

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

15.05.2026



A huge focus this week has been on our Year 6 pupils as they completed their SATs tests. We are **incredibly proud** of the effort, determination and resilience they showed throughout the week. They truly **let their light shine** and demonstrated our school values in abundance — particularly **perseverance and responsibility**.

In **Collective Worship**, we explored justice through the lens of **Fair Trade**, thinking about how everyone should be treated and paid fairly, especially in their work. The children reflected on how the choices we make can help support fairness and dignity for others around the world.

After school today, we are holding our **Summer Fayre**, which promises to be a fantastic community event whilst raising valuable funds for the school.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Ruby and Beau for working so hard in phonics and writing!

Year 1 - Macey for working really hard to improve her phonic skills.

Oakley for always working hard and doing his best!

Year 2 - Jarvis for super thoughtful work in English and making an effort to be really focused.

Lucas for producing some beautiful handwriting this week!

Year 3 - Ellie for using her research to write an exceptional piece about Sir David Attenborough.

Hunter for working hard on his reading comprehension skills and giving it his all!

Year 4 - Freddie for listening to advice and really improving his writing!

Lewis for his amazing sculpture work! What a great artist!

Year 5 - Quinn for your enthusiasm and excellent knowledge of the Ancient Greek Gods.

Elliot for introducing a fun new playtime activity that has brought enjoyment to our class.

Year 6 - All of Year 6 for showing great learning behaviours this week. I am incredibly proud of each and everyone of you!

ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL



Chris (Y5) completed the 15-mile "Ride for Helen" charity bike ride



Theo (R) has completed **12 Junior Park Runs** equivalent to a half marathon and has been awarded his half marathon wrist band.

Freya (Y3) has taken part in **The Wonderful World of Windmill** celebration as part of **The Emmys** dance group.



George and Seb (Y6) together with their team **Danbury & Bicknacre U11s Blues** were crowned **BCFA (Brentwood Community Football Alliance) U11s winners.**



Samuel (Y4) has been retained for the **u10 26/27 season** at **West Ham Utd.**

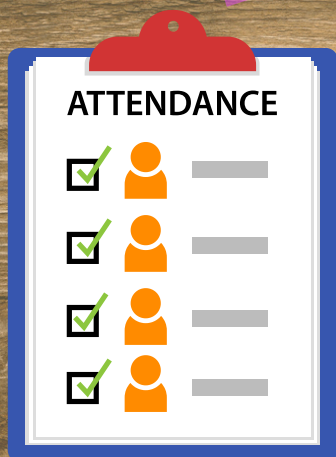
Henry D (Y6) got a **silver medal** in the **KUGB National Karate Championships** in Nottingham for Boys Kata.



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Well done to Year 6
100% 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	12240
St David	3	6	3	14155
St George	7	1		13310
St Patrick	1	2	1	12472

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.

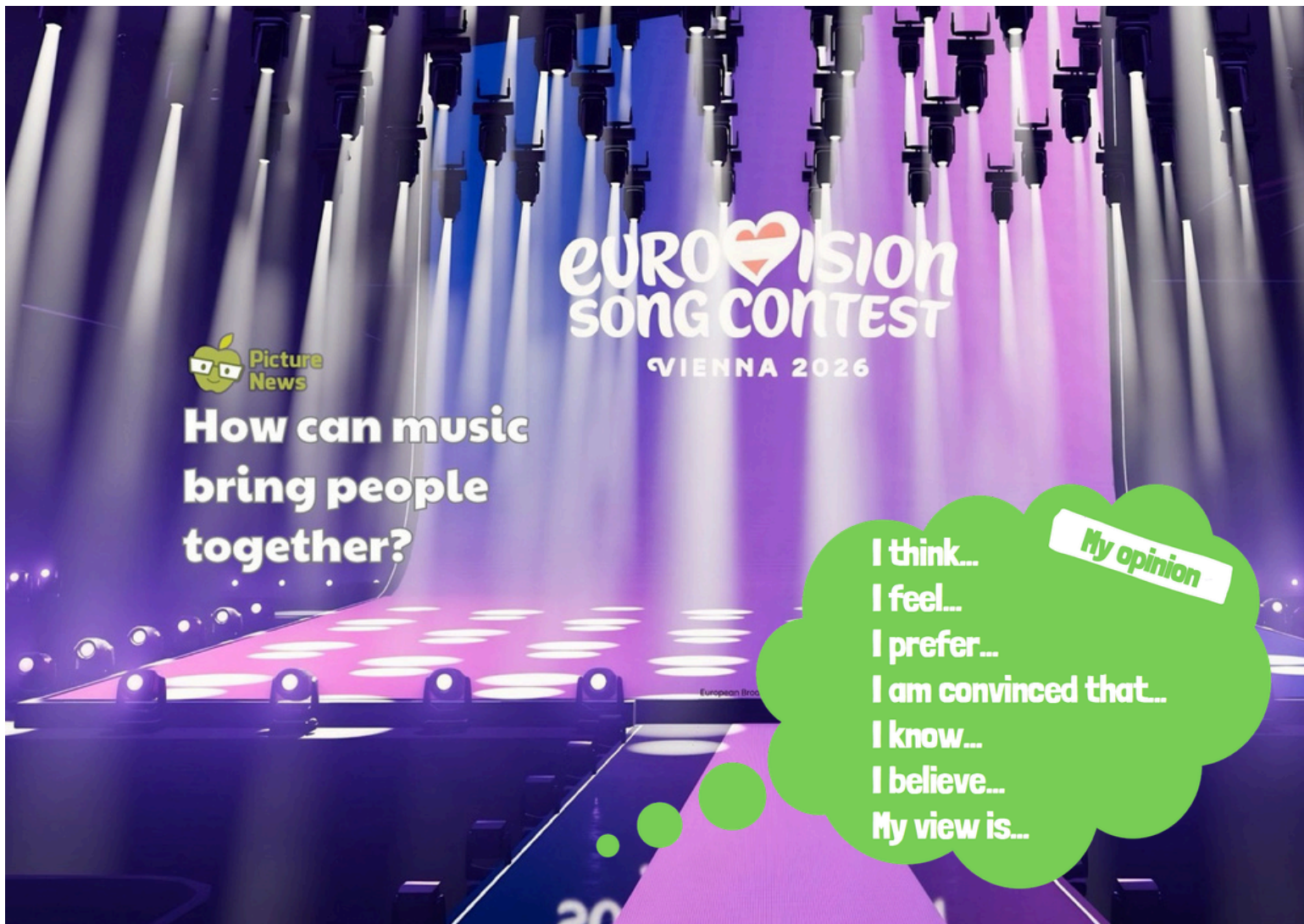
We also ask that hair colours remain natural and that hair accessories are simple and, where possible, in school colours.

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

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.



Things to talk about at home...

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why? Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?
- In your view, does music bring people together, or can it sometimes divide opinions?



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

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

Summer Term 2

22.06.26	Year 5 Sandon Taster Day
25.06.26	Year 4 Trip
26.06.26	Sports Day
01.07.26	Year 2 Mini Games
02.07.26	Arts Festival
08.07.26	Triathlon
08.07.26	Year 6 Production
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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