

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

06.02.2026

It has been another busy and rewarding week across the school, with lots of great learning taking place and children continuing to **let their light shine** in so many different ways. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and focus children are bringing to their work across all year groups.

In particular, **Year 2** have been exploring maps, using their geographical skills to try and locate **deepest, darkest Peru**, showing curiosity, teamwork and determination. Elsewhere around the school, pupils have continued to show pride in both their learning and the progress they are making.



In Collective Worship this week, the children reflected on **Psalm 121**, thinking about where we find help and encouragement. They were invited to consider a simple but powerful question: **Who could I help, encourage or support today?**

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

LEARN TOGETHER
ACHIEVE TOGETHER
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AND 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



Reception - Margot for impressing me so much with your work this week!

Maple for always showing so kindness to all children in the class!

Year 1 - Seb L and James for having great perseverance to make sure their handwriting is neat and on the line every time they have written this week!

Year 2 - Lottie for being a kind and encouraging friend.

North for super, careful handwriting!

Year 3 - Amelie for producing some amazing writing - full of rich vocabulary and engaging sentences.

Albert R for working so hard with his learning and trying his best in all lessons.

Year 4 - Louie for showing respect and great manners to all members of our class!

Freya for displaying great perseverance during a challenging science lesson.

Year 5 - Lucas for sharing his ideas more confidently. It has been wonderful to hear your thoughts!

Scarlett for demonstrating such determination and perseverance with maths. Great effort!

Year 6 - Lizzy for showing perseverance really does pay off! Your focus and determination when generating ideas for figurative language enabled you to come up with some great ideas.

Alfie for using dialogue brilliantly to capture a moment in a story and using it really well to move the story forward.



MATCH REPORT ST JOHN'S VS ST PETER'S



What a game! The girls secured a brilliant 3–2 victory against St Peter's in what both coaches agreed was one of the most enjoyable matches they've been part of.

Goals came from **Lily, Jean, and Holly**, with some fantastic attacking play and real determination shown across the pitch.

The match went right down to the wire, and victory was only sealed thanks to an outstanding double save by **Harriet** in the final minutes, keeping St Peter's from equalising.

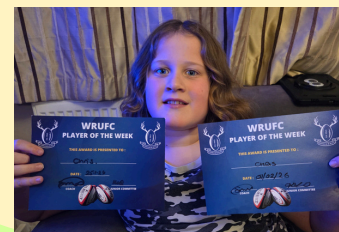
Off the pitch, **Mrs Bearman** showed great hospitality making tea for the opposition coach, (Mr Bearman) — but remained loyal in her support for St John's.

A huge well done to all the girls for their teamwork, effort, and positive attitude.



ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL

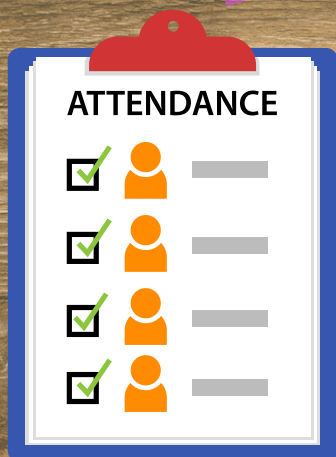
Chris (Y5) for winning **Player of the Match** in **Rugby 2 weeks in a row!**



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Well done to Year 1
97.9% attendance

Whole School - 95.5%

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	2			7589
St David	3	3		7969
St George	7			7969
St Patrick	1	2		7776



We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!

Date: Thursday 5th March

This year for World Book Day, our theme is "Heroes and Heroines from Books." We are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a story who shows bravery, kindness, determination or resilience — and not just superheroes! This could be someone who stands up for others, overcomes challenges, or makes the world better in their own way. From Matilda and Harry Potter to Handa, Traction Man or characters from traditional tales, there are lots of wonderful choices. We can't wait to celebrate the inspiring book characters who show us what it really means to be a hero.





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 Family Forum SEND drop in

Come along to our friendly drop-in session where you can get information and signposting tailored to your SEND child. We're here to help you navigate services, share guidance, and make your voice heard as we work together to influence positive change for SEND families.

Location - Maldon Family Hub (Carmelie Way, Maldon, CM9 5FW)

Date & Time - 1st Friday of the month, starting Feb 6th, from 9:30am to 11:30am (Term Time only).

About Essex Family Forum

Essex Family Forum (EFF) is the parent carer forum in Essex for families whose children and young people have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). We need to hear your views and experiences to represent your voice. Visit our website at

www.essexfamilyforum.org or via the QR code to find out more about what we do, to access our 'Supporting your Neurodivergent Child' resource pack, to sign up to our mailing list and to share your experiences and feedback via our virtual graffiti wall.

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EFF Website



Essex County Council
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**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



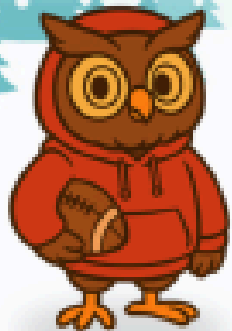
Winter Reading Challenge

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...

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys.



Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people?
- How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you?
- Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included?
- How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?



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 1

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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	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
20.05.26	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala
25.05.26	HALF TERM
03.06.26	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
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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