



From the
Headmaster

The School community gathered today to mark Remembrance Day, reflecting on the service and sacrifice of those involved in conflicts around the world. Our Reception classes have been making poppies, and our Head Boy and Deputies will contribute to a service of commemoration in Northwood on Sunday, laying a wreath on behalf of St John's.

We have also focused on the environment this week, with Mr Lawrence and the Eco Council leading an assembly at the start of 'Switch Off Fortnight'. Our Year 4 have been learning about the environment in science, and our Year 2s have been investigating buoyancy. As a School (and as global citizens) we need to connect our understanding of the environment to our own personal actions. The boys' passion and commitment to sustainability will help St John's drastically reduce carbon emissions and prioritise the environment over the coming years.

We look forward to tomorrow's Lord Mayor's Show in London. I hope to see as many boys and families there as possible.

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Remembrance at St John's

At 11.00 our senior trumpeters Archie, Nishant, Rahul and Aary played The Last Post very professionally after which we observed two minutes silence which came to an end as the guns sounded from the Northwood Headquarters.



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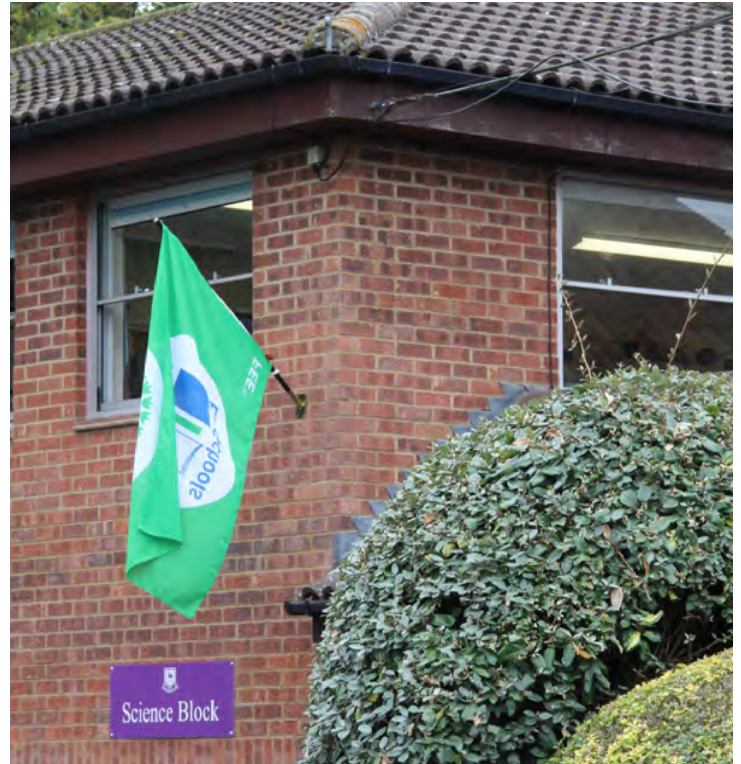
Remembrance at St John's cont...





Switch off Fortnight

As part of our Green Flag Accreditation, our school participates in the Eco Schools' "Switch off Fortnight". On Monday, Eco Council members delivered an informative assembly which described how we could all save energy at school and how this would help reduce carbon emissions. Ayaan in Year 7 also drew our attention to the COP27 conference being held this week in Egypt.





Les Kitschenettes

We have a keen band culture at St John's and there was great excitement today as Mr Vince hosted our first international pop concert. "Les Kitschenettes" are based in Normandy and specialise in mid 1960s 'Ye-Ye' Pop. The band members led workshops for the boys who learn drums and guitar and then played a set to a packed Norman Hall. The band members and songs were introduced in French by some of our talented linguists. This was an excellent musical, linguistic and cross-cultural experience and great fun for all. See the Kitschenettes at work with our musicians in the Music section on P11.





