

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

17.10.2025

It's been another great week in school, with our focus on **Harvest**.

A huge thank you to all our parents and children for their generosity in donating so much for the food bank — your kindness will make a real difference to others.

Our Harvest Service was brilliantly led by our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who spoke with confidence and care.

It was a wonderful celebration of gratitude and community, showing our value of **Kindness** in action.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Rose for really impressing the adults at Balanceability
Etta for some fantastic handwriting of 'n' and 'm'

Year 1 - William and Max for producing some fantastic independent writing, spelling level 4 words correctly and remembering to use a capital letter, full stop and finger space.

Year 2 - Arthur J for always being ready to learn and persevering with his work!
Lottie for persevering and writing super sentences!

Year 3 - Aspen for showing kindness to other children and the adults in or class. Thank you for being so helpful!
Albie for impressing us with his understanding of your maths this week - we are so proud of you!

Year 4 - Mia for her maximum effort in every lesson.
Freya for always being ready to learn and do her very best.

Year 5 - Will S and Reuben for fantastic focus and persevering in their work.

Year 6 - Keziah for showing perseverance in all her learning. She has shown great focus this week and is growing in confidence to ask for help when she is unsure about something.
Lily for being an extremely conscientious member of Year 6. She takes real pride in being in Year 6 and in the many roles this encompasses.

ACHIEVEMENTS
around **SCHOOL**



Harry (Y6) for achieving 3rd place in his Karate Competition

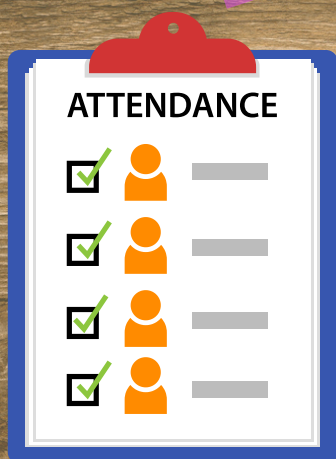


Sydney (Y2) for fantastic achievements in her gymnastics

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Well done to Year 6
97.8% attendance

Whole School - 96.6%

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			2420
St David	2			2458
St George	3			2378
St Patrick				2216



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...

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.



**What makes a good
peacekeeper?**

My opinion

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

Things to talk about at home...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be '**peacekeepers**' in our own families, schools, or communities.



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 20.10.25 - Week 2

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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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	
21 & 23.10.25	Parents Evening
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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