

ST JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

5.12.2025



It has been a wonderful week of performances in school. Our KS1 children have been truly amazing in their Nativity — three performances in total, with two for parents and one for the whole school. Their beautiful singing, confident speaking, brilliant jokes and all-round enthusiasm made each performance a joy to watch. A huge thank you to all parents and carers who came along to support them.

We were also incredibly proud of our school choir, who performed at the Brentwood Centre on Monday as part of the John Williams Concert. They sang brilliantly and represented our school so well.

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

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



Reception - Marley for putting in a huge effort during the nativity and performing all the actions!

Arthur B for making a HUGE effort in all your learning!

Year 1 - Oakley for being such a kind, helpful and caring friend! He is always doing jobs for the grown ups too!

Oscar for challenging himself to write more exciting sentences and remembering his finger spaces.

Year 2 - Adalee for persevering with your handwriting!

Clara for being incredibly helpful!

Year 3 - Isabelle for showing determination and using 'can do' attitude to help her tackle some challenging work!

We are proud of you!

Daksh for working so hard on the presentation of our work and producing some beautiful handwriting.

Year 4 - Lily for her great effort in our test this week

Evan for his constant effort in class.

Year 5 - Oliver for working so hard in everything you do! We appreciate your enthusiasm.

Maya for always doing a job well. We can rely on you to be responsible and help in any way!

Year 6 - Emily for approaching all her learning in a positive, focused and determined way.

Henry S for showing improved levels of focus and determination in his learning this week.



**Blu (Y1) achieving
Match Soccer Graduate**



Eleanor, Gracie & Flo (Y2)

Power Cheer

Team Glitter Girls - **1st place**

Team Rascals- **2nd place**

Silhouettes Dance school

Lollipop - **1st place**

Ruby (Y5)

got **Silver and 2 Golds**

for her group dances

with **Silhouettes**

Dance School.



**Jude (Y2) awarded a
Red Stripe on his belt
at Ju Jitsu**



On Tuesday, 8 pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Bowl Competition at Falcons Bowls Club.

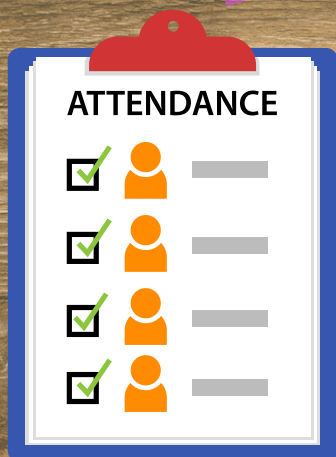
They competed in 8 different activities, developing their skills. They all worked well as a team, showed perseverance in some of the challenges and above all showed respect to the leaders. The girls all had a wonderful morning representing our school.

To top the morning off, the **Year 6 team finished in 1st place** which is a first for St John's in this event! They were so happy with their gold medals. Thank you to Mrs James and Mrs Piddington for accompanying the children and all those who transported and supported the girls on the day. Well done to: **Esmay C, Lottie B, Millar W, Sofia H, Keziah D, Rose P, Isla W and Jemima B.**

ACHIEVEMENTS

around **SCHOOL**

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Well done to Year 5
97.6% 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	1			4853
St David	2			4946
St George	7			5079
St Patrick	1			5129

UPDATE

Governor News

There was a particular focus on pupil related matters at this week's full governing body meeting. We discussed how the outcomes of the Reception Baseline Assessments are being used to adapt the curriculum in accordance with the needs of pupils.

In a similar way the curriculum for all other pupils is being monitored to ensure implementation and impact are strengthened. We approved the Pupil Premium Report for publication on our website, which details the impact of this additional funding over the last academic year and the plans for this year. Updates to some policies were approved and these included a revised Data Protection Policy and an updated Accessibility Plan.

An update on the Headteacher recruitment process will be provided before the Christmas holidays.



