

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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As we reach the end of a great — if not long — first half of the autumn term, I want to recognise how well the children have settled back into school life.

They have shown real focus, effort and enthusiasm in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see them letting their light shine in so many ways.

We are very proud of all they have achieved so far. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful half-term break, ready to return refreshed for the busy and exciting weeks ahead.

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Stars of the week

LEARN TOGETHER
ACHIEVE TOGETHER
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AND 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



Reception - Hallie and Rosie for exceptional letter formation.

Year 1 - Theo G and Cassian for always showing our school values, being fantastic role models.

Year 2 - Alfred C and Jarvis for working incredibly hard in their writing!

Year 3 - Amelie for displaying our school values everyday and being such an excellent role model. We notice your kindness, respect and hard work all the time.

Jacob for your perseverance with your work - it's not gone unnoticed - what a week! Amazing maths and a fantastic poem.

Year 4 - Aoife and Heidi for extending their learning at home to create marvellous story books.

Year 5 - Alice for showing all the school values during this term, being kind to others and ensuring everyone feels welcomed.

Elliott for showing a growth in perseverance and ensuring he is continually kind to himself and others

Year 6 - Harriet for showing greater focus and success in her learning.

Millie for always being ready to lend a helping hand. You radiate kindness in all the you do!

ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL



Arthur L (Y1) for receiving his first **Blue Peter Badge!**

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL



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This week we have a **HUGE** achievement:
JOSHUA (Y5) has achieved his 2 YEAR streak! 730
days of Doodling which is **PHENOMENAL**.

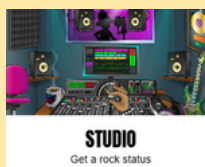
We are all so proud of you! 😊



Congratulations also goes to **Ben** (Y6) and **Alexander** (Y5) for achieving their 700 day streaks; **Arthur** (Y5) for achieving his 650 day streak; **Oliver** (Y5) for hitting his 500 day streak; **Hugo** (Y2) and **Eleanor** (Y4) for achieving their 300 day streak and **Gracie** (Y2) for reaching her 250 day streak.



Want to win a DOODLE goodie pack? Between October 20th – November 24th, earn 250 stars in Doodlemaths and your parents will receive an email asking them to complete the prize draw entry form. You will then have 10 chances to win a Doodle goodie pack. These winners will be selected at random and emailed after November 25th. Everyone who reaches the star target will receive two guaranteed prizes: a printable certificate AND an in-app badge! Parents- make sure you are opted in to '[work programme updates](#)' to receive this email.



WHAT IS THE 'STUDIO' GAME MODE?

Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.

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 **SIX new ROCK LEGENDS!!** Huge congratulations to **Ralph, Freddie, Lucas, Savannah** and **Lily** (all Y4!) and **Phoebe** (Y6) for achieving their **ROCK LEGEND** status!

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

Year 4: Rory, Cohen, Andrei and Hudson H.

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.

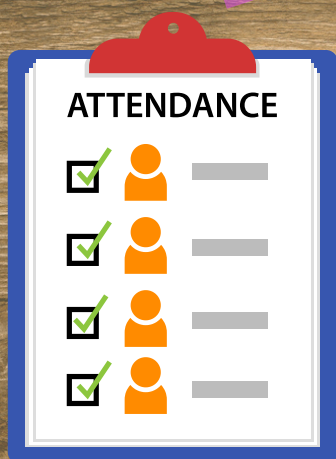
TOP 5: Still no change in our top 5 at the moment!

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 1
98.9% attendance

Whole School - 96.4%

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 Andrew House
for winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	1			2723
St David	2			2772
St George	4			2741
St Patrick				2526



Year 6



Secondary School Applications

A reminder to all Year 6 parents: the deadline for on-time secondary school applications for September 2026 entry is **31st October 2025**. Applications made after this date are considered late and may reduce your chances of securing a place at your preferred school.

Key Dates:

1 September 2025 – Applications opened

31 October 2025 – Deadline for on-time applications

8 December 2025 – Final date for late applications with a valid reason to be accepted as on time

2 March 2026 – National Offer Day

Missed the deadline?

