

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

05.06.2026



As we move towards the end of another busy and successful year, there has been plenty to celebrate across the school this week. Our Year 5 and 6 **Swimming Gala** brought this year's swimming competition to a close, with children demonstrating excellent determination, perseverance and sportsmanship throughout. Please see the newsletter for the full results.

We have also enjoyed a fantastic **DT Week**, centred around our World Cup theme. It has been wonderful to see the creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills on display as pupils designed and created a range of impressive projects.

In **Collective Worship**, we have been exploring **Global Christianity** and how faith is expressed through art around the world. We have spent time looking at **Rublev's famous icon of the Trinity**, discussing what it teaches Christians about God and asking thoughtful questions about its meaning and symbolism.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements in the weeks ahead as they continue to **let their light shine**.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week



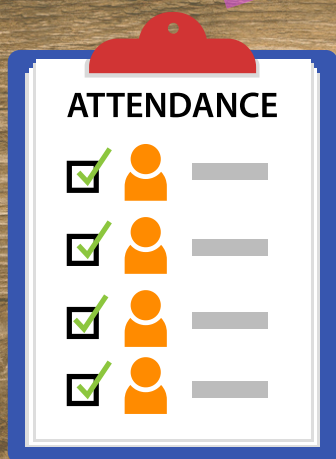
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- EYFS - Ivy & Rose** for working so hard in everything this week, especially writing and phonics.
- Year 1 - Ethan** for always working hard and trying his best in everything he does.
Evie for always being kind and helpful to others.
- Year 2 - Lilly** for showing great perseverance in all your work
Lottie for working thoughtfully, asking great questions and coming up with your own ideas!
- Year 3 - Andrei** for slotting straight back into the class with ease. We are so happy to have you back with us.
Daksh for showing some good problem solving skills in maths.
- Year 4 - Bobbie-Rae** for her perseverance and resilience in writing and maths.
Lily for her mature, helpful attitude in school. Well done!
- Year 5 - India** for always leading by example. Your hard work, maturity and respect inspire those around you everyday.
Alice for perseverance with writing & for working hard to edit and improve your work.
- Year 6 - Alfie** for crafting his writing thoughtfully & carefully. Well done for being so focused & determined.
George for revealing character through dialogue.

ACHIEVEMENTS

around **SCHOOL**

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Well done to Year 2
100% attendance

Whole School - 95.7%

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



Team	Autumn	Spring	Summer	Running total
St Andrew	2	1	1	13411
St David	3	6	4	15267
St George	7	1	1	14295
St Patrick	1	2	1	13353



Swimming Gala

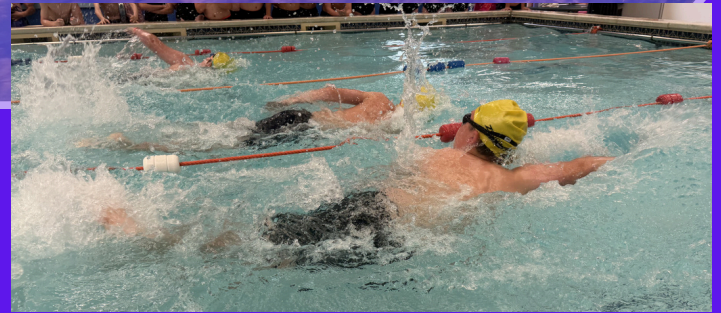
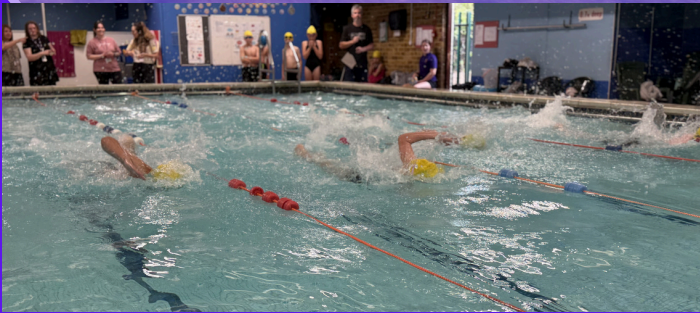


Over two exciting days, pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in our annual Swimming Gala. It was a fantastic event that showcased not only swimming ability, but also determination, perseverance and sportsmanship.

Throughout the competition, every child truly let their light shine, giving their best in each race and cheering on their teammates. The atmosphere was full of excitement, encouragement and healthy competition, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

The contest was closely fought, with points being earned across a range of events. While every participant should be proud of their efforts, there can only be one overall winner. This year, with an impressive total of **210 points**, the Swimming Gala champions were **St David's House!**

Congratulations to St David's, and well done to every pupil who took part and represented their house so brilliantly.



Fitness
THREES



A team of **Year 3 pupils** recently represented St John's at the **Chelmsford School Sport Partnership Fitness Threes Festival**. Despite challenging weather conditions, the event went ahead successfully, with 17 teams from across the area taking part in a range of fun fitness challenges designed to test agility, balance, coordination and teamwork.

Our pupils demonstrated excellent determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day, encouraging one another and giving their very best in every activity. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and truly let their light shine through their positive attitudes and perseverance.

We are delighted to share that St John's finished in **8th place overall**, a great achievement in such a competitive field. We were also particularly proud to receive praise from the event organisers, who commented on how fantastic our **Bronze Ambassadors** were in supporting the running of the festival.

Well done to everyone involved for representing St John's so brilliantly.

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Teenage sisters, Tala and Farah Mousa from Gaza, have created a project called Build Hope. They collect rubble from damaged buildings, crush it, and mix it with materials such as clay, ash, and straw to create new bricks to be used for rebuilding communities. The sisters developed the idea while living in a tent after their home was destroyed during the war in Gaza. Their venture won The Earth Prize, a global environmental competition for young people, for the Middle East region.



**How can people create hope
during difficult times?**

My opinion

I think...
I feel...
I prefer...
I am convinced that...
I know...
I believe...
My view is...

The Earth Prize

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think young people can make a real difference in the world? Why?
- Have you ever turned something old or broken into something new or useful?
- Share what the word 'hope' means to you.
- What can help people stay hopeful during difficult times?



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 2	
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
09.06.26	Year 2 Trip
15.06.26	Year 5 Trip Meeting - 2.45pm
16.06.26	Choir - JMF
17.06.26	Class Photos
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
22.06.26	Year 5 Sandon Taster Day
23.06.26	Transtion Morning
24.06.26	Year 6 Induction Day at Sandon
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

Summer Term 2	
08.07.26	Year 6 Production - 5.30pm
10.07.26	Year 6 Leavers Ball - 6pm
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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