

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

27.02.2026

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the first week of Spring 2. There have even been a few welcome glimmers of sunshine peeking through — always a sign that **brighter days** are on the horizon!

The children have returned with real focus and determination, **working incredibly hard** across all areas of their learning. It has been a pleasure to see such positive attitudes in classrooms and around the school.

In **Collective Worship**, we reflected on **Psalm 27**, considering what truly matters to us and where our focus lies. The children were invited to pause and ask themselves a simple but powerful question: **"What matters most to me?"** It was encouraging to hear such thoughtful responses and to see our pupils engaging so maturely with big ideas.

As we step into this new half term together, may we continue to **learn together, achieve together and celebrate together** — **letting our light shine** in all that we do.

Mr Power

Red Nose Day 2026

Friday 20th March - Non-school uniform - dress in red!

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Arthur S for doing some great writing as out the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Theo B for doing great retelling of the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Year 1 - Alia for always helping others and being a kind friend.

Max for using fantastic descriptive language in his writing.

Year 2 - Kit for making super choices and being really helpful.

Hamish for working really carefully in handwriting!

Year 3 - Oscar for being an apostrophe master this week and showing great skills in writing!

Albie for being an enthusiastic write this week!

Year 4 - Logan for his improved focus effort and attitude in lessons!

Felix for his outstanding home learning - your sunstone was amazing!

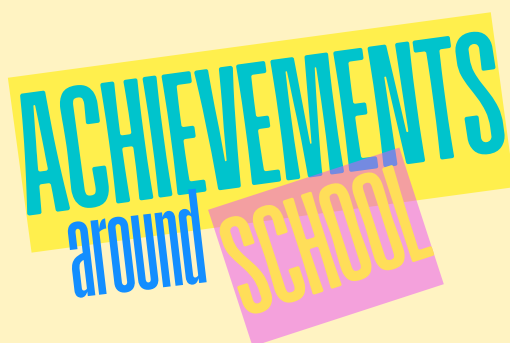
Year 5 - Reuben and Will R for thinking creatively and applying prior learning brilliantly in new lessons.

Year 6 - Henry S for absolutely smashing his writing this week!

Theo for generating AMAZING adjectives & examples of personification for his writing.

Dexter for showing improved focus & determination in his learning this week.

Lily for continually striving to achieve her best, listening to feedback carefully & editing her work to make it the best it can be.



Gracie & Flo (Y2) for achieving **1st Place in a duet** in their dancing.



Gracie & Eleanor (Y2) for achieving **2nd Place in a solo** in their dancing.



Hugo (Y2) for achieving **Student of the Week** in his **Karate**

Poppy (Y3) for completing the **Winter Reading Challenge**

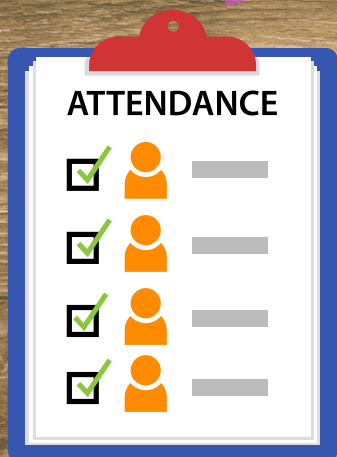


William, Arthur L & Alia (Y1) for achieving **Making their Beaver Promises.**

ACHIEVEMENTS

around SCHOOL

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Well done to Year 1
100% 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			8775
St David	3	4		9485
St George	7	1		9456
St Patrick	1	2		8945

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EASTER EGG RAFFLE



**YEAR 6 CHARITY
COMMITTEE**

50P A TICKET

TICKETS SOLD FROM THE 9TH MARCH.

DRAW TAKES PLACE:

26TH MARCH



Essex Dementia Care

Life doesn't stop with dementia



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.



Essex Family Forum SEND drop in

1st Friday of the month
Starting Feb 6th
9.30am-11.30am



(Term Time only)



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.

SCAN ME!



EFF Website

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.



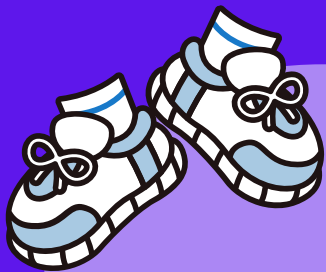
**Should school uniforms be
the same for everyone?**

My opinion

- I think...
- I feel...
- I prefer...
- I am convinced that...
- I know...
- I believe...
- My view is...

Things to talk about at home...

- Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?



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 **£2.70**
 School meals are to be ordered and paid for on ParentPay

WEEK 3

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	
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
20.03.26	Red Nose Day
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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