

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

10.10.2025



It has been a busy and uplifting week in school.

Our Collective Worship focus has been **Kindness**, reflecting on Colossians 3:12:

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience."

The children have been thinking about how they can show acts of kindness to those around them and within our wider community.

This week also saw our SIAMS inspection take place, and it was wonderful to see both children and adults truly letting their light shine throughout..

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Maple and Hollie for always being kind; helping her peers and also grown-ups!

Year 1 - Blu and Evie for showing kindness to others and being good friends to those around them

Year 2 - Mia for careful checking in phonics.

Veronica for the most beautiful handwriting.

Year 3 - Alastair for being an excellent role model and showing our school values everyday. You are always kind to others and respectful of everyone.

Rona for perseverance. We have noticed how hard you are trying. It is so lovely to see you sharing your ideas and being successful because of your hard work!

Year 4 - Hudson E. For his great recall and understanding of the Parable of The Prodigal Son.

Rory for his great explanations of his ideas which really show his understanding but also help other children understand too

Year 5 - Will R for great responsibility in his work, producing fantastic descriptive writing for his ghost story.

Esmay in bike ability she did not give up and continued with great success. She has tried even harder in English, writing additional stories at home with great description.

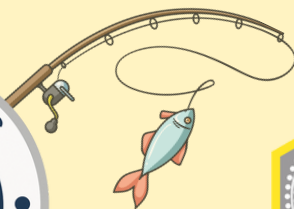
Year 6 - Jemima for showing great listening in RE- she shows super thinking during our discussion about peace and conflict.

Emily for producing a great poster in RE about Malala Yousafzai. She showed a really clear understanding of how Malala had used her religion to promote peace.



**Cooper (Y1) for
Funkstar of the
Week**

Year 5s for completing
their **Level 2 Bikeability
Training!**



**Ben (Y6) for
Chief Scout
Silver Award**



**Theo (Y1) for
Football
Achievements**

**Isla (Y1) for 1st Place and 2nd
Place in the Maldon Angling
Presidents Match**



**Eleanor, Gracie, Florence (Y2)
for 1st Place in Junior Modern
group at Powerhouse Dance
Festival 2025**

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL

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CONGRATULATIONS to ELLIE (Y3) for achieving her **700 day streak!** WOWZERS!!



A huge well done also goes to **FREYA (Y4)** for achieving an impressive **650 day streak**. We are also very proud of **VIOLET (Y4)** for hitting her **550 day streak**; **OSCAR (Y3)** for hitting his **500 day streak** and **JOSHUA (Y3)** and **ELEANOR (Y2)** for achieving their **350 day streak!** **BERTIE (Y2)** should be really proud of achieving his **250 day streak** and lastly (but by no means least!) well done to **KIT (Y2)** for hitting his **200 day streak!** 😊



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



GARAGE

WHAT IS THE 'GARAGE' GAME MODE?

Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.

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 2 new **ROCK LEGENDS**. Huge congratulations to **Andrei** and **Hudson H** (both Y4) for achieving your **ROCK LEGEND** status!

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

Year 4: Rory and Cohen

Year 5: Elliot, Ezra, 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.

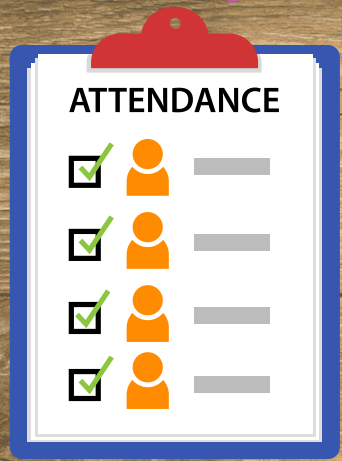
TOP 5: Still no change in our top 5 at the moment!

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

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Well done to EYFS
98.3% attendance

Whole School - 96.7%

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				1760
St David	2			1900
St George	3			1837
St Patrick				1791

HARVEST SERVICE

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

This Harvest Festival, we will be collecting tinned and packaged food for the local community. This will be donated to our local foodbank (Maldon Food Pantry) which helps local people in crisis.

Please can you bring in at least 1 item from the following list to school by **Thursday 16th October**.

- **SHOWER GEL;**
- **SNACK BARS;**
- **TEA BAGS;**
- **TINNED FRUIT;**
- **TINNED MEAT AND FISH;**
- **TINNED PUDDINGS;**
- **TINNED SOUP;**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES;**
- **TOILET ROLLS;**
- **VEGETARIAN OPTIONS;**
- **BABY FOOD;**
- **BISCUITS;**
- **CEREALS;**
- **DRIED PASTA;**
- **INSTANT COFFEE;**
- **LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE;**
- **LONG-LIFE MILK;**
- **MICROWAVEABLE PUDDINGS;**
- **PASTA SAUCES;**
- **RICE;**



HARVEST SERVICE

Friday 17th October 2025
@ St John's Church



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.