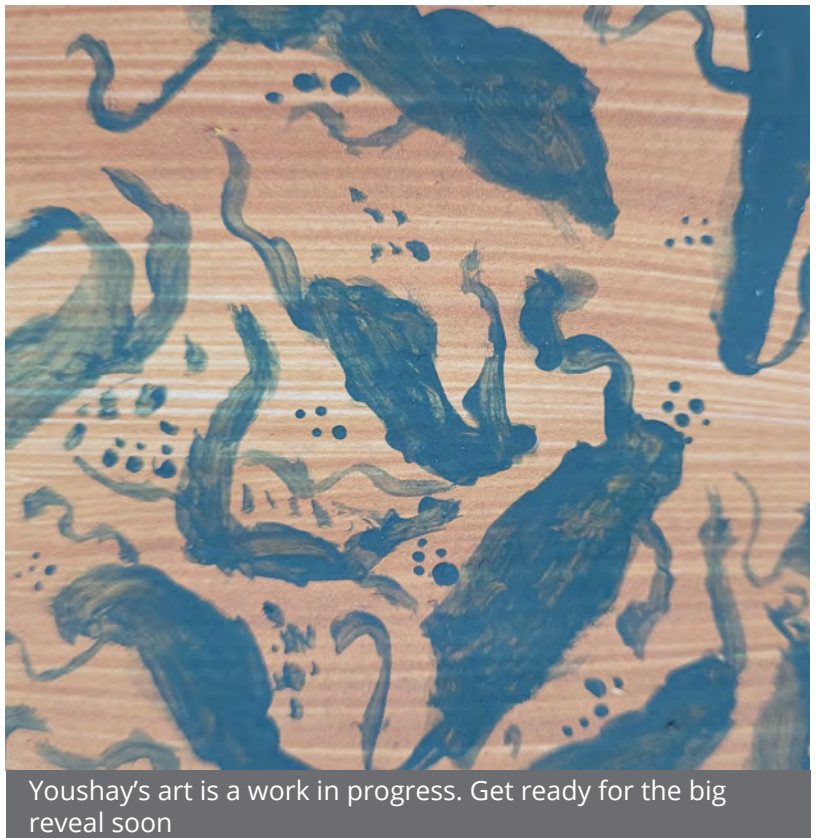
More things going on around the School



Rugby training



Emile in the Nursery won a prize for his pumpkin carving



Youshay's art is a work in progress. Get ready for the big reveal soon



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One of the Year 8 rock bands run by the boys



Old Boy Sameer Aggarwal on University Challenge



French and music combined this week with the Kitschenettes' visit. Do you know what the phrase means?



Learning about Remembrance in Reception

The Pre-Prep have been learning about Remembrance Day. The boys in Year 2 wrote acrostic poems and read them out in assembly. Year 1 recited a poem about poppies and their significance at this time of year. Reception have made and created ruby red poppies in Art. Nursery sat together and thought about all the brave soldiers whilst the other Pre-Prep boys stood with the rest of the school for the two minutes silence.





Does it float?

This week, Year 2 have been looking at buoyancy. We moulded plasticine into different shapes to see which one would float.





Mummification in Year 3

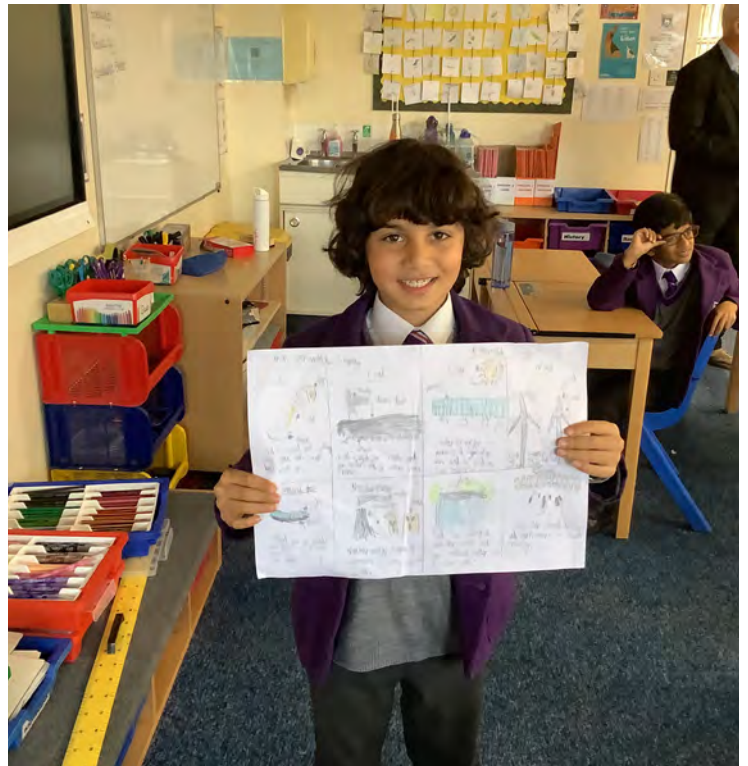
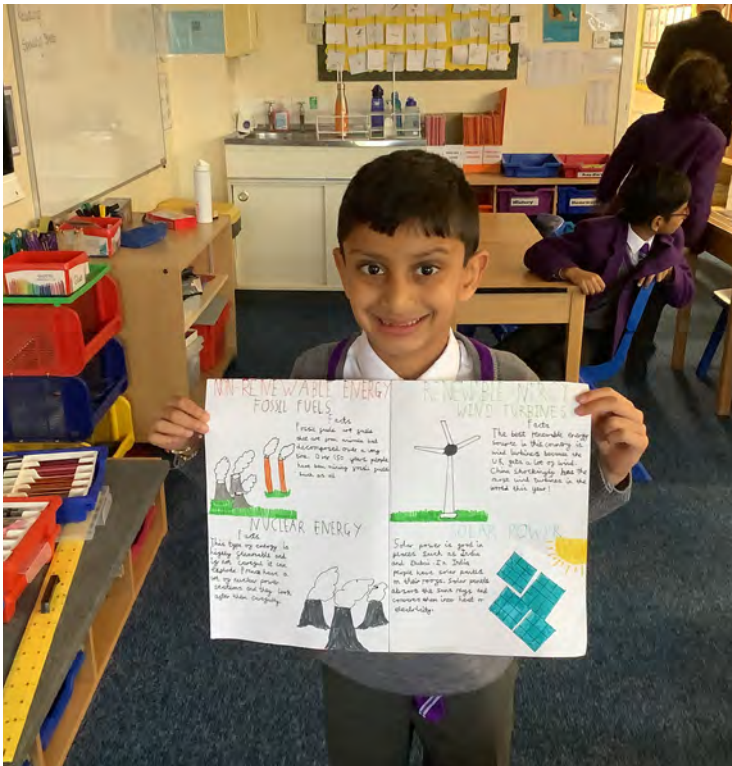
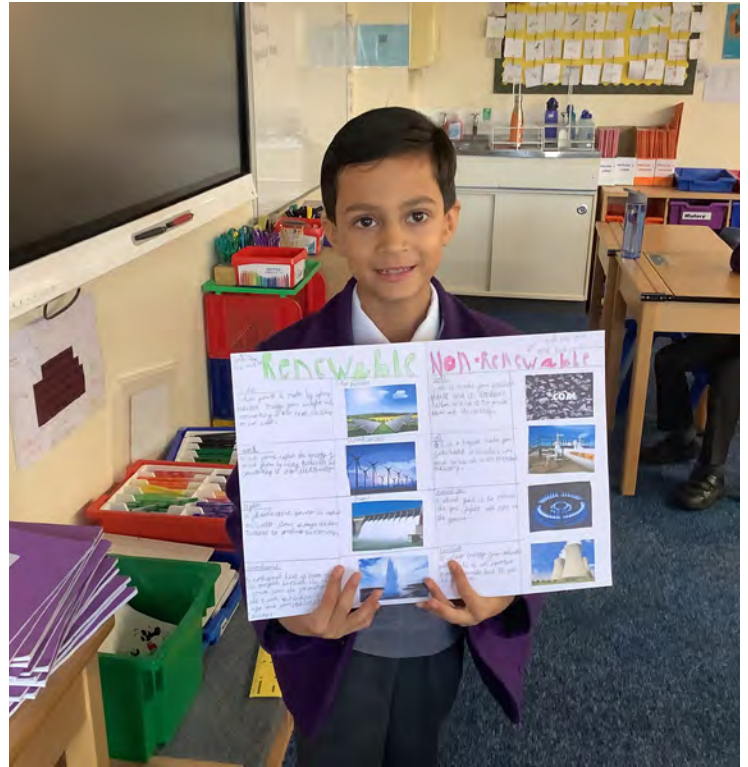
Year 3 carried out a mummification this week. We cleaned our toys and carefully wrapped them in bandages. We made amulets to bring luck in the afterlife. Then we made them a sarcophagus decorated with hieroglyphics - and lots of sparkles!

