

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

16.01.2026



It has been another busy and purposeful week across the school. **EYFS** and **Year 5** took part in **road safety** sessions, developing important skills to help them stay safe and confident when out and about in the community.

This week also saw the launch of our **Winter Reading Challenge**, designed to inspire a love of reading and celebrate the joy books can bring during the winter season.

In Collective Worship, our focus was **Psalm 103**, where children were encouraged to reflect on gratitude and consider the many things they have to be thankful for as we move through the term.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Clodagh and Beauden W for your amazing writing during phonics - we were so impressed!

Year 1 - Ellius for having such a positive attitude to his learning. Ellius is always working hard and trying his best.

Leo for being such a super addition to year 1. Always working hard, super manners and showing kindness to others.

Year 2 - Fraser for super writing. You have fantastic ideas and have also tried really hard with your handwriting!

Vee for super writing. You choose really interesting vocabulary and have tried really hard with your spelling.

Year 3 - Evalyn for always going above and beyond, continuously working hard, and being a wonderful member of our class.

Connie for sharing her love of history with us, as well as her super knowledge! You are an inspiration to others.

Year 4 - Bobbie for her amazing enthusiasm to learn her writing and maths this week has been brilliant!

Lucas for his maturity and thoughtfulness towards others, you are such an asset in school.

Year 5 - Leo for your perseverance with your learning this week. We are impressed by your effort.

Fred for all your hard work in maths. We are so proud of how confident you have become.

Year 6 - Alice for listening super carefully to feedback and using this to really improve the quality of her writing.

George for showing greater ownership of his learning and awareness of what he needs to focus on in order to reach his potential.

**ACHIEVEMENTS
around SCHOOL**

GO APE

Arthur L (Y1) for completing the **Go Ape!** course.



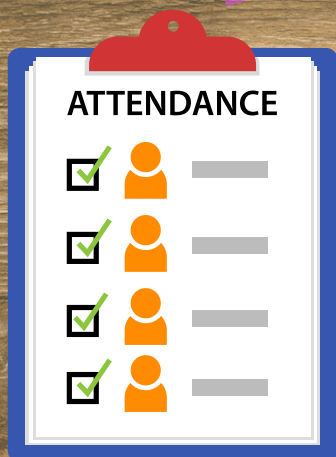
Gracie and Flo (Y2) for winning **1st place** at their recent dance competition for **Silhouettes Dance School**.



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Well done to Year 2
100% attendance
Whole School - **95.3%**

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			6321
St David	3			6475
St George	7			6690
St Patrick	1	2		6603

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Our first Maths update since the Christmas break and we have lots to celebrate! Are you ready?! Here are all the FAB achievements since the last update...

- **Joshua** (Y5) and **Ellie** (Y3) have **AMAZINGLY** reached their **800** day streak!
- **Freya** (Y4) and **Lucas** (Y5) have hit their **750** day streak.
- **Arthur** (Y5) has achieved his **730** day streak.
- **Elliot** (Y5) reached his **700** day streak.
- **Violet** (Y4) has hit her **650** day streak.
- **Oscar** (Y3) has achieved his **600** day streak.
- **Joshua** (Y3) has hit his **500** day streak.
- **Jacob M** (Y3) has achieved his **450** day streak.
- **Teddy** (Y4) has hit his **400** day streak.
- **Isla** (Y4), **Eleanor** (Y4), **Clara** (Y2) and **Hugo** (Y2) have all been doodling every day for **ONE WHOLE YEAR!**
- **Bertie** (Y2) has been doodling for **350** days.
- And last, but by no means least, **Illaria** (Y2) has reached her **200** day streak.



WOWZERS! What a great way to start the new year! Well done each and everyone of you...we are SO proud of you!



TWO new **ROCK LEGENDS** this week. Well done to **Lexi-Mae** (Y4) and **Freddie** (Y5)

Congratulations to our existing **ROCK HEROES**: **Ezra** and **Isaac** (both Y5), **Henry H**, **Ben**, **Lily**, **Alfie**, **Seb**, **George**, **Theo** and **Jean** (all Y6) and **Ralph** (Y4).

