

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

20.03.2026

It was a privilege to attend the **Year 2 Infant Music Festival** on Thursday. The children were confident, enthusiastic and demonstrated our school values in abundance — they truly **let their light shine**.

Today, we have also enjoyed celebrating **Red Nose Day**, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils dressed in red and taking part with such enthusiasm.

In Collective Worship this week, we focused on **Psalm 91** and the idea of God being a place of **refuge in times of trouble**.

Together we reflected on the question: **What helps me feel safe — and how can I help others feel safe?**

Mr Power

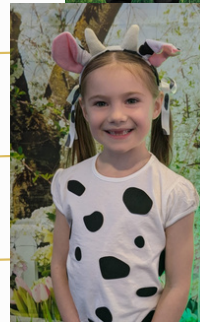
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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Bohden for your incredible love of learning and infectious enthusiasm
Rosie D for using fantastic language and showing great interest in different topics!

Year 1 - Arabella for putting a lot more effort into her writing and making her work really neat.

Theo for always going above and beyond in every piece of work he does!
Theo always shows enthusiasm and a love of learning!

Year 2 - The whole of Jade Class for their incredible performance at this week's Infant Music Festival - they truly let their light shine!

Year 3 - The whole of Sapphire Class for being super stars on our school trip and being such adventurous river explorers!

Year 4 - Savannah for her poetry writing - so creative and thoughtful!
Mia for her amazing Spring poem!

Year 5 - Hetty for always being an excellent role model and supporting and encouraging everyone in our class.

Sofia H for showing responsibility in her learning by always listening well & trying to improve her own work!

Year 6 - Holly for producing a beautifully detailed repeating pattern inspired by William Morris

Addison for listening carefully and focusing on his writing to produce great sentences discussing why Mr Power is an Alien!

ACHIEVEMENTS
around **SCHOOL**



Jude (Y2) who passed his **initial grade piano** this week



Amelie (Y3) who won **Player of the Match** this week

GIRLS' FOOTBALL MATCH

13.03.26



Our girls put in a **fantastic performance** against local rivals Danbury Park.

Last year, Danbury Park ran out 6–1 winners, but this time the game was far closer. Although the final score was a 2–0 loss, the result didn't reflect how competitive the match was.

In fact, for large parts of the game our girls were the stronger side.

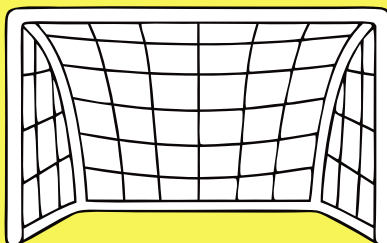
The team showed great **determination** throughout, winning tackles all over the pitch and linking together some excellent passing moves. The girls worked the ball well from defence to attack and created several good scoring opportunities.

The only thing missing on the day was a goal. We had plenty of shots and enough chances to win the game, but the ball just wouldn't quite go in for us this time.

Despite the result, it was a hugely encouraging performance and showed how far the team has come. The improvement from the previous match was clear to see, and the girls should be very proud of the **effort** and **teamwork** they displayed.

We now look ahead to the rematch on **30th April at Danbury Park**. For our Year 6 girls, this could be their final match representing the school, and after such a strong performance this time, we'll be hoping it's the game where they finally get the victory they deserve.

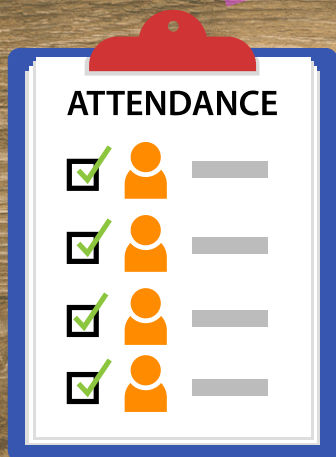
Well done to all the girls for a brilliant performance!



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Well done to Year 2
98.3% attendance

Whole School - 96.4%

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 Andrews House
for winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	2	1		10114
St David	3	5		11142
St George	7	1		10811
St Patrick	1	2		10240

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Another week where we have lots to celebrate!

Huge congratulations to **Ben (Y6)** for achieving his **850 day streak** - a phenomenal achievement. We are so proud of you!

