

# ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER



28.11.2025



It's been a wonderfully busy week in school. In Collective Worship, our focus has been on Vision and how we can live out our values generously — not for recognition, but simply because it makes a positive difference to those around us.

Year 6 enjoyed an inspiring visit to Duxford, while Years 1 and 5 took part in a fun Teddy PE Event here in school. Year 1 have also been out at Oaklands today, making it an especially busy and exciting week for them!

With only three weeks to go, the run-up to Christmas is already full of events and energy, and the children continue to approach everything with enthusiasm.

Mr Power

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# Stars of the week

**LEARN TOGETHER  
ACHIEVE TOGETHER  
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AND 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'**



**Reception - Oskar and Jude** for excellent writing of 'll' and 'ss' words in phonics.

**Year 2 - Joey, Alfie, Alfred and Sydney** all for being fantastic musicians in this year's nativity!

**Year 3 - Jacob W and Jacob PJ** for representing the school at a sports event and for practicing lots of different skills. We are proud of you!

**Year 4 - Freddie** for his determination and perseverance in D.T. Lessons  
**Cohen** for his creative and ambitious English work

**Year 5 - Ezra** for your honesty. you know that telling the truth is always the best thing to do.

**Rose** for absolutely amazing maths! We are so proud of how hard you are working!

**Year 6 - Elounda** for grabbing every opportunity to excel and achieve her best.  
**Seb** for showing greater focus and determination to achieve his full potential.



**Nelson** (Y2) completed his **50<sup>th</sup> Parkrun** with a new PB of **28mins 23secs!**



**Ruby** (Y5) achieved **1<sup>st</sup> place** in Solo and **7-9 Technique Award**



**Rose** (Y6) achieved **Judges Special Award** and **2nd in Commercial/Street** and **4th in improvisation challenge**

# ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL

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This week we have another **HUGE** achievement!  
**BEN** (Y6) has achieved his **2 YEAR** streak! **730** days of Doodling which is **PHENOMENAL**. We are super proud of you! 😊



Congratulations also goes to **Ellie** (Y3) who has achieved her **750 day streak!!** **Freya** (Y4) for achieving her **700 day streak**; **Violet** (Y4) for achieving her **600 day streak**; **Quinn** (Y5) for hitting his **550 day streak**; **Oscar** (Y3) for achieving his **550 day streak**; **Teddy** (Y4) for having doodled **EVERY** day for **ONE YEAR (!)**; **Bertie** (Y2) for hitting his **200 day streak**. Another **FANTASTIC** week of Doodling. **WELL DONE!**

The Winter Calendar will soon be arriving in Doodle, a seasonal event where your child can earn festive in-app rewards by Doodling 'little and often'!

Between the 1st-24th of December, your child can open the calendar doors by completing at least one exercise a day in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish.

They'll find festive goodies hiding behind each one – and if they open them all, they'll receive a virtual Winter Calendar badge!



## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



This week I am very excited to announce that we have a **NEW ROCK HERO!** Congratulations to **Ralph** (Y4). Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4 to get on the Rock Hero board- well done!  
Congratulations to our existing **ROCK HEROES: Ezra, William S and Isaac** (all Y5), **Henry H, Ben, Lily, Alfie, Seb, George, Theo and Jean** (all Y6).

This week I am very pleased to say we have **EIGHT** new **ROCK LEGENDS!!** Huge congratulations (again!) to Year 4 who are continuing to smash TTRS! **Freddie, Lucas, Hudson H, Lily, Savannah, Andrei** (all Y4), **Sofia W** (Y5) and **Phoebe** (Y6) have achieved their **ROCK LEGEND** status-well done!

Well done to the following children who have maintained their **ROCK LEGEND** status....

**Year 4:** Rory, Cohen, Teddy S, Logan, Evan, Sam, Mia and Heidi.

**Year 5:** Elliot, Leo, Oliver, Hetty, Quinn, Sofia H, Ruby, Anakin, William R, Cassius and Reuben

**Year 6:** Isla, Jess, Jemima, Brody P, Harriet, Lizzy, Harley, Elounda, Emily, Holly, Henry D, Aidan, Freddie, Dexter, Henry S, Rose and Alice.

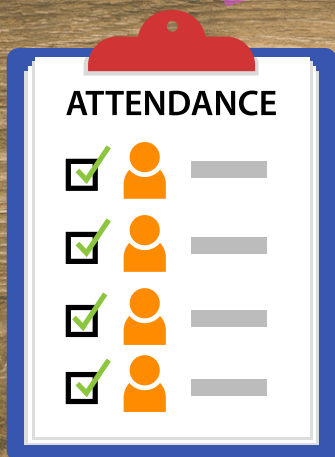
**TOP 5:** Still no change in our top 5 at the moment!

