

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

21.11.2025



Across the school, the children continue to work incredibly hard, and there's a real buzz in the air — especially with Key Stage 1 busy practising for their Nativity.



This week in Collective Worship we explored how we can use our gifts to help others, inspired by 1 Peter 4:10 — **“Use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”**

We reminded the children that gifts aren't only things like running fast or being good at maths, but also kindness, understanding and respect.

We reflected on questions such as: What gifts has God given me? How can I use them to help others? It was wonderful to see the children thinking about the unique ways they can let their light shine.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

LEARN TOGETHER
ACHIEVE TOGETHER
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AND 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



Reception - Ivy and Arthur R for great effort with all of their learning this week!

Year 1 - Nancie for slowing down and showing a real improvement with the presentation of her writing.

Macey for being a fantastic role model to the class and always showing our school values.

Year 2 - Sophie for amazing progress in handwriting!

Kit for writing a fantastic dragon story!.

Year 3 - Albert H for working hard on his reading and thinking carefully about his answers.

Connie for giving some fantastic explanations and articulating them so well!

Year 4 - Isla for her resilience and perseverance.

Logan for his effort in English on Friday.

Year 5 - India for representing our school values of respect and kindness so well - you are such a good role model!

Chris for perseverance. You always impress us with your hard work and determination to do your best!

Year 6 - Alfie for being more determined and focused to achieve his full potential, producing some great writing in English.

Theo for showing great focus, listening and determination in his writing. You complete WOWED me!



Oscar (Y1) achieved his **Level 5** in gymnastics

ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL

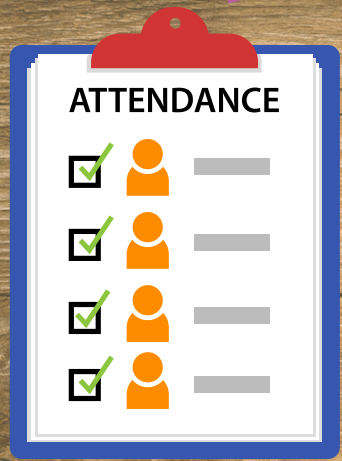


Hugo (2) for achieving his **Bronze Sash** in Wing Chun Kuen

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Well done to Year 6
96.7% 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.

House Points

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



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	1			4236
St David	2			4369
St George	6			4349
St Patrick	1			4432

CHARITY COMMITTEE THANKS YOU!

Over the past few weeks, our school community has once again shown incredible generosity. Through our various events and fundraising activities, we have raised over **£800** - a wonderful amount to support those in need.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed — whether by donating, taking part, or simply spreading the word. Your kindness makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful.



£336.67



£181.06



£318.91



Year 1 Teddy Lympics

This week, a group of children from **Year 1** took part in the **Teddy Lympics** event run by Chelmsford Schools Sport Partnership.

As a team they took part in various activities and gained points for the school. They had so much fun and finished in 1st place.



Well done to: Aniela A, Macey D, Alia O, Nancie O, Theo G, Arthur L, Jaxon H, Sebastian S and Seb L. The children had a wonderful afternoon and show many of our school values: **respect, kindness and perseverance.**

A big thank you to the 5 **Bronze Ambassadors** who went and led the event: Sofia H, Reuben C, Joshua B, Chris S, Esmay C, Hetty B, Isaac D, William S.

They did a superb job and were praised by many adults at the event for being super role models and showing fantastic leadership skills. We couldn't be prouder! Well done St Johns!

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.



**Can technology
ever help us too
much?**



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

Nike Media

Things to talk about at home...

- Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?



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 1

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
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	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	
25.11.25	Year 6 Trip
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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