Not far behind is **Arthur (Y5)** who has achieved his **800 day streak** which is just incredible. Well done!

Still achieving a massive number of days are **Oliver (Y5)** and **Quinn (Y5)** who have both achieved their **650 day streak**, as well as **Hugo (Y2)** and **Eleanor (Y4)** who have reached their **450 day streak**. Congratulations also goes to **Bertie (Y2)** who has hit his **400 day streak** and **Illaria (Y2)** who has achieved a **250 day streak**!

Congratulations to everyone for your incredible hard work, focus and determination.



Join the Doodle Spring Challenge!

1st - 30th April

Earn exclusive pin badges and certificates by Doodling 'little and often'

The Challenges will run from **Wednesday 1st April** to **Thursday 30th April**. The last day to start the Challenges will be on Friday 24th April (as one requirement is 7 active Doodling days).

Children need to earn **450 stars** (or **350 stars** if they were born after August 2018) and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 7 days* between the 1st April - 30th April.

I am incredibly excited to announce that we have **4 new ROCK HEROES! WOWZERS!** Huge congratulations to **Andrei (Y4)**, **Lucas (Y4)**, **Evan (Y4)** and **Teddy. S (Y4)**. Well-done! We also have **1 new ROCK LEGEND**. Well-done to **Sophia (Y4)**.

CONGRATULATIONS to those who continue to be ROCK HEROES: **Ezra and Isaac (both Y5)**, **Henry H, Ben, Lily, Alfie, Seb, George, Theo and Jean (all Y6)** and **Rory and Ralph (Y4)**.

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

Year 3: Toby

Year 4: Cohen, Logan, Evan, Sam, Heidi, Freddie, Hudson H, Lily, Savannah, Jude, Alisa, Monty and Lexi-Mae.

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

Most exciting of all, this week we have a change within the top 5!! Congratulations to **Teddy (Y4)** who has snuck into the top 5. **WELL-DONE!**

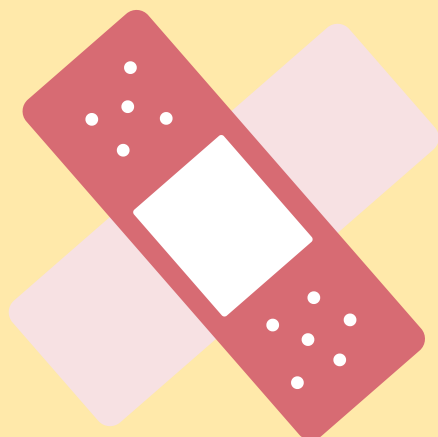
Our top 5 is now: **George (Y6)**, **Theo (Y6)**, **Henry H (Y6)**, **Isaac (Y5)** and **Teddy (Y4)**.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

You may have seen recent news reports regarding cases of meningitis in Kent. We understand that this coverage may be concerning for families, so we wanted to share some clear and reassuring information from Essex County Council.

At present, there is no increased risk to our school community, and the situation is being closely monitored by public health teams. Please see the information below for further guidance.

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security Agency webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.



Essex County Council

Boreham Village Hall, Chelmsford, CM3 3JD



EASTER DANCE WORKSHOPS



- 31st March
- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- ages 8+
- £ £12 per child
- Street
- Jazz
- Lyrical
- Musical Theatre

Join us for a fun and energetic Easter dance workshop tailored for older children to learn, grow, and have fun!

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

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EASTER DANCE WORKSHOP

- MUSICALS -

Join us for a fun and energetic Easter workshop inspired by much-loved musicals!

- Date:** 31st March
- Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Ages:** 4–8 years
- Cost:** £12 per child

DANCE STYLES INCLUDED:

- Musical Theatre
- Street
- Lyrical

A fantastic opportunity for young dancers to build confidence, learn new routines, and enjoy dancing in a fun, supportive environment.



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**YEAR 6 CHARITY
COMMITTEE**

50P A TICKET

TICKETS SOLD FROM THE 9TH MARCH.

