

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

3.10.2025



It has been another exciting week in school.

In Collective Worship, our focus has been **Perseverance** and the children have reflected on the importance of keeping going, even when things are challenging.

Year 3 showed great enthusiasm on Wednesday as they experienced life as Stone Age hunter-gatherers, while Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Mountfitchet Castle.

It has been wonderful to see learning brought to life in such memorable ways.

Mr Power



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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Ruby for showing great perseverance during lunch this week, we are super proud of you!
Eden for persevering through every activity in class and never giving up until you've completed something to the best of your ability.

Year 1 - Sebastian S and Aniela for always showing great perseverance with their work. They are always eager to tackle new and tricky challenges, and they never give up!

Year 2 - Lilly for persevering and producing beautiful handwriting
Jacob for focusing and always trying his best

Year 3 - Eva for always taking such responsibility for her learning. She is always ready, listening and eager to learn each day.

Ellie for always demonstrating our school values and being an excellent role model. Thank you!

Year 4 - Savannah for her perseverance in Maths and English this week!

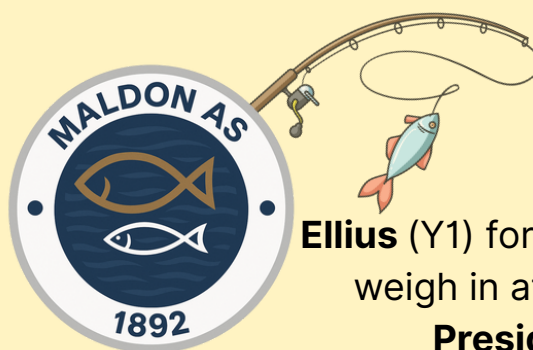
Mileigh-Bo for determination and success in Maths this week

Year 5 - Ruby for showing responsibility for her own learning and ensuring she does her best, encouraging her peers to, and remember what she's doing.

Sofia W for showing perseverance to overcome any challenge in her learning.

Year 6 - Alice for being gentle, caring, kind and encompassing all our school values in all she does all the time!

Isla for using dialogue really effectively to show her character's personality.



Ellius (Y1) for **Youngest Angler** to weigh in at **Maldon Angling Presidents Match**



Harriet (Y6) for **100m Breaststroke** and **50m Front Crawl** achievement from **Chelmsford City Swimming Club**

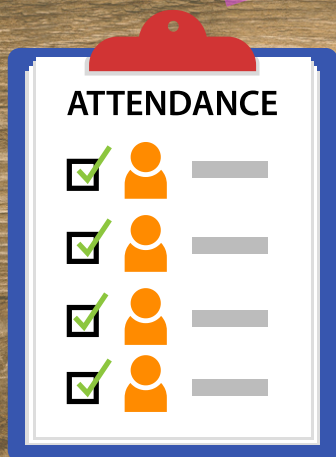


Rory (Y4) for achieving his **Marathon Wristband** at **Junior Parkrun**

ACHIEVEMENTS

around SCHOOL

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Well done to Year 1
98.3% attendance

Whole School - 96.5%

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 David House
for winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew				1356
St David	2			1452
St George	2			1370
St Patrick				1407



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.



Arts Council 2025

Congratulations to the following children who have made this year's Arts Council! We look forward to seeing what you get up to this year!



2024-2025 Badge

LILY K
ROSE P
LIZZIE T
LOTTIE B
HETTY B
REUBEN C
OLIVER D
SOFIA H
CHRIS S
FREYA C
VIOLET L
ISLA T
ELEANOR W



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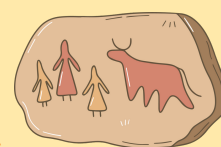


On Wednesday, Year 3 travelled back in time to the Stone Age period where they spent an immersive day celebrating their topic.

Dressed in their finest furs, they discovered a cave where they created their own artwork, foraged for berries to make natural dyes, and explored other crafts.

In the afternoon, they practised their hunting skills by stalking around the grounds and using different sports equipment to capture prehistoric animals.

