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ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

- **Half Term**
  26th - 30th October
- **Return to school**
  2nd November
- **Flu Vaccinations**
  5th November
- **One Plan Parents' Evenings**
  4th November (Y6)

Our whole-school calendar dates for the year have now been sent to all families.

Term dates can be found on our website





It's been another lovely week at St John's as we reach the end of our first half term. We've welcomed more prospective families into school for our parent tours, and it's been a pleasure to share all the wonderful things happening at St John's.

Across the school, classes have been busy completing their writing units for this half term. It's been lovely to see the progress the children have made over the half term.

And, of course, we ended the half term with our **Break the Rules Day**! It was brilliant to see so many creative and imaginative ways the children found to break the rules, and there were certainly plenty of smiles around school!

Thank you for all your support over this first half term.
Wishing you all a lovely, restful half-term break!

Mrs Youles

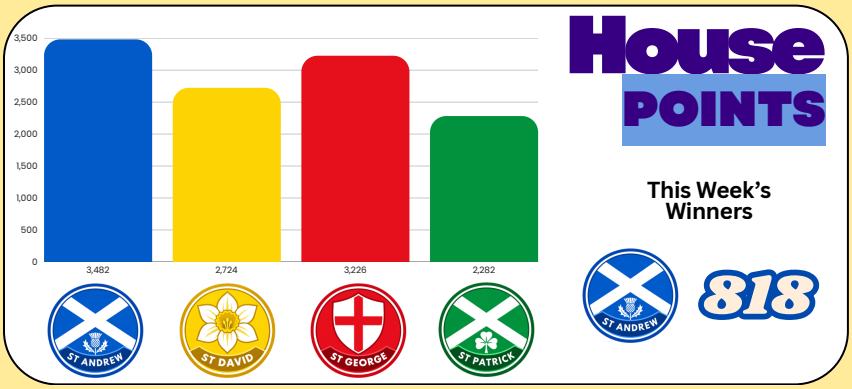
This week in Collective Worship, we focused on another of our **Six Ups: Lift Others Up**.

Through 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), we explored how our **words and actions can build others up** and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

We reflected on the importance of noticing when others need help, choosing to show compassion and taking the time to make someone feel valued. We also considered how all six of our Ups work together to help us Let Our Light Shine.

Our reflection question: **Who could you help to feel a little bigger this week?**

ACHIEVEMENTS AROUND SCHOOL



House POINTS

This Week's Winners

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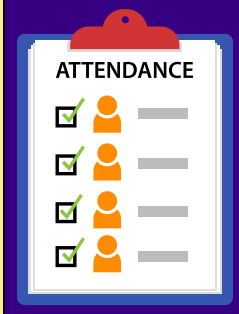
ATTENDANCE



Well done to **Year 2**

98% attendance

Whole School - 95.9%

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

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

of the week

WELL DONE!

Reception

Orla for always being a kind, caring friend.

Summer for having such beuatiful letter formation for so early on in EYFS.

Year 1

Maple for always being a ray of sunshine in year 1! She always works hard and always has such a positive attitude to her work.

Arthur. R for challenging himself to make his sentences more descriptive.

Year 2

William for showing great focus and determination in every lesson.

Hannah for excellent letter writing with fanstatic vocabulary and spelling.

James for making a huge effort with all of his learning.

Year 3

Lottie for showing up for others and showing a positive approach to her learning.

Bertie for showing excellent learning behaviours and setting a wonderful example to others.

Year 4

Oscar for his quiet determination to always do his best.

Esme for her brilliant effort and understanding in Maths this week.

Year 5

Alisa for showing fantastic determination and effort in Maths. She has shown a willingness to challenge herself and enthusiasm for her learning- well done!

Andrei for showing initiative- he recognised something needed doing and took responsibility to get it done.

Year 6

Sofia H and Hetty for consistently contributing to class discussions and always being ready to learn.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Poppy Muncer (Y4) has achieved her **Stage 8** 'Learn to Swim' badge





Joshua Nicholls (Y2) won the trophy for best listening in football training at the weekend.

The poppy box will be coming around from **2nd Nov- 11th Nov** (or until we have no stock left).

These are the suggested minimum donations for each item.



CATERING ASSISTANT REQUIRED



We're Recruiting – Catering Assistant! We are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic and reliable Catering Assistant to join our school team.

This is a lovely opportunity to become part of our welcoming school community.

Click on the image above for further details.



The Governing Body has welcomed two new governors. Rachel Perry joins us as our Diocesan Board of Education appointed Foundation Governor and Bethany Harmer as our new Parent Governor.

October marks the halfway point in the school's financial year and allows us to forecast our year end position and to plan accordingly.

Questioning is a key aspect of fulfilling our responsibility of holding the school's leadership to account and questions at this month's meeting focused on finance, school improvement priorities and Early Years.

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Break the Rules Day...we have raised **£535 in total!** £267.50 will go towards the school and the same amount will be donated to the Little Edi foundation.





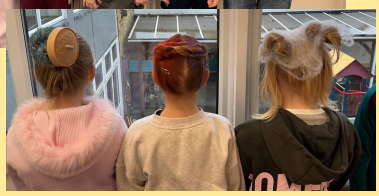












MONEY RAISED

Clothes Bin Collection

Thank you for your contributions to our clothes bin. The weight of clothes you have donated has helped us raise an amazing **£241.65** for our school funds.