

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

30.01.2026



It has been another busy and creative week here at St John's. **Year 3** have been fully immersed in history, building impressive model Roman settlements, while **Year 2** have continued to work hard on perfecting their handwriting. **Year 5** have also been busy producing some truly stunning Titanic replicas, showing great attention to detail and pride in their work.

In Collective Worship this week, the children reflected on **Psalm 28**, thinking about **courage** and what helps us to be **brave**. They were encouraged to consider not only what gives them confidence, but also how their actions and words can help others feel braver too.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



- Reception** - **Olivia** for working really hard in phonics, writing words like ring, king and wing!
Oskar for impressing me with your writing, maths and helpfulness around the class.
- Year 1** - **Seb S and Finley** for showing great work with their writing skills, especially using capital letters.
- Year 2** - **Richie** for amazing independent work in both maths and writing.
Cameron for working incredibly hard on your presentation by using finger spaces.
- Year 3** - **Hunter** for showing kindness towards another child and helping to cheer them up. You made your friend and teacher smile.
Albert H for working hard on your persuasive leaflet and thinking carefully about your sentence structure. Keep it up!
- Year 4** - **Ophelia** for always letting your light shine in Topaz class - thank you!
Aoife for trying your absolute best in your creative writing this week!
- Year 5** - **Alex** for demonstrating excellent understanding in our maths lessons.
Jacob F for making a huge effort with the presentation of his work. Keep it up!
- Year 6** - **Keziah** for showing independence in her learning, increased confidence and a quiet determination to achieve her best.

ACHIEVEMENTS
around **SCHOOL**



Arthur L (Y1) for winning 3rd Place in Scout's Swim Gala.

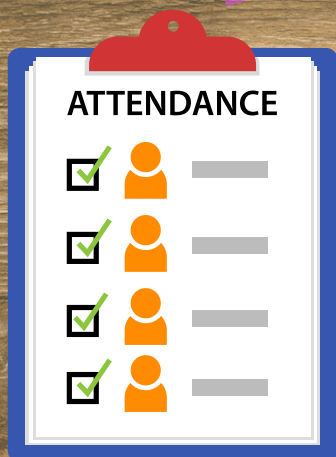


Nelson, Cameron and Kit (Y2) for achieving Chief Scout's Bronze Award

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Well done to Year 2
98.4% attendance
Whole School - 95.6%

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 David House
for winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	2			7259
St David	3	2		7486
St George	7			7619
St Patrick	1	2		7411

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Doodle continues to go from strength to strength at St John's. Well done to all those who regularly access this amazing resource. We are really lucky to have access to this intelligent software which really helps target specific gaps to secure strong mathematical foundations.

WELL DONE to the following pupils who are proving themselves to be AMAZING Doodlers!

- **Ben (Y6)** has AMAZINGLY hit his **800 day streak!**
- **Arthur (Y5)** has achieved his **750 day streak.**
- **Elliot (Y5)** has officially been doodling **EVERY DAY** for **TWO YEARS!!**
- **Oliver (Y5) and Quinn (Y5)** have reached their **600 day streaks.**
- **Eleanor (Y2)** has achieved her **450 day streak.**
- **Hugo (Y2) and Eleanor (Y4)** have hit their **400 day streaks.**
- **Bertie (Y2)** has now been doodling **EVERY DAY FOR ONE YEAR!**



WOWZERS! What a great way to start the new year! Well done each and everyone of you...we are SO proud of you!



I am super excited to announce that we have a **NEW ROCK HERO** this week! Well done to **RORY (Y4)** for achieving his **ROCK HERO** status! We are so proud of you!

We also have another **TWO** new **ROCK LEGENDS** this week. Well done to **Alisa (Y4)** and **Monty (Y4)**. What a great achievement.

Congratulations to our existing **ROCK HEROES: Ezra and Isaac** (both Y5), **Henry H, Ben, Lily, Alfie, Seb, George, Theo and Jean** (all Y6) and **Ralph (Y4)**.

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

Year 4: Rory, Cohen, Teddy S, Logan, Evan, Sam, Mia, Heidi, Freddie, Lucas, Hudson H, Lily, Savannah, Andrei and Jude.

Year 5: Elliot, Leo, Oliver, Hetty, Quinn, Sofia H, Ruby, Anakin, William R, Cassius, Reuben, Sofia W, William S and Fred.

Year 6: Isla, Jess, Jemima, Brody P, Harriet, Lizzy, Harley, Elounda, Emily, Holly, Henry D, Aidan, Freddie, Dexter, Henry S, Rose, Alice and Phoebe.

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

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



School Dinners Reminder



School meals must be ordered by 10:00pm on Sunday for the following week.

**Orders cannot be placed after this time.
Once ordered, meals cannot be changed.**

Thank you for your continued support.



