



From the Headmaster

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church

On Monday night we held our Carol Service at Emmanuel Church. Boys from Years 3 to 8 told the Christmas story, reading Bible passages and poems. We all sang heartily, led by our orchestra and enjoyed vocal and instrumental interludes. Well done to all involved - a fitting start to the Christmas holidays.



Welcome to our final edition of The Lamb, at the end of what has been a busy and successful term. On Saturday, the St John's Association put on a fantastic Christmas Bazaar which was very well organised and attended. In between the Nerf War, disco, craft areas, extensive games and Christmas stalls, and of course a visit from Santa Claus, there was something for everyone. Thank you to those who organised and supported this lovely community event.

Our final assembly of 2023 allowed some reflection and gratitude for the opportunities of the term. In the last few days alone, boys have enjoyed watching a Panto (a first for most in the Pre-Prep), taking part in the annual cross country race, and welcoming the broader community to our wonderful Carol Service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood.

I would like to wish all St John's families, teachers and support staff a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break.

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Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day was full of fun and festive cheer. Everyone left their blazers and school jumpers at home in favour of brightly coloured festive Christmas jumpers. In the morning, Years 5-8 took part in the Senior House cross-country (pictures in sports section) after which we were suitably ready for a hearty and delicious Christmas Lunch. After lunch, boys enjoyed visiting the St John's Association

tuck shop. Years 3-8 competed enthusiastically in the traditional House Christmas Quiz which we held in person for the first time in three years. The Quiz was won by Oates Altogether a fabulous day which also raised over £350 for Save the Children. Thank you for your generosity as ever. We hope you enjoy looking at all the pictures in this bumper edition of The Lamb.





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Christmas Bazaar





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St John's School & Tooled Up Education

St John's aims to provide holistic support to everyone in our school community, in all areas of family life, which is why we have signed up to a new service called Tooled Up Education. This valuable source of educational advice gives all our families privileged access to a regularly updated digital library, full of evidence-based tips, simple activities, advice-packed videos and enlightening podcasts, on all matters relating to parenting and family life. Tooled Up Education is curated by one of the UK's leading experts on parental engagement in children's lives and learning, Dr Kathy Weston.

The first way you can engage with Tooled Up Education is through a talk given by Dr Weston. The talk is entitled *Optimal Ways to Support Your Child's Mental Health, Resilience and Ability to Thrive Academically*. It will take place as a webinar on Tuesday 10th January at 6.45pm and

we are encouraging all parents to sign up [using this link](#).

During the talk Dr Weston will share a range of evidence-based ideas, tips and resources with parents and carers. Importantly, she will hand over the 'digital keys' to the world of Tooled Up for all parents and carers within our school community. Don't miss this important opportunity and the chance to register for free access to the Tooled Up resource library.

You can discover more information on a dedicated page of the School website under the parents area.



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Final Assembly



In our final assembly of the term Mr Jenkin reflected on all that we have achieved this term, as individuals and as a community. It was also an opportunity to recognise the winners of the Activities Cup (Oates) and the Burton-Page House points Cup (Churchill) as well as several other awards.





More things going on around the School



Nishant won the Lord Mayor's essay competition for 11 to 15 year olds



The School Council held its final meeting of the term with Mrs Savage in the chair



Ranbir in the Eagles was awarded with the "I did my best" cup in Pre-Pre Assembly



The Pre-Prep boys presented Mr Pawson with a special leaving card



Joyful Christmas Productions!

Last week we were treated to the Otters and Owls' production of Baarmy Bethlehem and the Badgers and Eagles telling of A Christmas Toy Story. Amid enthusiastic singing, characterful acting and plenty of jokes, the real meaning of Christmas shone through.





