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ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

- **St Andrew's Day - House wear blue**
  30th November
- **Year 1 - 3 Trip - Snowman**
  3rd December
- **KS1 Nativity**
  8th & 9th December
- **PTFA Christmas Fayre**
  11th December
- **Cup-Stacking Competition**
  14th December
- **Year 3/4 Carol Service**
  15th December
- **Whole School Panto**
  16th December
- **Christmas Jumper Day**
  17th December

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

Term dates can be found on our website

ADDITIONAL PE SESSIONS

Throughout the year, children will have opportunities to take part in additional PE sessions alongside their usual weekly PE lessons.

These sessions will give children further opportunities to enjoy physical activity, develop their skills and experience a range of sporting activities.

For the remainder of the autumn term, the additional PE sessions are:

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 3
Thursday 3rd December – Year 5
Wednesday 9th December – EYFS
Wednesday 16th December – Year 6
Thursday 17th December – Year 1

Please ensure children come to school **wearing their PE kit** on these dates, even if it is not their usual PE day.

Further additional sessions will be arranged throughout the year.



It has been another fantastic week at St John's, with so many opportunities for the children to learn, perform, compete and let their lights shine.

A real highlight was our **choir's trip to the Royal Albert Hall**. What an incredible experience for the children, who were absolutely exemplary throughout and represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you to our parent helpers and to **Mrs Barrett and Mrs Anderson** for making the trip possible.

We have also had **multiple sporting events** taking place this week, giving children further opportunities to represent St John's, while the PTFA's Elf-ridges event was a great success and created a real buzz around school.

Alongside all of this, I have been incredibly impressed by the **quality of writing** across the school, particularly in Year 6. It has been fantastic to see the progress children are making and the pride they are taking in their work.

Mr Power

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we continued exploring who Jesus is through two more of his "**I am**" sayings. We thought about Jesus as **the Good Shepherd**, who knows, cares for and includes others, and as **the Way, the Truth and the Life,** guiding people when they feel unsure or uncertain.

Our reflection questions: How can I help somebody feel that they belong? and What helps me make a thoughtful and truthful choice?

PTFA UPDATES



Please note that this is a **parent/adult-supervised** event.

All children and young people **under the age of 16** must attend with a responsible adult and remain **under their supervision throughout the fair**.

Unfortunately, anyone under 16 attending without an adult will not be able to stay at the event.

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN! *CLICK HERE to book*





The countdown to Christmas is officially on, and we're SO excited for this year's Christmas Fair! ❤️✨



📅 **Friday 11th December**
⏰ **3.30pm – 5.30pm**
📍 **St John's Primary School**

We've got a lovely festive afternoon planned for the whole family! 🎁🎄

🎅 **SANTA'S GROTTO – BOOK NOW!**

Come and visit Father Christmas and let the children enjoy a little festive magic! ✨🎁

🎟️ **£3 for 1 child | £5 for 2 children | £7 for 3 or more children (per family)**

🕒 **Santa's Grotto** will be open from **3.40pm – 5.10pm**.

🎄 Spaces are limited and bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment! We don't want anyone missing out on the Christmas magic! 🎅✨

Take the stress out of dinner and enjoy something tasty at the fair!

❤️ **Cheese & tomato pizza slice + drink – £3**
❤️ **Hot dog + drink – £3**
❤️ **Vegan hot dog + drink – £3**

Please let us know about any allergies or dietary requirements when ordering.

We're asking families to pre-order food where possible so we can plan quantities and avoid unnecessary food waste.

🎄✨ **And that's not all!**

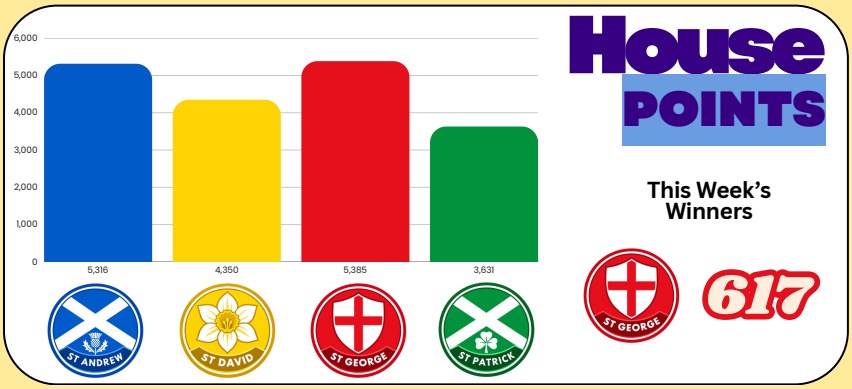
There'll be **Christmas stalls, games, a tombola** and lots of **festive fun** to enjoy!

