

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

27.03.2026



As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding Spring Term, it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for our pupils to let their light shine.

In Collective Worship this week, we have been reflecting on the meaning of Easter for Christians. Through our **Flower Cross service**, the children explored how the cross – once a symbol of sadness – is transformed into something full of life and joy when covered in flowers.

It was a privilege to see **Year 5** represent the school so thoughtfully at the **Easter Service** at St John's Church, and we are proud of the respect and reverence they showed. We also enjoyed a fantastic **cross-country** event earlier in the week, where pupils demonstrated great perseverance and determination.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break and return refreshed and ready for the Summer Term ahead.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Henry for working hard to record your phonics skills when writing a sentence.
Beau for listening really carefully during a game and correctly identifying body parts.

Year 2 - Gracie for always being helpful and responsible.
Joey for super, independent writing.

Year 3 - Luca for having a super attitude towards his learning and producing some great work!
Esme for working SO incredibly hard and even surprising herself with her learning!

Year 4 - Violet for quietly and thoughtfully helping her classmates.
Lexi-Mae for always showing the school values in everything she does!

Year 5 - Tommy for bringing enthusiasm and positivity to our class and being someone we can always rely on!
Elliot for being a kind and supportive member of our class, who shows respect to everyone!

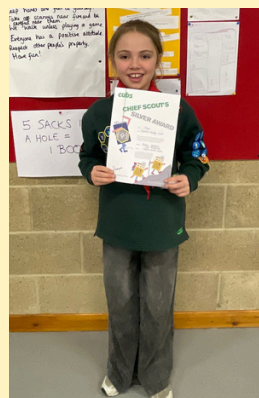
Year 6 - Phoebe for trying really hard to become more independent in her learning, especially writing which I know she finds tricky.
Freddie for showing improved ownership over his learning this half term. We have been super impressed by your focus and determination to achieve your best. Keep it up!
Darcey for showing great listening in English which enabled her to produce a great, balance discussion.

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL



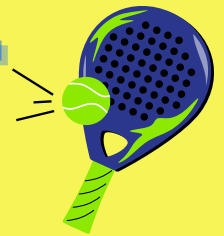
Arthur L (Y1)
who gained his
**Red Stripe in
Karate!**

Jess (Y6) who achieved **3rd Place** playing for her hockey team at a tournament!



Sofia W (Y5) who achieved her **Chief Scout's Silver Award** in recognition of her adventurous spirit, community involvement, and learning about the world around her.

YEAR 6 PADEL EVENT



On Tuesday, 4 pupils from Year 6 visited the new Padel facility at Beaulieu.

They spent the afternoon learning how to play the game and playing matches against other schools. **George H, Seb G, Jess P and Jean O** had the best time and impressed everyone with their skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and determination.



They didn't lose a game and deservedly won the final against Writtle Primary. It was a terrific experience for everyone and the icing on the cake was coming home with **GOLD MEDALS!**



UPDATE

Governor News



The Governing Body's for oversight of finance management was very much in evidence at this week's Full Governing Body meeting when we had the first review of the school's budget for the next financial year.

As you will appreciate it is not easy to achieve a balanced budget (income v. expenditure) and many tough decisions are having to be made. Our focus, as always, is ensuring that our pupils are safe and that they have the best possible opportunities to learn and flourish.

As parents and carers, your support to the school in helping to achieve this is appreciated.



Climbing Frame Use

We have noticed an increasing number of children using the climbing frame before school, particularly when arriving on site in the morning. While we understand that this can be tempting, there is no staff supervision at this time. This means that, in the event of an accident, responsibility remains with parents and carers.

For safety reasons, we ask that **children do not use the climbing frame before school**. This is especially important for children who walk to school independently, as they may be accessing the equipment without an adult present.

At the end of the school day, once children have been dismissed, they are in the care of their parent or carer. While staff remain on the playground to support dismissal, they are not supervising the climbing equipment.

If children do use the climbing frame at this time, they must be closely supervised by their parent or carer. We ask that this is kept brief so that the site can be cleared safely for the end of the day.



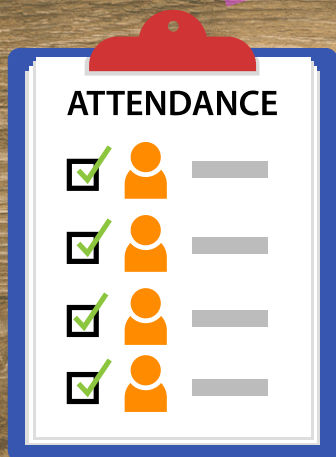
Thank you for your support in ensuring all children remain safe.



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Well done to EYFS
96.7% 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 David House for
winning this week's
House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	2	1		10241
St David	3	6		11432
St George	7	1		11031
St Patrick	1	2		10374

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:

silhouettes.schoolofdance@gmail.com



Boreham Village Hall, Chelmsford, CM3 3JD

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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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 1

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Buffet Day Warm Baguette with Ham, Grated Cheese, Eggs, Mini Potato Waffles and Salad	Homemade Sausage Roll Potato wedges, Green Beans or Baked Beans	Smoked BBQ Chicken Kebab Rice, Flatbread, Corn on the Cob and Sweet Chilli Sauce	Meat Free Thursday Jacket Potato: Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans or BBQ Beans Mixed Salad and Coleslaw	100 % Chicken Chunks Chips and Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Buffet Day Warm Baguette with Grated Cheese, Eggs, Mini Potato Waffles and Salad	Cheese & Onion Roll Potato wedges, Green Beans or Baked Beans	Quorn Chicken Dippers Rice, Flatbread, Corn on the Cob and Sweet Chilli Sauce		Quorn Fillet Chips and Beans or Sweetcorn
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
Option 4	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Chocolate Ice Cream with Peach Slices	Homemade Vanilla Traybake	Pancakes and Syrup with Banana Slices	Jelly and Peach Slices	Fruit Ice Lollies
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Local Butchers Beef Burger in a Soft Bun Wedges, Sweetcorn and Mixed Salad and optional Cheese Slice	Popcorn Chicken Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas or Sweetcorn	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad	100 % Fish Fingers Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Veggie Burger in a Soft Bun Wedges, Sweetcorn and Mixed Salad and optional Cheese Slice	Quorn Dippers Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas or Sweetcorn	Cheese Pizza Salad Bar Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Pasta with a Cheese or Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad	Omelette Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
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	Frozen Yogurt or Smoothie	Homemade Chocolate Cookies with Apple Slices	Strawberry Ice Cream with Peach Slices	Belgian Waffles with Squirry Cream	Eton Mess with Fruit Coulis and Squirry Cream
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Breast in a Tomato Sauce with a Crispy Nacho Cheese Topping Rice, Garlic Bread and Mixed Sala	Picnic Day Wraps Cheese, Tuna, Ham or Chicken Chipolata Sausages, Carrot and Cucumber Sticks	Pasta and Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad	Crispy Chicken Burger in a Brioche Bun Lettuce, Mayonnaise, Corn on the Cob and Tortilla Chips	American Hot Dogs in a Soft Bun Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn and Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Quorn in a Tomato Sauce with a Crispy Nacho Cheese Topping Rice, Garlic Bread and Mixed Salad		Pasta and Cheese or Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread and Mixed Sald	Veggie Burger in a Brioche Bun Lettuce, Mayonnaise, Corn on the Cob and Tortillas	Veggie Sausages in a Soft Bun Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn and Tomato Sauce
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	Strawberry Smoothie	Homemade Vanilla Cupcake and Fruit	Homemade Flapjack	Fruit Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream with Pear Slice

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.

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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