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ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

26.9.2025

It's been a busy and positive week in school, with Band-It music tuition starting again, a girls' football tournament attended (report in this issue), and the children settling into routines.

In Collective Worship, we focused on **Responsibility**, with pupils making pledges about what they will take care of.

A special mention goes to our Gardening Group of Year 5s, who show real responsibility in keeping our school grounds neat and cared for.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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Reception - Monty and Adam for showing our school value of responsibility by taking care of the class environment.

Year 1 - Arabella and Arthur. L for showing lots of enthusiasm during our phonics lessons. They have wowed us with their super phonic skills when reading and writing level 4 words.

Year 2 - Lucas for always showing our school value of kindness.
Nelson for always working with focus and independence and creating a super Lego life-cycle of a butterfly.

Year 3 - Hunter for positivity and perseverance in all that you do. Thank you for making a huge effort in all that you do!
Luca for listening carefully and taking such care when mixing powder paints to create a colour wheel. it looked brilliant!

Year 4 - Lucas for his thoughtful help in the classroom and his enthusiasm to learn
Felix for his listening, participation and ideas in class.

Year 5 - Arthur for showing fantastic responsibility toward achieving his learning objectives.
Lucas for always giving work his best try and persevering when in things may feel slightly challenging.

Year 6 - Ben for showing improved focus and determination to achieve his full potential.
Lusjen for showing huge amounts of resilience and perseverance when approaching his learning.

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL

Harriet (Y6) for **50m Backstroke** achievement from **Chelmsford City Swimming Club**

Violet (Y4) for **Tennis Bonus Point Champion**

Eleanor (Y4) for **Trotting** achievement from **Somerby Equestrian Centre**

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL

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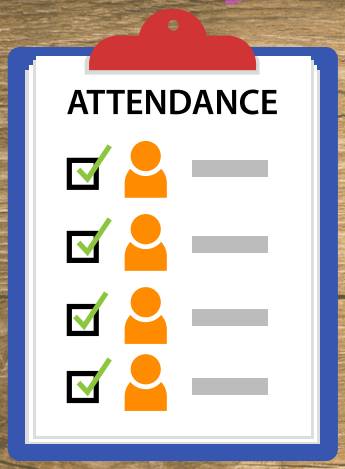

Well done to Year 6 100% attendance

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				924
St David	2			1037
St George	1			892
St Patrick				957

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CONGRATULATIONS to **JOSHUA** (Y5) for achieving his 700 day streak! **WOWZERS**!!

A huge well done also goes to **JACOB** (Y3) for achieving an impressive 365 day streak. Well done for doodling every day for a WHOLE YEAR!

We are also very proud of **ISLA** (Y4) for hitting her 250 day streak and **ASPEN** (Y3) for achieving a 100 day streak! 😊

Congratulations to our existing **ROCK HEROES**:
Ezra (Y5), **William S** (Y5) **Isaac** (Y5), **Henry H**, **Ben**, **Lily**, **Alfie**, **Seb**, **George**, **Theo** and **Jean** (all Year 6).

This week I am very pleased to say we have **4 new ROCK LEGENDS**!
Well done to **Alice** (Y6), **Reuben** (Y5), **Rory** (Y4) and **Cohen** (Y4).

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

Year 5: Elliot, Ezra, Leo, Oliver, Hetty, Quinn, Sofia H, Ruby, Anakin, William R and Cassius.
Year 6: Isla, Jess, Jemima, Brody P, Harriet, Lizzy, Harley, Elounda, Emily, Holly, Henry D, Aidan, Freddie, Dexter, Henry S, and Rose.

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).

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

24.09.25

"A game of two halves" was certainly the case at the KS2 Girls Football Tournament at Great Baddow High. After failing to score in the first group phase, the girls bounced back brilliantly to win both matches in the second – beating Woodham Walter and St Peter's 2–0. GOALS came from Lily K (2), Jean O and Holly M.

Our superstar goalkeeper 🧤🧤, Harriet W, had little to do in the second group such was the strength of the performance in front of her. Earlier in the day she pulled off some fantastic saves and was harshly deemed to have conceded a goal which, from the sidelines, didn't look to have crossed the line.

Lily S (Year 4) impressed in training and earned her call-up to play against the older Year 5s and 6s. She didn't look out of place at all – after a few minutes to settle, she looked very comfortable and made some strong tackles, quickly building a reputation for her fearless defending.

Jemima B made some excellent tackles and had some great touches against the stronger teams in the first group phase. Jean O netted her first ever GOAL! for the school – a reward for all her hard work. Lizzy caused constant problems for the opposition defence with her direct runs down the left and showed great sportsmanship by checking on an opposition player after a collision… even while she had the ball at her feet!

Jess P was unlucky not to score after several promising runs forward and showed brilliant awareness tracking back to stop attacks. Emily H, who asked to play further back, looked more at home in defence, throwing herself into challenges. Millie J slotted into an attacking role and looked close to scoring with some confident dribbles against St Peter's.

Lily K is fast becoming the team's leading goalscorer – her two today add to the one she scored against Danbury Park last year. The girls were even jokingly asking her to take the next training session! Thanks girls. Holly M, one of the newest members of the squad, only came to her first training session the Friday before, but played with real determination. She made some excellent tackles and even scored a GOAL! with a clever lob in the final game.

When players complain about being subbed, you know they're enjoying themselves – and I couldn't be prouder of the effort every single one of them.

Mr Reddaway

UPDATE

Governor News

With the start of the new academic year, the Governing Body also resets by reviewing and approving our Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for all aspects of our work. Alongside this we agree responsibilities and monitoring plans for the year, renew declarations of personal and pecuniary interests and adherence to the Code of Conduct, and undertake mandatory Keeping Children Safe in Education training.

You will be aware that we have vacancies for two parent governors. Please consider if you are able to support the strategic oversight of the school by giving some of your time and energy. We are particularly looking for skills in finance and business management, but a willingness to participate is most important.

Please contact us via the school office if you would like to discuss in more detail.

Could you help shape the future of St John's? Find out about our Parent Governor vacancies

We are excited to share that we currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Body. This is a really valuable way to get involved in the life of our school and to help shape its future direction.

You don't need any specific qualifications—just a genuine interest in supporting St John's and a willingness to give some time. Full training is provided, and we would especially welcome applications from parents with a finance and business management background.

Nomination forms are available from the school office and need to be returned by **Friday 3rd October 2025**.

If you think this could be you, or know another parent who might be interested, please do consider putting yourself forward. Your voice and perspective really do make a difference.

Any queries please contact **admin@st-johns-danbury.essex.sch.uk**

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Things to talk about at home...

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

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 29.9.25 - 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 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	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
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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
Dessert	Waffles and Squirty 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	
02.10.25	Year 2 Trip
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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