LOVE BOOKS? COME AND SHARE THAT JOY — JOIN US AS A READING VOLUNTEER ACROSS THE SCHOOL!

We would love to welcome more adults into school to read with our pupils.

You don't need to work only with your child's class—volunteers can support reading across the school. Sharing stories and listening to children read is such an important way to help build confidence and a lifelong love of books.

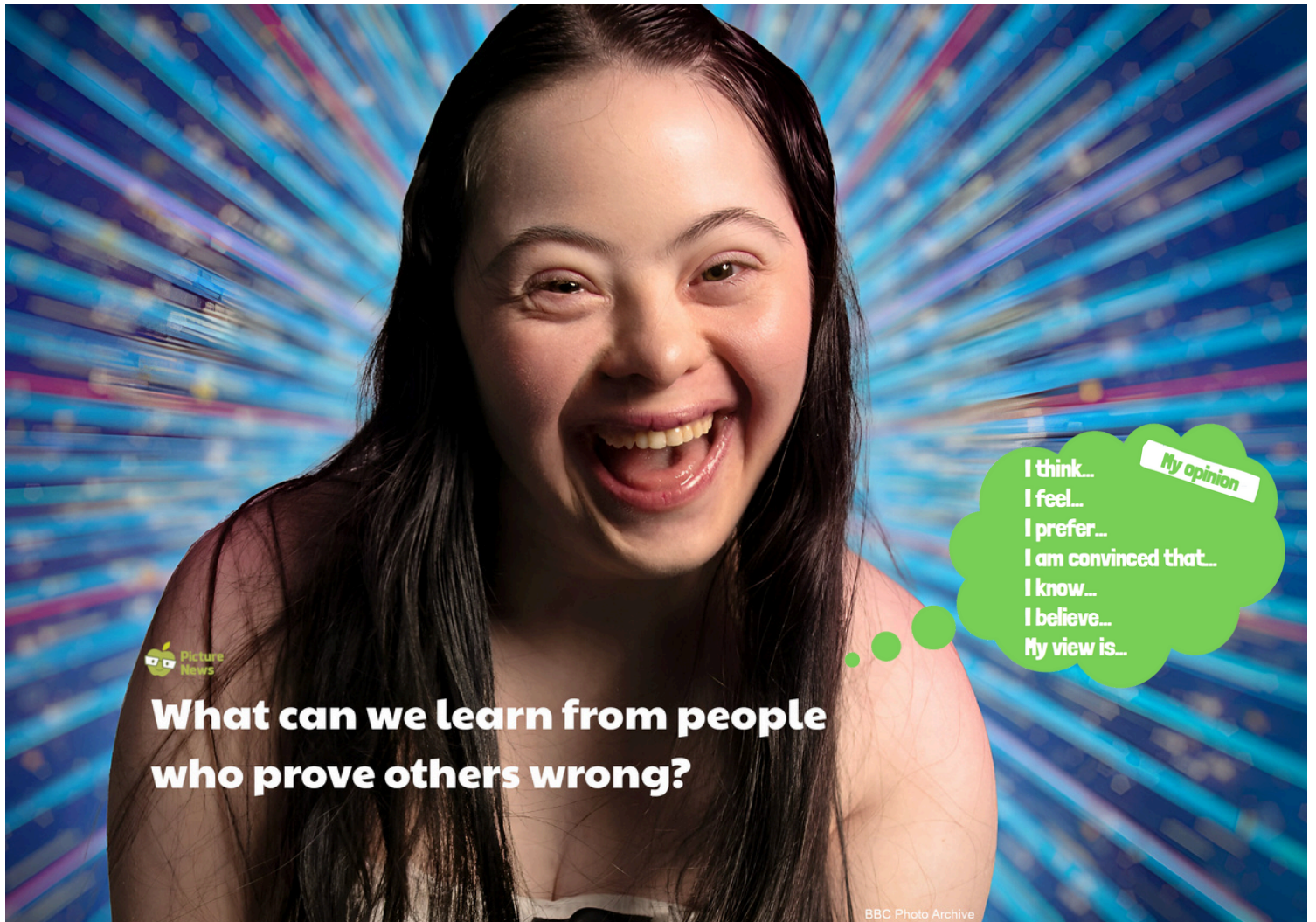
If you are able to give a little time, please do get in touch with your class teacher — we'd be delighted to hear from you.



This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.



**What can we learn from people
who prove others wrong?**

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...

- Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.
- Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?
- Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.



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 13.10.25 - Week 1

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	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	with Carrot and Cucumber Sticks, Fruit	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	
7-14.10.25	Year 5 Bikeability
17.10.25	Harvest Service
17.10.25	Winter Disco (PTFA)
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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