

# ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

19.9.2025

As we come to the end of our third week back, it has been wonderful to see the school settling so positively into routines and learning.

In Collective Worship, our focus has been on **truthfulness**, and the children have reflected thoughtfully on the importance of honesty in their words and actions.

It has been encouraging to hear and see how they are putting this value into practice in their daily lives, both in and out of the classroom.

We are especially proud of our Reception children, who have completed their very first full week in school with such enthusiasm, and of our Year 6 pupils, who have been brilliant buddies—offering care, support and friendship to our youngest learners.

Mr Power



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# Stars of the week

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



**Reception - Arlo and Arthur** for always demonstrating our school value of kindness.

**Year 1 - Seb** for being motivated to write sentences independently using fantastic phonic knowledge.

**Jaxon** for showing kindness and care to everyone in Year 1. He has been such a lovely friend.

**Year 2 - Jude and Ilaria** for always being focused and ready to learn!

**Year 3 - Logan** for trying so hard with his learning. He is persevering when the work is challenging and taking responsibility for his learning with careful listening.

**Poppy** for always showing kindness and respect towards others. You are a super role model.

**Year 4 - Bobbie-Rae** for persevering with Fast Maths. We are all so proud of you!

**Violet** for such quiet enthusiasm for her learning.

**Year 5 - Joshua G and Hetty** for always displaying our school values and modelling them to their peers.

**Year 6 - Elounda** for always persevering and always being ready to learn.

**Lizzy** for always being ready to learn, for being super focused and for always showing determination to achieve her best.



**Poppy (Y3) for Spirit of Triathlon Award**

## Ultimate Victory Dance Championships

**Savannah & Sophia (Y4) for Hays School Dance achievements**

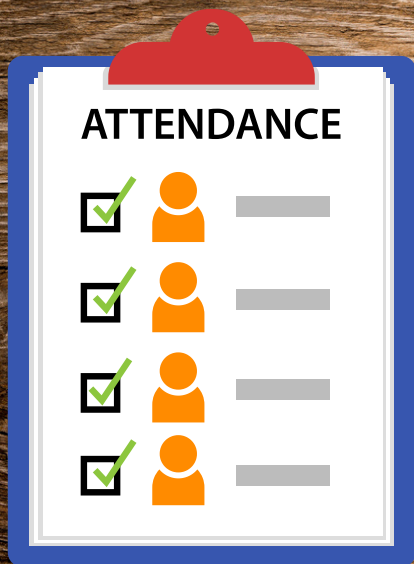


**Maxwell (Y1) for achievements at South Woodham Ferrers Rugby Club**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

around SCHOOL

LEARN TOGETHER  
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Well done to Year 4  
98.7% attendance

Whole School - 93.3%

# House Points

Well done to  
**St David House**  
for winning this week's  
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
<b>St Andrew</b>				<b>489</b>
<b>St David</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>677</b>
<b>St George</b>				<b>452</b>
<b>St Patrick</b>				<b>550</b>



## 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](mailto:admin@st-johns-danbury.essex.sch.uk)

## 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.





# Parking Considerations

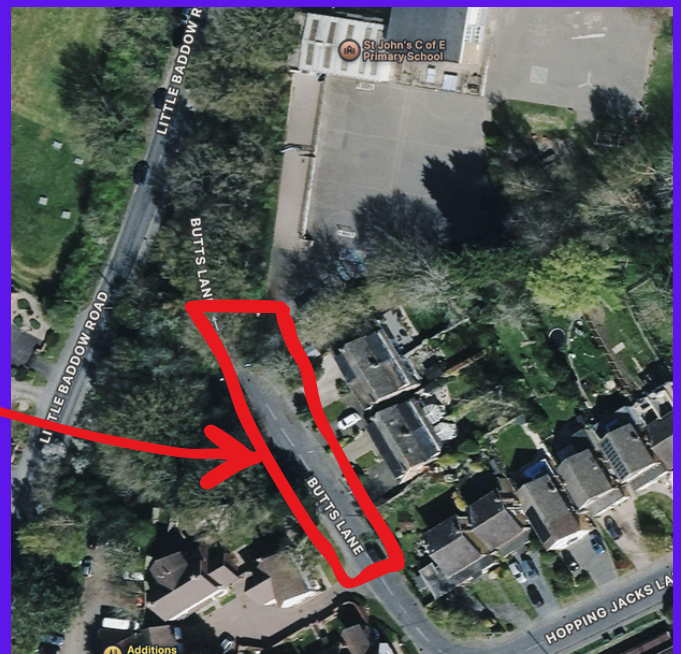


A gentle reminder to all our families to please be mindful when parking at drop-off and pick-up times, especially along Butts Lane. We have received some concerns about cars blocking driveways, which understandably causes frustration for our neighbours.

At St John's we place great importance on living out our school values, including Respect and Responsibility. By parking considerately, we show respect for our community and ensure the safety of everyone around school.

Thank you for helping us keep these busy times safe and positive for all.

Please be mindful of where you are parking.



# This week's story and big question

## In the news this week...

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.



## Things to talk about at home...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?



# 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 22.9.25 - Week 4

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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
<b>Option 3</b>	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
<b>Option 4</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	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
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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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<b>Dessert</b>	Waffles and Squirry Cream	Cupcake	Fruit Platter	Jelly	Ice Cream with Sauce

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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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<b>Dessert</b>	Frozen Yoghurt or Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Cookies	Chocolate Cake	Meringue, Cream and Summer Berries



# St John's Movie Night

## KPOP DEMON HUNTERS



Friday 26th September  
Key Stage Two

After School until 5.00pm. £3.50 per ticket to be paid on ParentPay.  
Children can bring a snack. We will provide squash.

Money raised will go to enhancing the curriculum for the children at  
St John's.

### KS2 Film Night

Our next Film Night will feature a popular PG-rated film. While we carefully consider suitability and look for positive messages when choosing, we know every family has different views on what is appropriate for their child.

We encourage parents to check the film's content beforehand to make sure you are comfortable, as attending is optional. We hope this will be an enjoyable evening for those who join us and a successful fundraiser for the school.

# 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	
15.09.25	Reception full days
24.09.25	Girls' Football Tournament
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	<b>INSET Day</b>
27.10.25-31.10.25	<b>HALF TERM</b>
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	<b>INSET DAY</b>
10.02.26 & 12.02.26	Parents' Evening
16.02.26-20.02.26	<b>HALF TERM</b>
05.03.26	World Book Day
27.03.26	<b>INSET DAY</b>
30.03.26-10.04.26	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>
Summer Term	
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
25.05.26	<b>HALF TERM</b>
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	<b>INSET DAY</b>

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