

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

14.11.2025

This week has been one of reflection and remembrance.

Our Year 6 pupils joined children from Danbury Park and Heathcote Schools at the village war memorial, while the rest of the school took part in a special Remembrance Service here. It was lovely to see so many pupils proudly wearing their Guiding and Scouting uniforms as a mark of respect.

Alongside our acts of remembrance this week, we also supported Children in Need, giving us another chance to reflect on how we can bring hope to others through kindness and generosity.

In Collective Worship, we explored what it means to share hope by letting our light shine, a message that felt especially meaningful as we remembered those who gave so much for our future. Together, we considered one simple question:

"How can I bring light and hope to someone this week — even in a small way?"

Mr Power



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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Theo for excellent perseverance with his handwriting.

Etta for great effort in her phonics and all areas of school life.

Year 1 - Ellius for working really hard to improve the presentation of his writing .

Hannah for always demonstrating our school values so well. She is a super role model to her peers.

Year 2 - Bertie for always showing our school values

Hugo for making super choices and trying really hard with you work.

Year 3 - Oscar for being proactive with his learning and giving some great answers.

Toby for showing great enthusiasm with his reading.

Year 4 - Lexi-Mae and Samuel for their amazing writing using FANBOYS conjunctions.

Year 5 - Hollie for always showing such respect to the adults and children in our class - thank you!

Isaac for his impressive knowledge of space and impressing us with his questioning skills.

Year 6 - Brody P for showing great listening in all his learning and real determination to achieve his full potential.

Rose for showing real creative flair as a writer, consistently producing effective, well thought out pieces of writing.

Maldon Rugby Club



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**ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL**

Ellius (Y1) for Player of the Week



Monty (R) for completing 10 5km (adult) park runs and now has his '10' T-shirt.

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This week we have TWO HUGE achievements! **ELLIE** (Y3) and **ALEXANDER** (Y5) have achieved their **2 YEAR** streaks! **730** days of Doodling which is **PHENOMENAL**. We are all so proud of you! 😊



Congratulations also goes to **Joshua** (Y5) who has achieved his **750 day streak!!** **Lucas** (Y5) for achieving his **700 day streak**; **Elliot** (Y5) for achieving his **650 day streak**; **Quinn** (Y5) for hitting his **500 day streak**; **Joshua** (Y3) for achieving his **450 day streak**; **Jacob** (Y3) for achieving his **400 day streak**; **Eleanor** (Y2) for having doodled **EVERY** day for **ONE YEAR!**; **Teddy** (Y4) for hitting his **350 day streak** AND last but by no means least....**Clara** (Y2) and **Isla** (Y4) for reaching their **300 day streak**.

WHAT A WEEK FOR DOODLERS ACROSS THE SCHOOL!

We are so proud of each and every one of you.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



ROCKSLAM
Challenge someone

WHAT IS THE 'ROCKSLAM' ' GAME MODE?

Players challenge their classmates or teachers to answer as many questions as they can in 60 seconds, setting a score for the challenge to beat. Pupils don't need to be online at the same time.

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 **SEVEN** new **ROCK LEGENDS!!** Huge congratulations to Year 4 who are smashing it at the moment! **Evan, Logan, Teddy, Jack, Mia, Heidi** and **Sam** (all Y4) have achieved their **ROCK LEGEND** status-well done!

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

Year 4: Rory and Cohen.

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.

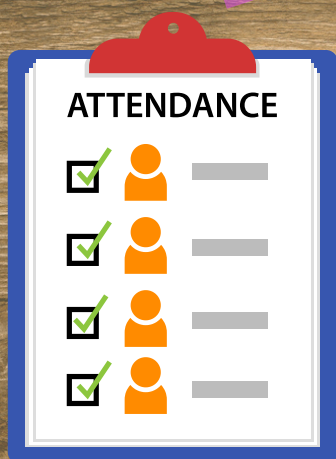
TOP 5: Still no change in our top 5 at the moment!

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

ACHIEVEMENTS

around **SCHOOL**

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Well done to Year 5
98.6% attendance

Whole School - 96.1%

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 George House
for winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	1			3643
St David	2			3737
St George	6			3859
St Patrick				3573

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2026



It's that time of year again! Applications are now open for children starting Primary School in September 2026 – that's children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

All applications need to be made online through the Essex County Council website:
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date is **15 January 2026**, so please make sure your application is submitted before then.

If you know families with children who will be starting school next year, please do share this information with them. We always love welcoming new families into our school community – and if anyone would like to come and have a look around, they can contact the school office to arrange a visit.



UPDATE

Governor News

In a packed Full Governing Body meeting last week, we welcomed three new Governors: Michelle Lubbock and Sarah Taylor as Parent Governors and Lauren Youles as Staff Governor. We also noted a fond farewell and thanks for over 10 years of governor service to Carole Sleightholm.

This is the key halfway point in terms of the school's financial year as we review our spend against budgets and the status of both the catering and swimming pool business plans. Updates to a significant number of policies were agreed and those specifically related to pupils were the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Charging, Refunds, Remissions and Dinner Money Arrears Policy and the Uniform Policy. These can be found on the school's website.

We were very pleased to note the SIAMS Report, which we felt captured the ethos of the school.

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.



Things to talk about at home...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?



SALTMINE

A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

AT DANBURY MISSION, 54 MALDON ROAD, ESSEX, CM3 4QL
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM & SHOW STARTS 6:30PM

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**TICKET
PRICES**

ADULT £12.00
CHILD £6.00
FAMILY £30.00

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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 3

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
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	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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