, they may need guiding with some parts of the story to make it flow. Ultimately, this is the pupil's story so even if parts of it do not make perfect sense or fully flow, they must feel they have been responsible for the whole book.

On the school's website are guides for creating the book, along with blank page templates for a picture book, a text only book, or a comic book. These can be found in the **PARENT INFORMATION – AWESOME AUTHORS** area.

There is no expectation for this work to be carried out at home; this is simply something for pupils to engage in for enjoyment.

Once they have completed their stories, they can bring in their own hard copies for me or email to school admin, with a request to forward to me.

I look forward to reading your stories.

Be inspired, be creative and have fun.

Many thanks,

Chris Payne (School Librarian)

To enter—children just need to login to their Purple Mash account—easy!

<https://2simplenews.com/R2J-82ZEO-ABFC34D24D5200A0Q3KCL51A A3DA AEC73EEB3C/cr.aspx>