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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### Term Dates

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term  
Monday 30th October—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed  
Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term  
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term

### Diary Dates

Thursday 14th September—Non Uniform Day for Book Bingo  
Winners from Summer Term 2023 (children will have been told)  
Friday 15th September—Year 2/3/4 Victorian Dress Up Day.  
Sunday 17th—Friday 22nd September—Year 6 residential to Kingswood.  
Tuesday 26th September @ 5.00p.m. Danbury residential meeting for Year 4 Parents—AF.  
Wednesday 18th October @ AF & T—Informal parents Evening. 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information.

### Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all our children and parents following the Summer break. Hopefully, everyone (children and parents) are getting to know the routines and where children should be, where they will appear from and what they need to bring and when? Please do keep an eye on the school website and the school website calendar as well as taking the time to read the newsletters, the Twitter feed and the One Square Mile (facebook) page. These will give you far more information than your children who more often than not cannot remember what they learnt in school, who they played with and what they had for lunch!

### Year 1 Victorian Day

We've had quite a lot of history this week as the school celebrated its 125th birthday on Tuesday.



First off the mark are our Year 1 children who had their 'Victorian Dress Up Day' today.

Keeping it simple as we are very near the start of term—the Year 1 teachers sat the children in rows this morning and had boys and girls sitting separately.

They then all tried to write with chalk on black paper.

Following that, it was out onto the playground for some Victorian playground games.



### 125 Years Old

On Tuesday, we celebrated the fact that our school Town Site was exactly 125 Years old.

*(When you consider the state of some of our schools in the latest building crises—this is an exceptional feat—and testament to the fact that that building will probably still be there—long after our AF site!)*

To celebrate the 125 years, all children from Year 1—Year 6 came down to the Town site—to hear the bell being rung and listen to a talk from the first ever Headteacher of St John's Green—Mr. Cheese.



Mr. Cheese was quite austere—he would keep children in for not having clean clothes or washing!

(Parents will have received a copy of that speech in the newsletter we sent home on Tuesday).

Following on from that, we took the children onto the large playground at T—and created a 'SJG 125' motif out of children.

To finish off the afternoon, the Chair of Governors and myself ceremoniously cut our 125th birthday cake!



### Awards

STAR— Whole Class (CC), CHARLOT— Whole Class (CC), JUMBO— Whole Class (CC).

EAGLES— Whole Class (CC) ROSES— Whole Class (CC), CIRCUS— Whole Class (CC).

MERCURY— Albert (MM), CLAUDIUS— Whole Class (MLM), ROMANS— Zachary (MLM).

DUTCH— Amelia & Ubaid (CC), ICENI— Sudipta (RREX), PAXMAN— Paul (MM).

CASTLE— Luke (MM), GARRISON— Josephine (RROX), CAVALIER— Henley (MM).

OYSTERS— Amira & Priyansh (RREX), RAEDWALD— Whole Class (MM), MAGNETS— Whole Class (CC).

TRINOVANTES— Whole Class (MM), CYMBELINE— Whole Class (MM), LATHES— Whole Class

### School Start Times

Just a reminder please to all parents and children.

#### Abbey Field

The School Day begins from 8.30 a.m. for all children on the Abbey Field Site (Foundation, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6) when the children will be able to come straight into school. Children must arrive by 8.40a.m. at the latest.

School finishes at 3.00 p.m. for children in EYFS and Year 1.

School finishes at 3.05 p.m. for children in Year 5 and Year 6.

#### Town

School begins from 8.40 a.m. for all children on the Town Site (Years 2, 3 and 4) when the children will be able to come straight into school. Children must arrive by 8.50a.m. at the latest.

School finishes at 3.15 p.m. for all children on the Town Site.

Assembly Theme for WB: 11/9/2023—Rights Respecting Schools

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Being Me in My World.

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 22 (refugee children)** If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

### FGB Meeting—Wednesday 6th September

The full governing body met on Wednesday 6th September for the first meeting of the academic year to set the rhythm for the year. It was a full turn out.

The meeting started with the re-election of Geoff Beales as chair and Nicola Roberts as vice chair. We then heard that one of our governors has decided to step down. A huge amount of gratitude and thanks goes to Patrick Shields for all he has contributed to the school.

We reviewed the key facts from the last academic year and discussed the school development priorities. These will be used as a framework for governor class visits.

As it is only 3 days into the new year, there wasn't much to discuss with regards to pupil updates other than to say there are lots of new faces across the year groups. So making the new comers welcome will be key.

The One Square Mile project is gathering pace and there are lots of events happening. It is recommended that you join the One Square Mile Facebook page for the best information. The day was marked with an aerial photo of the whole school in the town site playground.

The PTA have been working hard (as always) and have been meeting new parents to help them settle in as well as planning events leading up to Christmas.

We finished with a discussion regarding the planning application for a proposed residential site on Flagstaff Road and the impact that may have on the school. All are encouraged to view the application on the Colchester City Council planning portal and comment as they see fit. Application number 231297.

Mark Scaife—Parent Governor.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss. Kerr—who is no longer Miss. Kerr—she is now Mrs. Havell following getting married in the summer.



### Town Site PE timetable

	1:05-2:00		2:00- 2:10	2:10-3:00	
	<u>Ks1</u>	<u>Ks2</u>		<u>Ks1</u>	<u>Ks2</u>
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		Claudius Team building	YR 2 break		Mercury Ball skills
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Dutch Ball skills	Claudius Ball skills	YR 2 break	Paxman fundamentals	Garrison Football
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Castle Ball skills	Mercury Team building	YR 2 break	Romans Ball skills	Cavalier Football
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Garrison Ball skills	Castle Football	YR 2 break	Iceni Fundamentals	Dutch Fundamentals
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Cavalier Ball skills	Paxman Ball skills	YR 2 break	Iceni Ball skills	Romans Team building

### Abbey Fields PE timetable

	AM				
		<u>Inside</u> 1:30-2:10	<u>Playground</u> 2:15-2:45	<u>Inside</u> 2:15-3:00	<u>Field</u> 2:00-3:00
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		Raedwald Dance		Circus Dance 2:15-2:45	Trinovantes Tag rugby
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Year 6 squash 9-11 INSIDE			Roses Dance 2:15-2:45	Cymbeline Tag rugby
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	EYFS INSIDE - ALL AM			Eagles Dance 2:15-2:45	Lathes Tag rugby
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	EYFS INSIDE - ALL AM	Magnets Dance	All Y1 Team building		
<b><u>Friday</u></b>		Oysters Dance			

Please note—Year 5 start swimming next Wednesday. Details have been sent to parents via a separate letter.