

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

24.04.2026

It has been another busy and enriching week in school.

In **Collective Worship**, we have been reflecting on the story of the **Good Samaritan**, thinking about how **justice is something we actively do** — choosing to go out of our way to help others, rather than being a bystander.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic **Art Day**, producing some excellent work, and it was a pleasure to welcome **Linda Middleton** into school, who shared her childhood-inspired poems with the children — it was wonderful to see them so engaged and enthused.

We are also delighted to congratulate **Mrs Youles** on her appointment as Deputy Headteacher — a well-deserved achievement and an exciting step forward for our school.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

LEARN TOGETHER
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AND 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'



Reception - Hallie for always being so kind to the other children in the class

Rosie J for doing such amazing work in phonics!

Year 1 - George for working hard to improve his handwriting and to make his sentences more exciting.

Hannah for always working hard and trying her best in everything she does.

Year 2 - Sophie for super, careful writing!

Clara for showing fantastic effort and trying your best in your learning this week!

Year 3 - Evalyn for being an **absolute** maths superstar and wowing your teacher with your understanding.

Freddie for having such a positive week and making some great choices!

Year 4 - Monty for working so hard with his story writing skills.

Alisa for gaining more confidence in her writing abilities and letting them shine!

Year 5 - Tommy for excellent focus and listening, leading to high-quality art work!

Hollie for being fully engaged in your learning and producing amazing work in French and art!

Year 6 - Emily for creating an incredible piece of descriptive writing- I felt like I had been transported to the planet!

Darcey for producing such well crafted writing to describe Pandora.

Jean for showing great progress in her writing and having more confidence in herself.

Harry O for focusing in English which enabled him to create some great sentences.

ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL

half marathon - 11 junior parkruns
marathon - 21 junior parkruns
ultra marathon - 50 junior parkruns
100 junior parkruns
250 junior parkruns

Bertie (Y2) who completed his **50th Junior Park Run** and gaining his **Ultra Marathon** wrist band

THE WEEK Junior

Ellie (Y2) who achieved **The week junior Roving Reporter Badge** for her review of one of her books!

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WOWZERS we have so much to celebrate this week!

Huge congratulations to **Joshua (Y5)** who has reached the dizzy heights of a **900 day streak!** Well done to **Freya (Y4)** and **Alexander (Y5)** who have hit a massive **850 day streak**. **Elliot (Y5)** who has achieved an **800 day streak**. **HUGE NUMBERS!**

But we are not done! **Violet (Y4)** has achieved her **730 day streak** so has been doodling EVERY DAY FOR TWO YEARS! WOW, what a milestone! Well done to **Oscar (Y3)** for hitting his **700 day streak**. Also to **Joshua (Y3)** for achieving a **600 day streak**. And there is more!! Congratulations to **Eleanor (Y2)** who has hit her **500 day streak**, **Isla (Y4)** who has hit her **480 day streak** and **Clara (Y2)** and **Teddy (Y4)** have hit their **450 day streak**.

And there is more! Well done to **Gracie (Y2)** who has achieved her **350 day streak**, **Aspen (Y3)** who has achieved a **250 day streak**, **Jarvis (Y2)**, **North (Y2)** and **Sofia W (Y5)** who have hit their **200 day streaks!**

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



I am excited to announce that we have 1 new **ROCK HERO!** Huge congratulations to **Logan (Y4)**. We also have 2 new **ROCK LEGENDS**. Well-done to **Louie (Y4)** and **Albert (Y3)**.

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, Evan, Sam, Heidi, Freddie, Hudson H, Lily, Savannah, Jude, Alisa, Monty, Lexi-Mae, Andrei, Evan, Teddy.S and Lucas.

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.

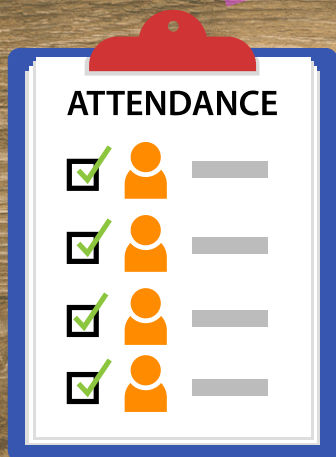
Most exciting of all, this week we have a change within the top 5!! Congratulations to Teddy (Y4) who has snuck into the top 5. WELL-DONE!

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

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around **SCHOOL**

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Well done to Year 5
98.5% 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

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	1	10967
St David	3	6	1	12297
St George	7	1		11752
St Patrick	1	2		11117



ARTS FESTIVAL DATE CHANGE

Please note that, due to circumstances beyond our control, our Arts Festival will now take place on **Thursday 2nd July** rather than **Friday 3rd July** as previously advertised.

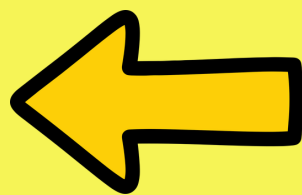
We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope that this advance notice is helpful in allowing you to make any necessary adjustments.



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>



This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.



Is it ever too late
to try something
new?

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...

- Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?



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	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 Summer Term 2026.



New dates added in red.

Summer Term 1	
23.04.26	Year 6 Residential Meeting
08.05.26	Colour Run
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
15.05.26	Summer Fayre
18.05.2026	EYFS New Parent Meeting
20.05.26	Year 3 & 4 Swimming Gala
22.05.26	Reception Trip
25.05.26	HALF TERM

Summer Term 2	
01.06.26	No Dance Club
03.06.26	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
03.06.26	Year 3 - Fitness 3s Event
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
09.06.26	Year 2 Trip
16.06.26	Choir - JMF
17.06.26	Class Photos
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
25.06.26	Year 4 Trip
26.06.26	Sports Day
02.07.26	Arts Festival
08.07.26	Triathlon
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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