

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER



01.05.2026

The sun has been shining this week, and it has been great to see the children making the most of being outdoors.

We were also pleased to welcome **Essex Music Services**, who visited to film our **Band-It** musicians, showcasing the fantastic work **Nicola** and our pupils produce each week.

In **Collective Worship**, we explored how justice depends on truth. Through the story of **Zacchaeus**, we reflected on how honesty and taking responsibility help to put things right, often requiring courage, but leading to restoration and renewed trust.

Mr Power



Please see Arts Festival News



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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Bohden and Monty for amazing maths skills this week!

Year 1 - Alia for producing some outstanding independent writing! Alia used fantastic describing words and it was beautifully presented.

Jaxon for always showing kindness to others! He is such a lovely friend and a great example to others.

Year 2 - Sydney for working independently, especially on your writing.

Jude for persevering in maths - you can do it!

Year 3 - Albert R for being a great friend to others.

Jacob M for trying hard to develop his writing.

Year 4 - Emmie for her enthusiasm to learn, both in school and at home.

Rory for his constant determination and perseverance every day.

Year 5 - Ruby for taking responsibility for our learning and always working hard.

Joshua B for effort and determination to improve your writing.

Year 6 - Aiden for showing he has listened well by producing a really effective diary entry.

Henry D for showing he has listened to feedback by refining his writing.

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL



Gracie (Y2) came **first place** in her solo at her dance competition and for **highest scoring duet** with **Flo (Y2)**



Isabelle (Y3) who won **Player of the Day** at her football training



Mia (Y4) achieving **Funkstar of the Week** at Bam Bam Boogies



Eleanor (Y2) came **first place** in her **Lollipop and Duet dances** at Live Loud Hornchurch

Ruby (Y5) came **highest score of the day** across **all solos in Novice** at her dance competition

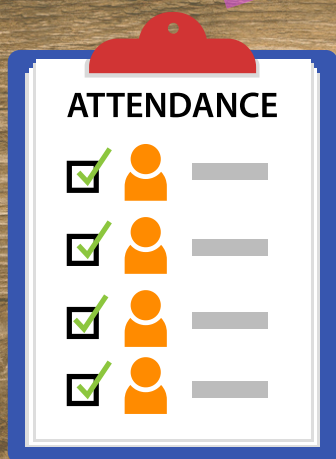
Ellius (Y1) who won **Player of the Week** at his U6's Rugby Club



ACHIEVEMENTS

around **SCHOOL**

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Well done to Year 2
98.5% attendance

Whole School - 98.8%

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 Patrick House** for winning this week's House Cup



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	2	1	1	11565
St David	3	6	1	12911
St George	7	1		12462
St Patrick	1	2	1	11870



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.



UPDATE



GovernorNews

At this week's Full Governing Body meeting we approved the school's budget which is underpinned by plans for all aspects of school life including the buildings and grounds and separate business plans for both the swimming pool and catering.

Decisions regarding spending priorities have been made to ensure our limited funds are used appropriately. We also reviewed the Spring Term pupil attainment and progress data.

We approved for issue a number of updated policies, notably the Complaints Policy, which is in line with the DfE/Ofsted/Parentkind Parent guide to school complaints (published in January 2026). Associated with this policy is new Guidance on Raising Concerns, which can be found on the school website.

Danbury & Villages Rotary

QUIZ

Join us for a fun Quiz

Friday 5th June 2026

7.00 for 7.30

£8.00 p/hd
@

DANBURY LEISURE CENTRE
Main Road Danbury CM3 4NQ

Payable in advance to D&V Account No. 65821289 Sort Code: 60-02-30 65821289
Reference: Quiz + Surname and list the number of members in your team
Please Contact Mikepenry@btinternet.com to confirm payment

Maximum of 6 Players /Table please



Please do bring some cash for the raffle
Raising money for local charities, and
Sanctus for the Homeless

You are welcome to bring your own nibbles but no alcohol
as a licensed bar available

Danbury and Villages Rotary Charitable Trust is a Registered Charity Charity No. 1202297

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.



**What is the best way
to support people
who need extra help?**



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...

- Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?



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 Summer Term 2026.



New dates added in red.

Summer Term 1

08.05.26	Colour Run
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
15.05.26	Choir - Junior Music Festival
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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