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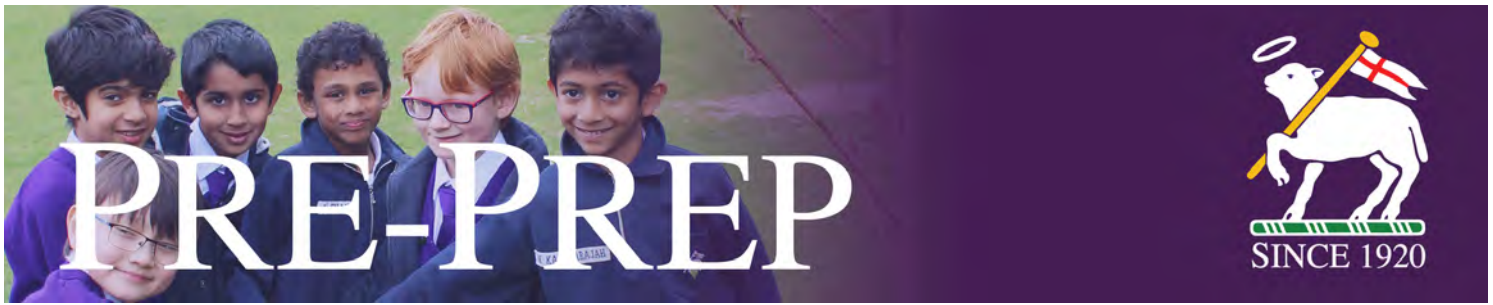


Christmas Fun in the Pre-Prep

On Monday, Pre-Prep was transformed into a party venue. There were six themed rooms with games such as musical statues, a lucky dip, bingo. The boys danced the afternoon away in the Christmas disco and visited a very special room where all the boys chatted to Father Christmas and received

gifts. As you can see great fun was had by all and the smiling and excited faces were a delight to behold. The Pre-Prep staff all wish you and your families a healthy, safe and fun filled Christmas.





Christmas Fun in the Pre-Prep





Pre-Prep hosts a Christmas Open House

Last Friday afternoon Pre-Prep hosted an Open House. The boys were extremely excited to be able to show their parents and families the lovely work in their classrooms.





Year 4 loved Humph the Camel

The **Junior** boys wrote thank you letters to the Robins and Squirrels after watching their Christmas show and visited their classrooms to read the letters to the boys.





Party Time in the Juniors

The party began with the hat decorating competition, followed by Miss Little's exuberant classroom karaoke, Mrs Wagemaker's disco and the peaceful Christmas crafting and sleeping lions rooms. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the entire afternoon, and it provided the perfect opportunity to allow the excitement to build for the trip to the panto on Tuesday. The Juniors have worked hard all term and deserved their festive and fun filled end of term.





Party Time in the Juniors



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Festive warmth

Our Brass Band warmed our hearts with an impromptu performance of some festive music on the playground yesterday afternoon. They also raised money for our charity, Place2Be.





Art Club means great fun for all

Fun was had by all in art club this week. Lots of experimenting with different techniques from Bob Ross to modern art!





Senior House Cross Country

All boys who were fit in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 represented their Houses in the Senior House cross country on Friday. The course is known as a particularly challenging one and interesting in all weather conditions. The boys had to work hard, but their enthusiasm and support for each other was lovely to see. There were some excellent performances from our winners in each age group. Year 5&6 Teddy 1st 12.40; Sebastian 2nd 13.18; Luca 3rd 13.41. In Year 7&8 1st Vivek; 2nd Emerson 12.37; 3rd Leo 13.09. Overall House Results 1st Lawrence 55.3; 2nd Oates 64.01; 3rd Lincoln 71.5 and 4th Churchill 71.6





Junior House Cross Country

On a sunny afternoon, Year 3 and 4 ran the annual Junior House cross-country race with great spirit and determination. All the boys worked hard and battled for every spot during this event, supporting their friends to the finish line. The Year 4 and overall winners were, David 1st 13.24, Niam 2nd 13.32 and Ehsaan 3rd 14.16. Well done to all the boys who completed this challenging course for their respective House. 1st Lawrence 25.46; 2nd Oates 29.80; 3rd Churchill 30.00; 4th Lincoln 32.90.





