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UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER



Band-It Starts

28th September

Nicola is back in school for Band-it and solo sessions



Year 5 - Bikeability

28th & 29th September

Group 1



Year 5 - Bikeability

30th September & 1st October

Group 2



Year 3 - Stone Age Day

30th September

Please see class letter for more details



Year 4 - Class Trip

1st October

Please see class letter for more details



Author Visit

2nd October

Our whole-school calendar dates for the year have now been sent to all families.

Term dates can be found on our [website](#)



It has been another busy and positive week at St John's, with the children continuing to work incredibly hard across the school. It has also been lovely to see our **Six Ups** becoming more visible in everyday school life – children showing up ready to learn, speaking up with confidence, working together and encouraging one another. There has been a real sense of enthusiasm and purpose across the school.

A real highlight this week was **Year 2's trip to Mountfitchet Castle**, where the children had a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life and explore history beyond the classroom.

There is plenty to look forward to next week too, with an **author visit** taking place in school and **Year 4** heading out on their class trip. We are really looking forward to another exciting week of learning and opportunities for the children.

Mr Power



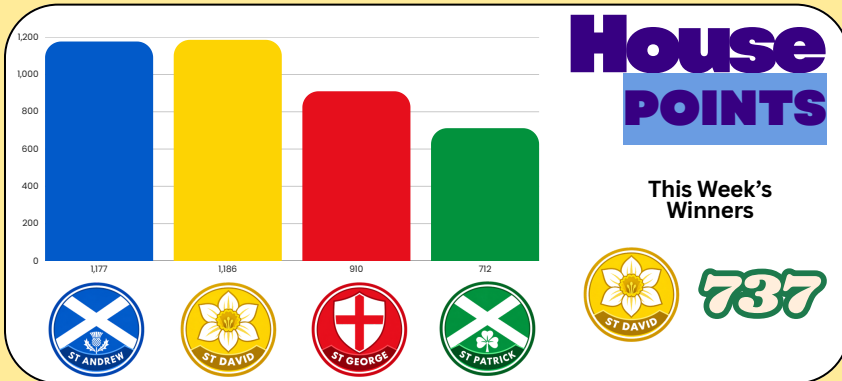
This week in **Collective Worship**, we explored the second of our Six Ups: **Speak Up**. We thought about how using our voice takes both **courage and kindness** – speaking truthfully, asking for help and standing up for what is right.

Through the story of Esther, we also reflected on how our words can make a difference for others, especially when their voices are not being heard.

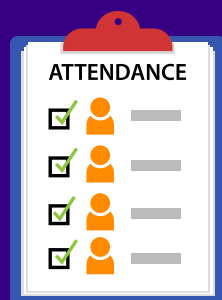
Our reflection questions: **Is there a time when I need the courage to speak truthfully and lovingly? When might my voice make a difference for somebody else?**



ACHIEVEMENTS AROUND SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE



Well done to **Year 3**
99.7% attendance
Whole School - 96%

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.



EYFS

Catherine for growing in confidence when trying to use her voice.

Reggie for settling so well into school with all the routines and expectations.

Year 1

Arlo and Hallie for always working hard and trying their best.

Year 2

Year 2 for fantastic enthusiasm and listening on their trip to Mountfitchet Castle!

Year 3

Vee for showing 100% effort in all areas of school life!

Nelson for making some insightful contributions to our discussions about the Stone Age.

Year 4

Freddi for his kindness towards another child in the ICT suite.

Lilly for never giving up in lessons. You persevere and always try your best!

Year 5

Freya for Looking Up! For the wonderful, positive energy & enthusiasm you bring to everything you do. You make the most of every opportunity and your positivity is infectious!

Isla for Showing up! The positive energy, enthusiasm and approach to everything you do, as if it's the most exciting thing you've ever experienced!

Year 6

Lottie for showing super listening in History & being able to clearly explain the reasons why WWII started.

Sofia for choosing really effective words and phrases when writing in role as Rose



Thank you to all those pupils, parents, carers and staff who took time to complete surveys last term. Your views were taken into account during our Strategy Day discussions in July.

The surveys will be rerun in the new calendar year to provide up-to-date views. In addition to the survey responses, the Strategy Day reviewed governor monitoring reports, external advisor reports, and our self-evaluation against the new Ofsted framework.

We have agreed a small but important modification to the school's Mission and determined strategy statements that are designed to provide direction and support to future decision-making.

Mission: To enable all children to achieve their true potential in a caring and inclusive community rooted in Christian values.

- We are committed to supporting all adults and pupils to flourish.
- We aim to design our curriculum to be inclusive, engaging and ambitious, enabling every child to reach their potential.
- We aim to design our school environment to be welcoming, accessible and inspiring, enabling all to thrive.
- We are committed to using digital technology in innovative and purposeful ways to maximise effectiveness in the classroom in enhancing learning and promoting digital responsibility.
- We are committed to strong financial oversight, ensuring our resources are used effectively to sustain and strengthen our school's long-term success.
- We aim to strengthen our reputation, showcasing the vision, values, and culture of our school.
- We are committed to becoming a more sustainable school, with a strong focus on caring for the environment and reducing our carbon footprint.



Our Charity Committee's first action will be supporting our Harvest collection.

We would be very grateful for any donations, which should be brought into school by **Thursday 15th October**.