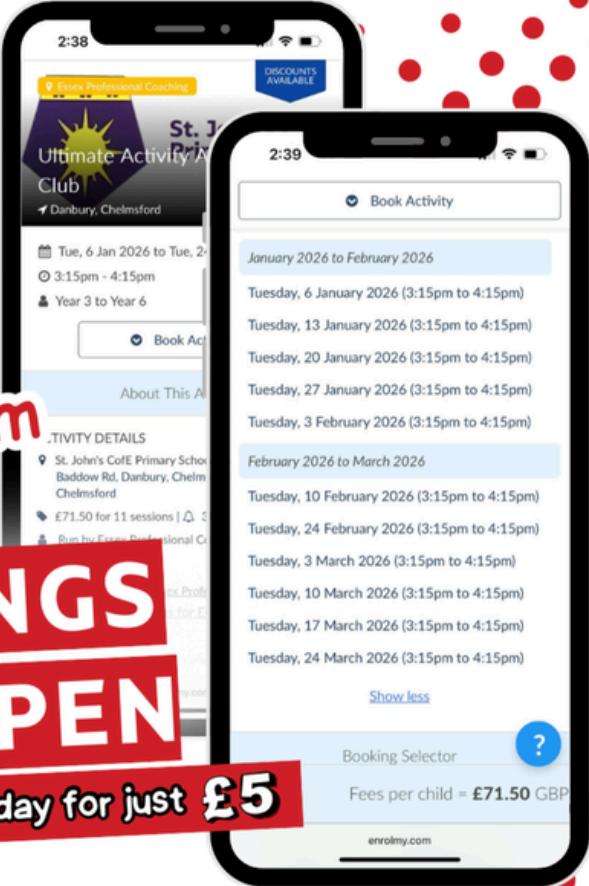
St John's Primary School

Spring Term Clubs

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Reserve a space today for just £5

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RAINBOW RAFFLE

PLEASE SEE YOUR YEAR GROUP ITEMS TO BE DONATED BY 10TH DECEMBER



St. John's



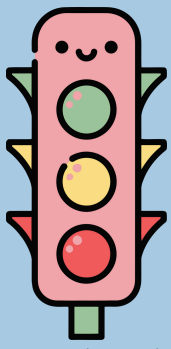
Pre-loved Uniform Shop



Open Most Thursdays After School

No Coats, Shoes, White Shirts or Underwear Please

All Donations Go Into Reception



Road

SAFETY



As the days grow darker and traffic around school increases, we are asking all families to take extra care on the roads and pavements near school. Thank you for continuing to support a safe and calm start and end to each day.

A few key reminders:

- **Please park considerately** and avoid stopping on the yellow zig-zags so that sightlines remain clear for children crossing.
- **Use designated crossings** wherever possible and encourage children to walk—never run—across the road.
- **Hold hands with younger children** when walking through car parks or near busy traffic.
- **Make sure children can be seen.** Bright or reflective clothing helps significantly during darker mornings and evenings.
- Be aware when reversing or opening car doors near pedestrians.
- Consider walking, cycling or scooting to school where safe—it reduces congestion and supports healthy habits.

If you would like to explore road safety further with your child at home, the THINK! Road Safety website provides short videos, activities and age-appropriate resources for primary pupils:

www.think.gov.uk/education-resources

Working together, we can help every child arrive and leave school safely.

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK

This week's story and big question

In the news this week...

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.



Picture
News

**How important is it to feel a
sense of togetherness?**

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...

- Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together?
- Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period?
- Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.



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 3

Home-cooked hot dinners with locally sourced food for just **£2.40**
 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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	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 Autumn Term 2025.



Autumn Term	
12.12.25	Christmas Fayre (PTFA)
15.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Carol Service
16.12.25	Civic Theatre Pantomime
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
19.12.25	Last Day of Term

Spring Term	
05.01.26	INSET DAY
27.01.26	Communication Station
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
05.03.26	World Book Day
12.03.26	Music Celebration Evening
17.03.26 & 19.03.26	Parents' Evening
23.03.26	Whole School Cross-Country
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
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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