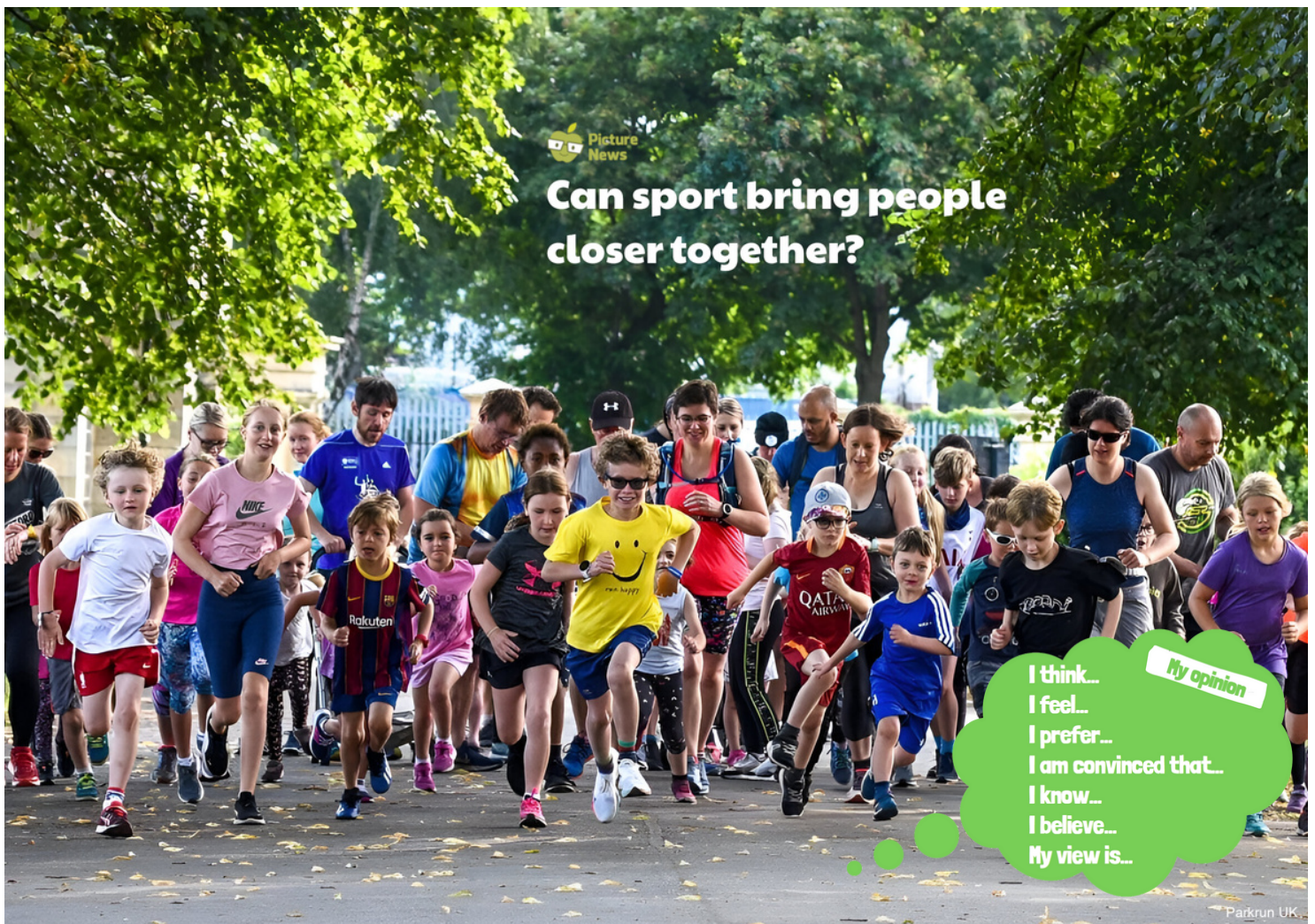
Thank you to our families for providing such fantastic costumes, as well as plenty of milk bottles! We hope the children enjoyed their special day as much as we did!



This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Running charity, Parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.



Things to talk about at home...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?



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 6.10.25 - 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 Chicken	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	Flagjack	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
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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	
06.10.25	Individual School Photos
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
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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