

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER



08.05.2026



Although it has been a shorter week, it has certainly still been a busy one!

We were excited to launch our **Triathlon** with Mrs Samuel and hope that lots of children will sign up to take part whilst raising money for the school.

This afternoon, the PTFA also hosted their Colour Run, which brought plenty of energy, excitement and colour to the school grounds!

In **Collective Worship**, we reflected on the story of Joseph and how justice is not always about punishment. Joseph had every reason to punish his brothers, yet he chose forgiveness and restoration instead. We thought about how **forgiveness can create a way forward and help relationships to heal.**

Mr Power



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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Etta for always working so hard in every subject!

Beauden W for being so kind and working so hard this week!

Year 1 - Aniela for brightening up everyday in Year 1 with her positivity and kindness.

Maxwell for showing lots of determination to improve his phonic reading skills.

Year 2 - Ilaria for super perseverance with he maths! 😊

Wilfred for being such a fantastic friend and always being ready to learn.

Year 3 - Lilly for working hard on her reading this week!

Connie for having a great attitude towards her learning!

Year 4 - Teddy for his great ideas and word choices in his recount.

Willow for her fabulous sketching work this week.

Year 5 - William S for your effort and determination leading to strong understanding in maths.

Oliver for your perseverance and effort in writing anf the progress you have made!

Year 6 - Isla for producing a well presented info poster about Einstein exploring his beliefs on religion vs science in relation to the creation of the world.

Holly for taking more ownership over her learning and making more of a concerted effort to listen to feedback and make these improvements in her work.



Ben (Y6) Chris, Reuben, Sofia and Tommy (Y5) took part in last week's **Gang Show at the Civic Theatre**.

They performed in 5 shows during the week in various numbers!



Joshua B and Fred (Y5) were awarded **Supporters Player of the Match, Coaches Player of the Match** playing for **Danbury and Bicknacre**.



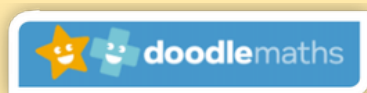
Ivy (R) has achieved her **Level 2 Learn to Swim** certificate and badge!

Dollie (Y3) has been awarded a **medal for her fantastic skiing**



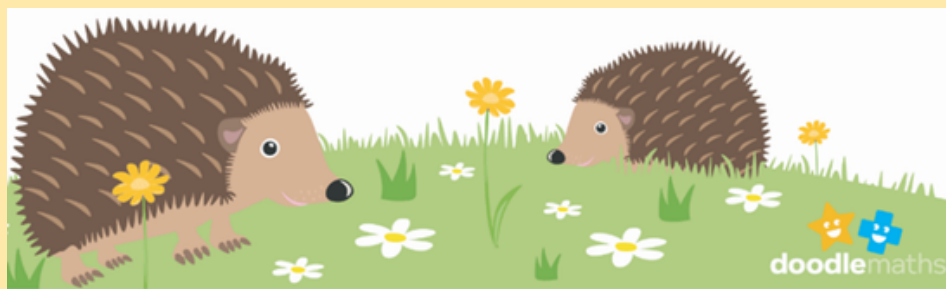
ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL

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Congratulations to **Ben (Y6) and Ellie (Y3)** who have achieved a whopping **900 day streak**; **Arthur (Y5) and Lucas (Y5)** who have hit their **850 day streak**; **Violet (Y4)** who has achieved her **750 day streak** and **Oliver (Y5) and Quinn (Y5)** who have achieved their **700 day streak**!

Well done also goes to **Eleanor (Y4) and Hugo (Y2)** who have hit their **500 day streak**. **Gracie (Y2)** has now been doodling every day for a **WHOLE YEAR** - what an achievement! Congratulations also goes to **Illaria (Y2)** who has achieved a **300 day streak**, **Arthur and Ellius (both Y1)** who have achieved their **200 day streak** and **Nancie (Y2)** who has hit her **100 day streak**.



There is even more to celebrate this week as we have **19 children** who have completed the Spring challenge. Well done to: **Arthur (Y1), Ben (Y6), Bertie (Y2), Clara (Y2), Eleanor (Y4), Ellie (Y3), Elliot (Y5), Ellius (Y1), Finley (Y1), Florence (Y2), Freya (Y4), Hugo (Y2), Illaria (Y2), Isla (Y4), Jarvis (Y2), Joshua B (Y5), Joshua S (Y3), Quinn (Y5) and Violet (Y4)**.

I am excited to announce that we have **4 new ROCK HEROES!** Huge congratulations to **Teddy, Evan, Lucas and Andrei (all Y4)**. An amazing achievement!



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, Ralph and Logan (Y4)**.

We also have **2 new ROCK LEGENDS!** Congratulations to **Mia and Violet (both Y4)**

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

Year 3: Toby, Albert.

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

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

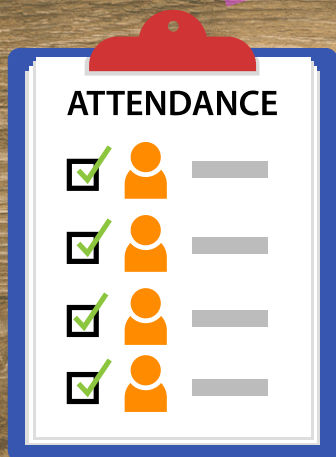
Year 6: Isla, Jess, Jemima, Brody P, Harriet, Lizzy, Harley, Elounda, Emily, Holly, Henry D, Aidan, Freddie, Dexter, Henry S, Rose, Alice and Phoebe.

No change in our top 5 this week: George (Y6), Theo (Y6), Henry H (Y6), Isaac (Y5) and Teddy (Y4).

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Well done to Year 6
98% 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	11962
St David	3	6	2	13542
St George	7	1		12855
St Patrick	1	2	1	12225

Reminders



Toys



As we move further into the Summer Term, we have started to notice that toys and personal items are beginning to creep back into school again, so we wanted to send a gentle reminder about our expectations.

To help maintain a calm and purposeful learning environment for all children, please remember:

- ✓ Toys, cuddly bears and collectables (e.g. Jellycats etc.) should not be brought into school.
- ✓ Fidget toys are only permitted where this has been agreed in advance with the SENCo and class teacher.
- ✓ Personal items can easily become lost or damaged, which can be upsetting for children.
- ✓ If toys are brought into school, staff will keep them safe until the end of the day and return them to the collecting adult.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping children stay focused on their learning and avoid unnecessary distractions or disagreements.



School Uniform

We have noticed that standards of school uniform have started to slip a little over the past few weeks, so this is a gentle reminder about our expectations. We are proud of the way our children present themselves and believe a smart, consistent uniform helps pupils feel part of our St John's community and ready to learn.

If you are unsure of the expectations or need any support, [please refer to the guidance](#) or contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Hair Reminder



We have recently noticed an increase in children wearing their hair down or only partially tied back in school.

As a reminder, hair that is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back fully for school. This helps children remain comfortable, ready for learning and safe during busy school activities.

We also ask that hair colours remain natural and that hair accessories are simple and, where possible, in school colours.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children look smart and ready for the school day.



YEAR 6 CHARITY
COMMITTEE

RAISING MONEY FOR



Essex **Dementia Care**

Life doesn't stop with dementia

Easter Egg Raffle

raised £372.70!



This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet. His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it. Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.



Why do some people become so important to the world?



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...

- Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?



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
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	
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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