U9 Rugby Festival at Haberdashers'

On a fantastic winter morning, the team worked together beautifully, supporting each other, and showing great improvement in tackling and physicality. We achieved positive results in the first three fixtures with team tries scored by Dillan, Deven, Aikam and Aaran. It was lovely to have so many parent supporters, thank you.



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U9 Rugby Festival at Haberdashers'



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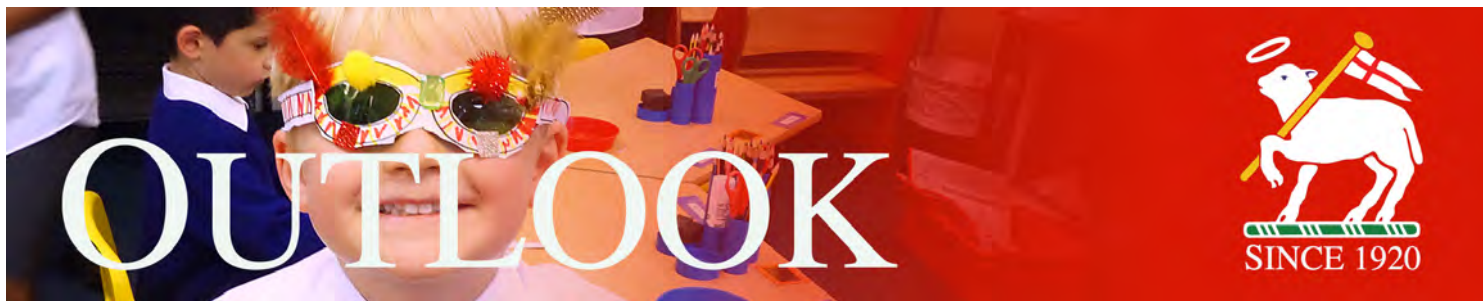
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Important dates

- Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023:** 4+ Assessments, Staff Inset
- Wednesday 4th Jan:** 4+ Assessments, Staff inset
- Thursday 5th Jan:** Beginning of Spring Term (8.25am)
Classics Trip Information Meeting (4.15pm)
- Friday 6th Jan:** Haberdashers' 13+ Entrance Examinations
- Monday 9th Jan:** First Swim at Merchant Taylors'
Prep School Clubs and Activities begin
Cross Country v York House: U13, U11 (a) (2.15pm)
- Tuesday 10th Jan:** Tooled up Education Parent Talk (6.45pm)
- Wednesday 11th Jan:** 3S DT&E Open House (3.50pm)
- Thursday 12th Jan:** Cross Country v York House: U9 (a) (2.30pm)
- Friday 13th Jan:** Hockey v Highgate: U11A, B (a) U10 A, B (h) (2.30pm)
- Saturday 14th Jan:** Aldenham 13+ Entrance Examinations



Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.

You can also follow us on twitter [@stjnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)

Mailings: If you would like to be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Christmas Jumper Day: We raised £354.70 for Save the Children last Friday. Thank you for all your support.

The Lion King: Auditions for our school musical 2023 will take place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th January during the school day. For more information, please see this [google classroom link](#)

School Calendar: The Spring Term calendar is now on the school website and your son has been given a copy.

Mental Health and Resilience: Tuesday 10th January 6.45pm A talk by Dr Kathy Weston: Optimal Ways to Support Your Child's Mental Health, Resilience and Ability to Thrive Academically. [Register here](#)

Votes for Schools: This week's question: "Will increased awareness get more people learning BSL?"



House Points: Congratulations to Churchill who are the winners of the Burton Page Cup this term having gained the most House points. 1st Churchill 61.80, 2nd Lincoln 60.07, 3rd Oates 59.35 4th Lawrence 55.63.

The Lamb: The next edition of The Lamb will be on Friday 13th January. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy 2023. We look forward to welcoming the boys back on Thursday 5th January.