

# ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER



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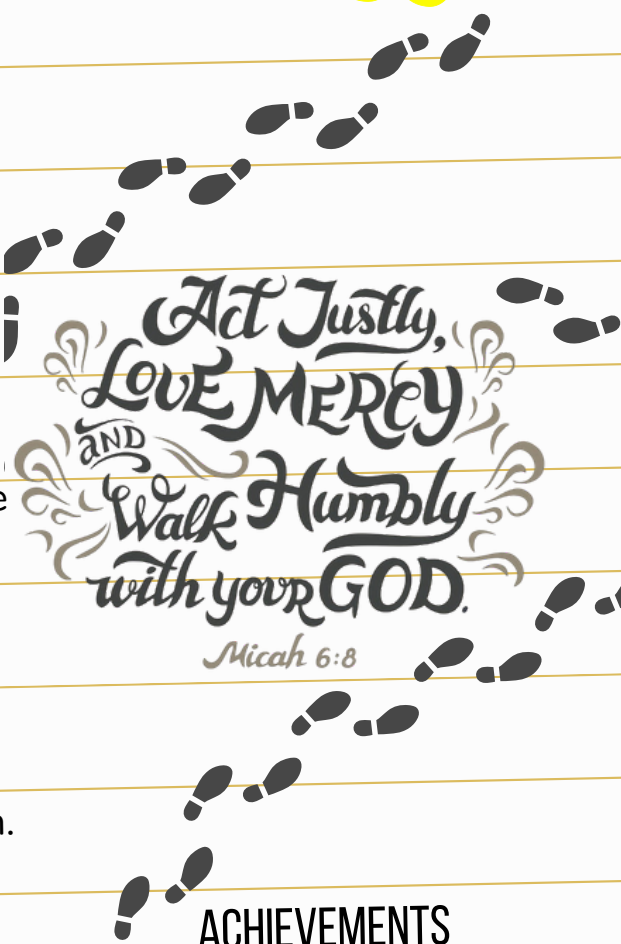
Welcome back to the **Summer Term**. It has been lovely to see the sun beginning to shine and the children returning with such positive energy.

Our **Collective Worship** has already begun to explore our new theme of **Justice** (Micha 6:8); encouraging pupils to think about what this means in their own lives and how they can live this out each day.

With a busy and exciting term ahead, there is certainly lots to look forward to.

Check out the newsletter for more information.

Mr Power



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# Stars of the week

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



**Reception - Arthur R** for fantastic work in phonics and art this week!

**Ezra** for fantastic work during phonics and for taking such care with your handwriting!

**Year 1 - William and Nancie** for writing some fantastic independent sentences! They used some amazing descriptive language to make their writing more exciting and remembered to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

**Year 2 - Adalee** for beautiful 'Heather Galler' artwork!

**Wilfred** for your amazing attitude and hard work.

**Year 3 - Aspen** for always giving her best and producing some fantastic work.

**Dollee** for working so hard in her lessons and striving to achieve her best!

**Year 4 - Evan** for his consistent, hard-working attitude in every lesson, every day!

**Eleanor** for always volunteering answers and ideas in class - you are a star!

**Year 5 - Hollie** for consistently working hard and showing responsibility and independence in your learning.

**Cassius** for a really positive return to school, showing greater independence in your learning.

**Year 6 - Dexter** for showing great focus and ownership over his learning in English

**Millie** for coming back from the Easter holidays determined to achieve her very best. Keep it up!



**Savannah (Y4)** who won **3 gold medals**, a **silver medal**, and a **pink medal** at her dance competition

**Sophia (Y4)** who won **2 gold medals**, a **pink medal**, and a **Rose for performing at His Majesty's**, at her dance competition

**Rory (Y4)** who gained his **Chief Scout's Silver Award** - his **First Prize Maldon and East Essex scouts handicraft competition** - his **Second prize at the Maldon and East Essex scouts handicraft competition** - and **Being made a sixer this week**



**North (Y2)** who achieved a **top award** for her skiing!

**Violet (Y4)** who received her **Blue Peter Music Badge**



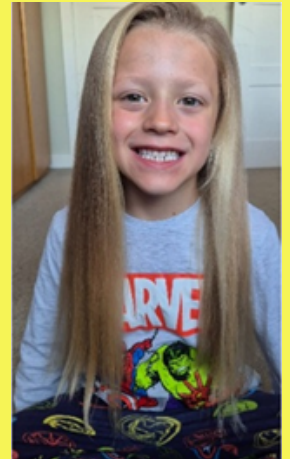
**Arthur (Y1)** who received his **Blue Peter Book Badge**