Please apply as soon as possible. Late applications will only be processed after on-time ones, but in some cases (if there is a good reason), your application may still be accepted as on time if submitted before **8th December 2025**. Contact your local council if you think this applies to you.

We don't want any of our families to miss out, so please act quickly if you haven't yet applied.



END-OF-DAY PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS



A reminder to all parents and carers that children will only be released to adults listed on their **official pick-up list**. If someone regularly collects your child, please ensure their name is added or updated with the school office.

For **one-off arrangements** — such as playdates or a friend's parent collecting — please inform the class teacher or office on the day, as early as possible. This information cannot be left until the end of the school day, as we need time to ensure messages are passed on and children are kept safe.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain clear and secure end-of-day arrangements.

RAISING MONEY FOR:



Essex Dementia Care

Life doesn't stop with dementia



**YEAR 6 CHARITY
COMMITTEE**

TRAFFIC LIGHT SPARKLERS

£3.55

5 IN A PACK

✦ **WE HAVE CHOSEN SPARKLERS TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITY. AS THEY SHINE BRIGHTLY, BUT BRIEFLY, LIKE A SPARKLER'S QUICK BURST OF LIGHT, MEMORIES CAN ILLUMINATE A MOMENT, EVEN IF THE MOMENT ITSELF DOESN'T LAST LONG.**

WATCH IN AMAZEMENT AS THE SPARKLER INITIALLY BURNS WITH A CLASSIC GOLDEN GLOW. THEN, LIKE A MAGICAL SIGNAL, THE COLOUR SMOOTHLY TRANSITIONS TO A VIBRANT RED, BEFORE FINALLY SHINING BRIGHTLY IN EMERALD GREEN. THESE COLOUR-CHANGING SPARKLERS ARE PERFECT FOR ADDING AN ELEMENT OF SURPRISE AND WONDER TO BONFIRE NIGHT!

PLACE YOUR ORDER ON PARENTPAY BY FRI 24th OCT

FIREWORKS WILL BE READY TO COLLECT AFTER SCHOOL ON TUES 4th NOV

PLEASE NOTE THEY WILL NEED TO COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones.

My opinion

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

Should everyone have an identity card?

Picture News

Right to rent

Pe

Labour Together

Things to talk about at home...

- Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.



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

BOOK NOW WWW.DANBURYMISSION.ORG.UK/EVENTS

**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

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



Week Beginning 3.11.25 - Week 3

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pepperoni Pizza with Pasta, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Sausage Roll with New Potatoes, Broccoli or Beans	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Fish Finger in a Wrap with wedges, salad and Mayo	Chicken Chunks with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Cheese Pizza with Pasta, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Cheese and Onion Roll with New Potatoes, Broccoli or Beans	Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding, Roasted New Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Veggie Fish Finger in a Wrap with wedges, salad and Mayo	Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 3	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with 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
Dessert	Peaches, Ice Cream and Fresh Berry Coulis	Fruit Platter or Yoghurt	Flapjack	Victoria Sponge	100% Fruit Ice Lolly

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta and Pepperoni Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Picnic Day Filled Wrap with choice of Cheese, Tuna, Ham or Chicken with Carrot and Cucumber Sticks, Fruit	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, New Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Butchers Pork Sauce with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Pasta and Cheese or Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad		Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding, New Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn and Gravy		Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 3	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese		Jacket Potato with 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
Dessert	Waffles and Squirry Cream	Cupcake	Fruit Platter	Jelly	Ice Cream with Sauce

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Beef Burger with Homemade Wedges, Mixed Salad and Coleslaw	Popcorn Chicken with Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Pasta and Pepperoni Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Fish Fingers with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Quorn Burger with Homemade Wedges, Mixed Salad and Coleslaw	Quorn Dippers with Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas and Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Pasta and Cheese or Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
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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
Dessert	Frozen Yoghurt or Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Cookies	Chocolate Cake	Meringue, Cream and Summer Berries

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	
24.10.25	INSET Day
27.10.25-31.10.25	HALF TERM
07.11.25	Flu Jabs
11.11.25	Year 6/All Remembrance Service
25.11.25	Year 6 Trip
1-3.12.25	KS1 Nativity
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
10.02.26 & 12.02.26	Parents' Evening
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
05.03.26	World Book Day
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
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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