Term	Starts	Ends
Autumn 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
INSET DAYS	TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2026	WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026
October Half Term	Monday 26 October 2026	Friday 30 October 2026
Autumn 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 December 2026	Thursday 31 December 2026
Spring 1	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
INSET DAY	MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2027	
February Half Term	Monday 15 February 2027	Friday 19 February 2027
Spring 2	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Easter Bank Holiday	Friday 26 March 2027	Monday 29 March 2027
Easter Holiday	Tuesday 30 March 2027	Friday 9 April 2027
Summer 1	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
INSET DAY	MONDAY 12th APRIL 2027	
Early May bank holiday	Monday 3 May 2027	Monday 3 May 2027
INSET DAY	FRIDAY 28th MAY 2027	
May Half Term	Monday 31 May 2027	Friday 4 June 2027
Summer 2	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027
Summer Holiday	Thursday 22 July 2027	Wednesday 31 August 2027

In aid of...



Essex **Dementia Care**

Life doesn't stop with dementia

The charity committee will be selling OREOS* during 1st break every day for 1 week.

Y5/6 9:50am

Y2/3/4: 10am

Y1: 10:30am

Reception class will give their money to their teacher and receive their Oreo at lunchtime.

50p a biscuit

Every Oreo bought will help support people in Essex living with dementia. Sharing a biscuit is an everyday moment that can spark memories and connection for someone living with dementia.

Taking place during the week beginning:

2nd February 2026

*Alternatives will be available for those who are gluten-free.



RAISING MONEY FOR



ST JOHN'S TALENT SHOW COMING SOON

UNLEASH YOUR TALENT
SHOW THE WORLD WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

AUDITIONS TAKING PLACE WEEK BEGINNING 9TH
FEBRUARY IN CLASS. £1 TO AUDITION.
PAY ON PARENTPAY.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to a School Bingo Night to help raise money for the school.

Date: Friday 27th February

Doors open: 7.00pm

Starts: 7.30pm

Venue: School Hall

This is an adults-only event (18+ only) and promises to be a fun and enjoyable evening. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes entry, a bingo book (6 games) and a dabber; please send your ticket money to the office, clearly marked with your name and how many tickets you would like.

You are very welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles. We would also recommend bringing plenty of £1 coins, as these will be needed for extra games and activities during the evening.

There will also be a raffle on the night, with all proceeds going towards our school fundraising. If you are able to help, we would be very grateful for any small raffle prize donations (for example bottles, chocolates, toiletries etc.). Thank you for your support.

We hope you can join us for a brilliant night and to help support fundraising for the school.

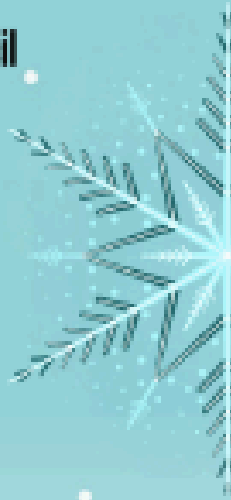
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Emma Samuel & Lois Barrett



Essex County Council
Libraries

**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter!

Explore our Pawfessionals' amazing careers as you progress through the challenge.

Choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, you'll get a sticker! Complete six, and you'll receive a certificate and get to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies!

Plus, you can join in with themed events and activities at the library!



Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.



Things to talk about at home...

- Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.



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

WEEK 2

Home-cooked hot dinners with locally sourced food for just **£2.70**
 School meals are to be ordered and paid for on ParentPay

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Chunks Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Fishfinger Baguette Chips and Beans
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Cheese Pizza Salad Bar Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Dippers Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Omelette Chips and Beans
Option 3	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato 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
	Mandarin and Pineapple Fruit Salad	Apple Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Ice cream with Orange Slices	Strawberry and Grapefruit Salad	Chocolate Muffins with Orange Slices
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast – Butchers Sausage, Bacon Egg, Beans, Hash Browns and Mushrooms	BBQ Chicken Kebabs and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Beef Burger in a Bun with Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Bubble Cod with Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast - Vegetarian Sausage Egg, Beans, Hashbrowns and Mushrooms	Quorn Fillet and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Cheese Puff Triangles Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
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	Strawberry Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Fruity Flapjacks	Jelly and Pineapple Pieces	Cinnamon Cookies with Apple Slices	Fruit Smoothies
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Chicken Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Butchers Sausage Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Homemade Vegetable Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Veggie Sausages Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
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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
	Chocolate Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Cherry Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Traybake	Pancakes and Chocolate Sauce with Banana Slice	Fruit Platter or Yogurt

Key Dates 2025-2026

Below are some of the key dates for the upcoming academic year as well as more detailed events for Spring & Summer Terms 2026.



New dates added in red.

Spring Term	
10.02.26	Year 4 - Superstars
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
27.02.26	Bingo Night
05.03.26	World Book Day
12.03.26	Music Celebration Evening
17.03.26 & 19.03.26	Parents' Evening
18.03.26	Year 3 Trip
19.03.26	Infant Music Festival
20.03.26	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
23.03.26	Whole School Cross-Country
24.03.26 & 25.03.26	Band It Performances
26.03.26	Year 1 Trip
26.03.26	Easter Service @ St John's Church
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
25.06.26	Year 4 Trip
26.06.26	Sports Day
03.07.26	Arts Festival
08.07.26	Triathlon
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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