Saint Pierre School

Independent Preparatory School for 2 ½ - 11 year olds

From The Headteacher

The Green Gazette

Friday 11th September 2026

This Terms Events...

(Reminders are sent regularly via the MCAS App –

Tuesday 15th September – Swimming Starts

Wednesday 16th September – Survival Skills Enrichment Day

Friday 18th September – Jeans 4 Genes Day (Non-Uniform)

Saturday 19th September – 11+ Examination

Monday 21st September – EYFS Barleylands Trip

- Fairtrade Fortnight Begins

Wednesday 23rd September – PTFA Meeting

Monday 28th September – Harvest Festival Assembly

- NCMP (Rec–Yr6)

Tuesday 29th September – Flu Vaccinations (Rec -Yr6)

Friday 2nd October – World Animal Day

Monday 5th October – Black History Theme Week

- EYFS Parents' Meetings Begin

Wednesday 7th October – Firework/Halloween Safety Assembly

- Travelling Book Fair (till 14th Oct)

Thursday 8th October – ISA Swimming Gala (TBC)

Pantomime Trip 2026

We are pleased to announce that this year's school panto trip will be to see Aladdin at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon on Wednesday 2nd December at 1.30pm. The trip has been added onto the school app and will need to be paid in full no later than the 2nd October to ensure the tickets can be confirmed. Accompanying letters have also gone out this week so please return the permission slip to the school office when you have paid. If you have any questions, please email Mrs Read at: poppy.read@saintpierreschool.co.uk

Acceptable Use Policies/Agreements

We have revised our Online IT Safety Policy and as a result there are new parent and pupil ICT Acceptable Use Agreements. Please could we kindly ask that all Saint Pierre parents complete these individually and with their child to met new mandatory government guidelines. These agreements need to be signed and returned **by Friday 25th September** at the latest.

Survival Skills Enrichment

Now in it's third year, Survival Enrichment Day is a fun way of the children learning a few survival skills. From making tracking marks, water purifying, compass reading, first aid and a tour of Miss Ingram's motor home, they will get a chance to be Bear Grills for the day. There's even animal poo identification in case that skill is ever needed….

Jeans4Genes Day (Non-Uniform)

On Friday 18th September we will be celebrating Jeans4Genes day where children will be allowed to attend school wearing non-school uniform (denim). We ask that, where possible, you kindly send your child in with a donation of £2.

EYFS Barleylands Trip

As part of our EYFS topic 'Autumn & Harvest' the week after next, our Nursery and Reception children are off to Barleylands on Monday 21st September to explore their 'Little Red Hen' experience. They will look at the wheat growing, take a tractor and trailer ride around the farm and spot the animals who DIDN'T help the little red hen! The day also includes a cookery workshop where all children will make a tasty bread roll from scratch to take home and share.

If your child attends on a Monday you should have received a letter home this week. We kindly ask that the signed permission slip and payment is returned to Miss Partner or Miss Hoffman by Wednesday 16th September.

Harvest Festival Collection

We are now starting our Harvest Festival Collection for HARP who will be coming in to take an assembly on Monday 28th September. All donations of non-perishables are welcome to come in with the children, or parents can drop in to the front office from now until the morning of the 28th, when HARP will receive our collections.

Ongoing Parking Concern

Firstly we would like thank parents for their cooperation during the Summer term with regards to not parking on the double yellows or zigzags directly outside of school and in the surrounding areas. However, since returning to school this term we have had 3 complaints from members of the public and neighbours regarding illegal parking and the safety of children in the community. We are reaching out to ask for parents help to ensure we keep our roads and surrounding areas safe for pedestrians upon drop off and collection.

Saint Pierre Uniform

As you may be aware, after carefully reviewing feedback from parents and staff we have decided to revert back to our original school uniform supplier: Schoolwear Centres, Hamlet Court Road. We have had confirmation from them that they have full stock of our uniform.
Any navy ties that were purchased, can be replaced free of charge if you contact the office.
We would like to thank parents for their patience, honesty, and continued support while we worked through this uniform matter. Your feedback has been invaluable in helping us make the right decision.

The office still has a large supply of umbrellas and pencil cases. Due to the ever changing weather the school umbrellas have been reduced to £8 and the pencil cases are also £8, or a total of £15 should you wish to purchase both.

General Reminders

- Please ensure that your children's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. This helps to make sure we can return any lost items to the correct child.
- Please remember that school hats are mandatory. All children should be wearing them both to and from school. White summer hats are also mandatory and should be brought into school with your child to protect them from the sun.
- Trip/event permission slips are compulsory and must be returned to school by the deadline stipulated with any payment needed. If we do not have a permission slip your child will be unable to attend the trip or event.

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- Children are not to wear any nail polish or jewelery (unless for religious/cultural reasons) to school. Any children wearing earings will need to remove them before PE or tape them over.
- Please could parents be mindful that social media platforms, such as Facebook, X, Instagram and Whatsapp are not age appropriate for primary school children. We have had an increase in the amount of children raising concerns with regards to conversations taking place on platforms. From Spring 2027 we will have a legal duty as a school to report any social media use to the police.