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

Year 4: Rory, Cohen, Teddy S, Logan, Evan, Sam, Mia, Heidi, Freddie, Lucas, Hudson H, Lily, Savannah, Andrei and Jude.

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

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

TOP 5: Still no change in our top 5 at the moment!

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



BINGO

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Night

Please save the date for the first St John's Bingo Night! All money raised will be used for curriculum enhancement, directly benefiting the children. More details to follow in the new year.

FRIDAY

07.00PM

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We look forward to seeing you!

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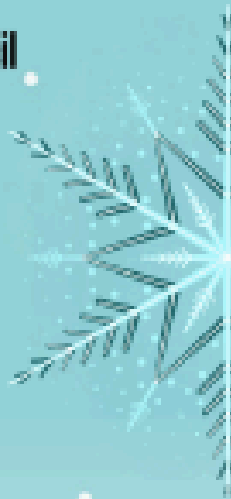
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Essex County Council
Libraries

**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter!

Explore our Pawfessionals' amazing careers as you progress through the challenge.

Choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, you'll get a sticker! Complete six, and you'll receive a certificate and get to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies!

Plus, you can join in with themed events and activities at the library!



Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.



Things to talk about at home...

- Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?



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

WEEK 1

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Salad Bar, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Chunks Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Fishfinger Baguette Chips and Beans
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Cheese Pizza Salad Bar Sweetcorn and Coleslaw	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Dippers Potato Wedges, Peas or Beans	Omelette Chips and Beans
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	Jacket Potato Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese
Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Mandarin and Pineapple Fruit Salad	Apple Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Ice cream with Orange Slices	Strawberry and Grapefruit Salad	Chocolate Muffins with Orange Slices
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta & Pepperoni Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast – Butchers Sausage, Bacon Egg, Beans, Hash Browns and Mushrooms	BBQ Chicken Kebabs and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Beef Burger in a Bun with Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Bubble Cod with Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Pasta & Cheese/Tomato Sauce Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	All day breakfast - Vegetarian Sausage Egg, Beans, Hashbrowns and Mushrooms	Quorn Fillet and Rice Roasted Peppers and Onions, Sweet Chilli Sauce and Flatbread	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun Sweetcorn, Tortilla Chips and Tomato Sauce	Cheese Puff Triangles Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
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	Strawberry Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Fruity Flapjacks	Jelly and Pineapple Pieces	Cinnamon Cookies with Apple Slices	Fruit Smoothies
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Homemade Chicken Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Roast Chicken Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Chicken Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Butchers Sausage Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
Option 2	Homemade Vegetable Korma Curry Rice and Naan Bread	Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta, Garlic Bread and Runner Beans	Quorn Fillet Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Quorn Burger Lettuce, Mayo, Sweetcorn and Tortilla Chips	Veggie Sausages Chips, Beans or Sweetcorn
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Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
	Chocolate Ice Cream with Orange Slices	Cherry Sponge Cake and Custard	Vanilla Traybake	Pancakes and Chocolate Sauce with Banana Slice	Fruit Platter or Yogurt

Key Dates 2025-2026

Below are some of the key dates for the upcoming academic year as well as more detailed events for Spring & Summer Terms 2026.



New dates added in red.

Spring Term	
27.01.26	Communication Station
10.02.26	Year 4 - Superstars
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
27.02.26	Bingo Night
05.03.26	World Book Day
12.03.26	Music Celebration Evening
17.03.26 & 19.03.26	Parents' Evening
18.03.26	Year 3 Trip
19.03.26	Infant Music Festival
20.03.26	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
23.03.26	Whole School Cross-Country
24.01.26 & 25.03.26	Band It Performances
26.03.25	Easter Service @ St John's Church
27.03.26	INSET DAY
30.03.26-10.04.26	EASTER BREAK

Summer Term	
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
25.05.26	HALF TERM
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
25.06.26	Year 4 Trip
26.06.26	Sports Day
03.07.26	Arts Festival
08.07.26	Triathlon
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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