**Our top 5 is:** George (Y6), Theo (Y6), Henry H (Y6), Isaac (Y5) and Seb (Y6).

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**Well done to Year 6**  
**98.5% attendance**  
**Whole School - 95.8%**

Any communication regarding attendance will no longer be sent via letters. It will be emailed from the following account: [attendance@st-johns-danbury.essex.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-johns-danbury.essex.sch.uk)

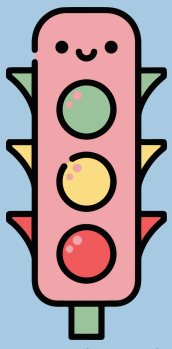
Please do not use this for when your child is absent from school.

# House Points

Well done to **St Patrick House** for winning this week's House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>4853</b>
<b>St David</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>4946</b>
<b>St George</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>5079</b>
<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>5129</b>



Road

# SAFETY



As the days grow darker and traffic around school increases, we are asking all families to take extra care on the roads and pavements near school. Thank you for continuing to support a safe and calm start and end to each day.

## A few key reminders:

- **Please park considerately** and avoid stopping on the yellow zig-zags so that sightlines remain clear for children crossing.
- **Use designated crossings** wherever possible and encourage children to walk—never run—across the road.
- **Hold hands with younger children** when walking through car parks or near busy traffic.
- **Make sure children can be seen.** Bright or reflective clothing helps significantly during darker mornings and evenings.
- Be aware when reversing or opening car doors near pedestrians.
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting to school where safe—it reduces congestion and supports healthy habits.

If you would like to explore road safety further with your child at home, the THINK! Road Safety website provides short videos, activities and age-appropriate resources for primary pupils:

[www.think.gov.uk/education-resources](http://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources)

Working together, we can help every child arrive and leave school safely.

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK




**Danbury**  
**Christmas**  
**TREE**

Light Switch On

**Friday 5th December**

7pm at Eves Corner  
Live music from the Silver  
Band & Community Carols  
All welcome

Followed by Mince Pies &  
refreshments at  
Danbury Leisure Centre

 @DanburyParishCouncil 01245 225111



# This week's story and big question

## In the news this week...

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

I think...  
I feel...  
I prefer...  
I am convinced that...  
I know...  
I believe...  
My view is...

My opinion



**What are some of the  
different ways we can  
express ourselves?**



## Things to talk about at home...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?



# PE & Swimming



**PE days** – Children to wear PE Kit to school  
**Swimming days** - Children to wear uniform to school  
 These days will run for the entire year

Day	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE
Tuesday	Swimming			Swimming	PE	PE	
Wednesday	PE	Swimming	PE		Swimming		PE
Thursday	PE	PE	Swimming	PE		Swimming	Swimming



Reminder that earrings are **not to be worn** for PE or Swimming



## SCHOOL DINNERS

# WEEK 2

Home-cooked hot dinners with locally sourced food for just **£2.40**  
 School meals are to be ordered and paid for on ParentPay

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Chunks Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Fishfinger Baguette Chips and Beans
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Cheese Pizza Salad Bar Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Dippers Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Omelette Chips and Beans
Option 3	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese
Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Mandarin and Pineapple Fruit Salad	Apple Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Ice cream with Orange Slices	Strawberry and Grapefruit Salad	Chocolate Muffins with Orange Slices
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast – Butchers Sausage, Bacon Egg, Beans, Hash Browns and Mushrooms	BBQ Chicken Kebabs and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Beef Burger in a Bun with Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Bubble Cod with Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast - Vegetarian Sausage Egg, Beans, Hashbrowns and Mushrooms	Quorn Fillet and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Cheese Puff Triangles Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 3	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese
Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Strawberry Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Fruity Flapjacks	Jelly and Pineapple Pieces	Cinnamon Cookies with Apple Slices	Fruit Smoothies
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Chicken Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Butchers Sausage Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Homemade Vegetable Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Veggie Sausages Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 3	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese
Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Chocolate Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Cherry Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Traybake	Pancakes and Chocolate Sauce with Banana Slice	Fruit Platter or Yogurt

# Key Dates 2025-2026

Below are some of the key dates for the upcoming academic year as well as more detailed events for Autumn Term 2025.



Autumn Term	
1.12.25	John Williams at Christmas - Years 4, 5, 6 and Choir
2-3.12.25	KS1 Nativity
5.12.25	Choir at Eve's Corner
12.12.25	Christmas Fayre (PTFA)
15.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Carol Service
16.12.25	Civic Theatre Pantomime
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
19.12.25	Last Day of Term

Spring Term	
05.01.26	INSET DAY
27.01.26	Communication Station
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
05.03.26	World Book Day
12.03.26	Music Celebration Evening
17.03.26 & 19.03.26	Parents' Evening
23.03.26	Whole School Cross-Country
26.03.25	Easter Service @ St John's Church
27.03.26	INSET DAY
30.03.26-10.04.26	EASTER BREAK
Summer Term	
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
25.05.26	HALF TERM
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
26.06.26	Sports Day
03.07.26	Arts Festival
08.07.26	Triathlon
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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