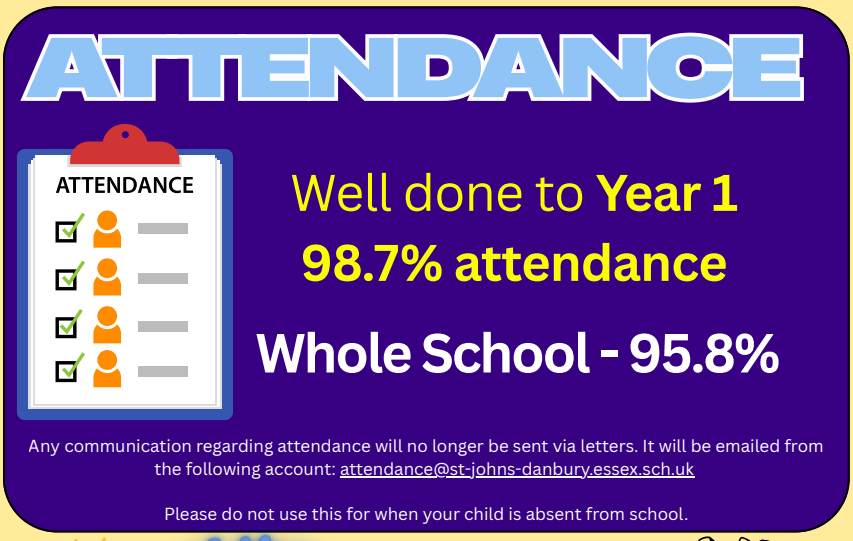
We can't wait to see everyone there and celebrate Christmas together while raising money for our lovely school. 💚

Please share with other St John's families so nobody misses out! 🎁🎅

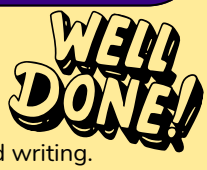
Love,
St John's PTFA 💚

ACHIEVEMENTS AROUND SCHOOL









Reception

Jace for putting in lots of effort during phonics and writing.

Otis for working really hard in maths and for being a superstar at recognising 1-10

Year 1

Clodagh for alwasy presenting her work beautifully, especially in her writing.

Bohden for always rising to any challenge! He always works hard and puts in a lot of effort.

Year 2

Archie for super attitude, especially in Tough Ten.

Ethan for amazing work in phonics.

Arabella for persevering and working really hard on your Tough Ten maths.

Year 3

Zachary for thinking carefully about your vocabulary and punctuation to produce a great fable.

Sophie for improved confidence, effort and participation in class - keep it up!

Year 4

Dollee for the effort she put into her story, really trying hard to include the features.

Albert H for working so hard with his writing to catch up on missed lessons

Year 5

Emmie for the amazing work you have been doing with Mrs Anderson. Your fantastic effort and determination has impressed us all.

Ophelia for wonderful imagination & creative ideas in our writing lessons.

Year 6

Reuben for showing ownership over his learning as well as focus to produce effective writing.

Hollie for showing great listening, focus and determination whilst producing a phenomenal piece of writing!

ACHIEVEMENTS IN MATHS







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Eleanor (Y3) was awarded **first place gold medal** for her **solo Lyrical dance** at the **Powerhouse house dance festival**!

Eleanor, Gracie and Flo (Y3) were awarded gold for their **team dance 5'6'7'8** with **Silouettes dance school**





Ophelia (Y5) for coming **1st and 2nd** in her **Swimming Gala** races

Arthur L (Y2) for achieving his **Junior Red Belt** for his **Karate**





Sporting Success

A group of children from across **Key Stage 2** recently took part in the annual '**All In One**' event, organised by the Chelmsford Sports Partnership. The children represented St John's incredibly well, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

We also had a group of **Year 5 and 6** girls compete in a **bowls tournament** run by the same organisation. The girls showed fantastic determination and perseverance and were a real credit to the school.

Well done to everyone who took part!

SCHOOL REMINDERS

UNIFORM

A quick reminder to ensure children are coming to school in the correct school and PE uniform.

For **normal school uniform**, children should wear their white shirt/blouse, school tie where applicable, grey trousers/shorts/skirt or dress, purple jumper/cardigan and suitable black school shoes.

For PE, children should wear a plain white PE top, black shorts/joggers/leggings and a plain black jumper or zip-up.

Please remember that branded sportswear and hooded jumpers are not part of our PE uniform.

Thank you for your support in helping the children look smart and ready to learn.

For more information, please see our **Uniform Policy.**