DRAW TAKES PLACE:

26TH MARCH



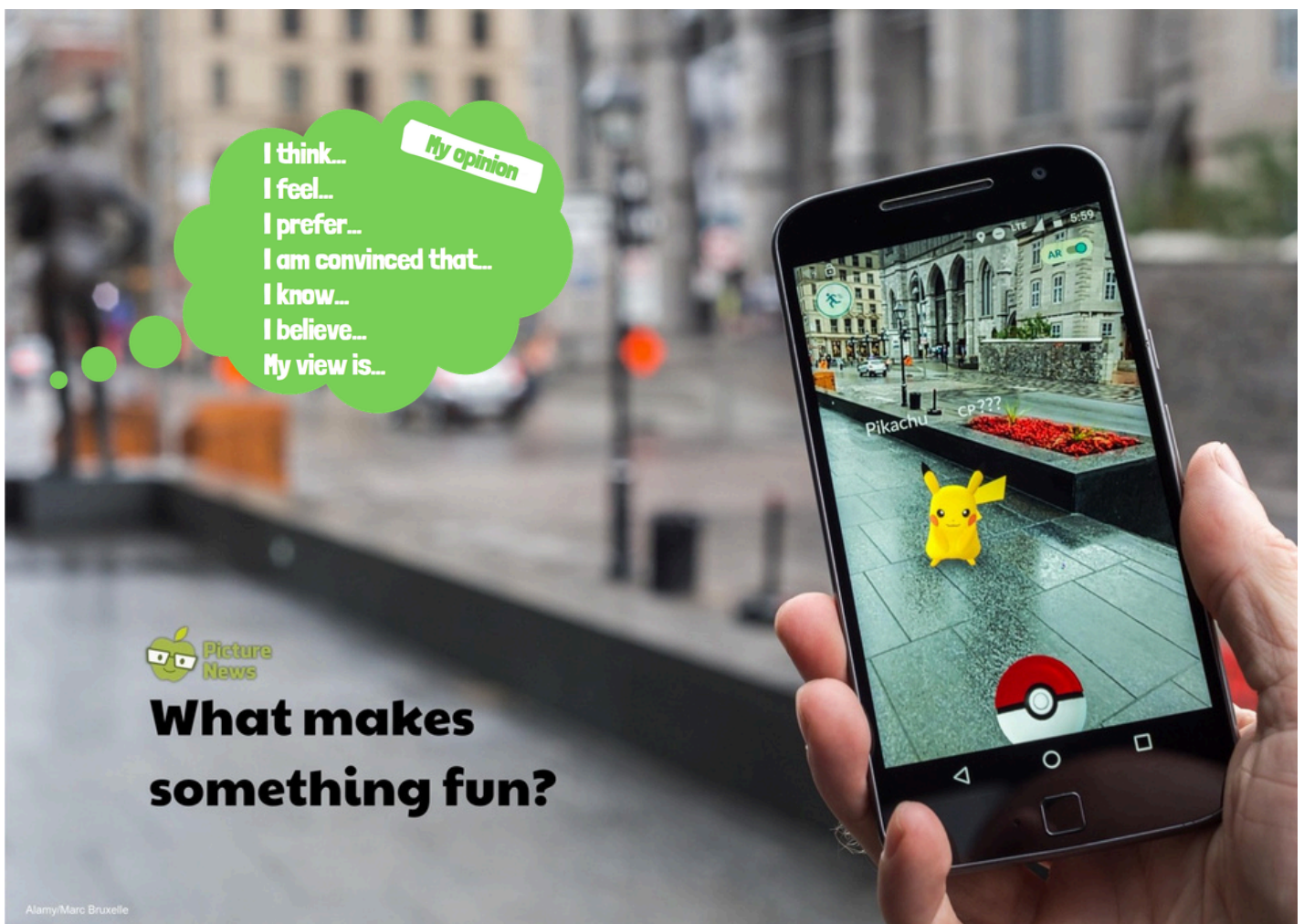
Essex Dementia Care

Life doesn't stop with dementia

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

This week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created. First released as a video game in 1996, it has since grown into TV shows, films, trading cards and apps enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Today, both children and adults continue to enjoy Pokémon in many different ways.



Things to talk about at home...

- Why do you think Pokémon has stayed popular for 30 years?
- How do games, stories, or hobbies bring people together at home?
- Do you think something can be fun for both children and adults? Why?
- What are some of the things you find fun to do?



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 3

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	
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 - Year 5 Parents Welcome
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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