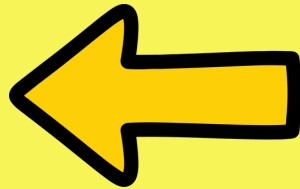


# THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

Cassian in Year 1 has made the decision to cut his beautiful long blonde hair. After being told about **The Little Princess Trust** he has decided to donate his hair so that other children who may have lost their hair through medication or other medical treatment, have an opportunity to have a head of hair again while their treatment continues.



Not only is the hair important but so are some funds to make the wigs. If you can spare a little for a donation to accompany his hair, he would be extremely grateful. His big chop is booked for Saturday 30th May, he is very much looking forward to the big day.



Scan the QR code to donate



## Archie's 100 Mile Challenge

Archie has decided to take on the **100 Mile Challenge** this May to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society, which is very close to our hearts.

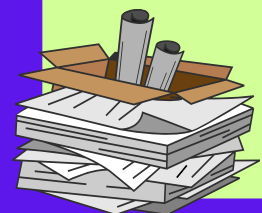
When Archie was just 2 years old, he lost 85% of his hearing and had to undergo surgery at such a young age. Now he is really keen to give something back by raising money to support other children and families facing similar, or even greater challenges.

Click on his sponsorship link: <https://raise.ing/7916lzpvp4dg>



# NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

We are currently in need of donations for our Art Room and would greatly appreciate any spare newspapers or magazines that you may have at home. These are a valuable resource for a range of creative activities, and we are running rather low at the moment. If you are able to help, please send any donations in with your child. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



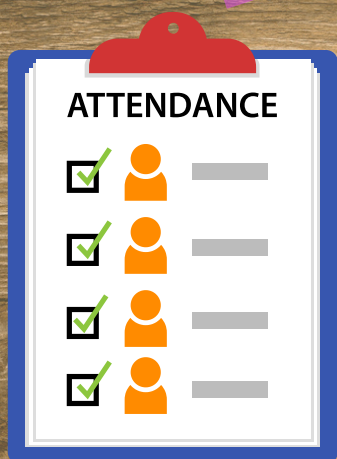
Please drop off any donations to the front office.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

around **SCHOOL**

LEARN TOGETHER  
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Well done to Year 4  
**98.9% 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](mailto: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 Andrew House** for winning this week's House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10683</b>
<b>St David</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>11868</b>
<b>St George</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>11394</b>
<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>10812</b>

# This week's story and big question

## In the news this week...

A new town, called Barking Riverside, is being built in East London to help provide more homes in the local area. It will include around twenty thousand homes, as well as schools, parks, and shops for people to use. Many people are expected to move there in the future as the area continues to grow.



What makes a  
great place to  
live?

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...

- What do you like most about where you live? Why?
- Is there anything you would change about your local area?
- Is Barking Riverside the type of place you would like to live? Explain your thoughts.
- If you could design your perfect place to live, what would it include, and why?



# 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 2

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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
<b>Option 3</b>	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
<b>Option 4</b>	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
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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
<b>Option 1</b>	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
<b>Option 2</b>	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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<b>Option 4</b>	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham		Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes: Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	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 Summer Term 2026.



**New dates added in red.**

## Summer Term 1

<b>23.04.26</b>	Year 6 Residential Meeting
<b>11.05.26-14.05.26</b>	SATs Week
<b>15.05.26</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>18.05.2026</b>	EYFS New Parent Meeting
<b>20.05.26</b>	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala
<b>22.05.26</b>	Reception Trip
<b>25.05.26</b>	HALF TERM

## Summer Term 2

<b>03.06.26</b>	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
<b>08.06.26</b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>19.06.26</b>	Year 5 Trip
<b>25.06.26</b>	Year 4 Trip
<b>26.06.26</b>	Sports Day
<b>03.07.26</b>	Arts Festival
<b>08.07.26</b>	Triathlon
<b>17.07.26</b>	Leavers' Service & Last Day
<b>20.07.26</b>	INSET DAY

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