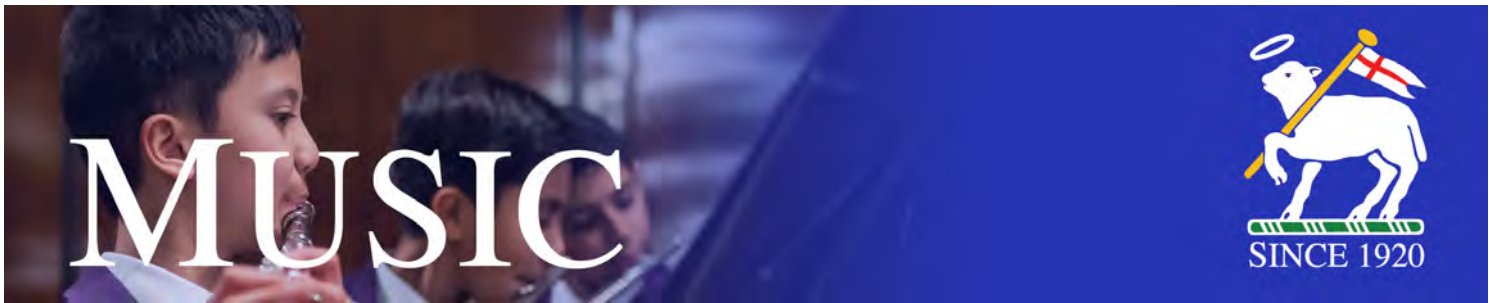




Reinforcing what we have learned

Year 4 have been thinking about the environment this week in science. The Eco Council presented a brilliant assembly to the school on Monday and boys in Year 4 showed off their efforts in a good work assembly on Tuesday.





Masterclasses with Les Kitschenettes

As well as giving us some great entertainment on a Friday lunchtime, members of Les Kitschenettes worked with our musicians to help build on their performance skills. This was something the boys found really useful.





Learning from an expert



Miss Ikuobase shows off her wonderful skills to an impressed Year 8 textiles class



Nikhil and Yash put the finishing touches on their programmed cake shop window display.



Ayan and Yousef are ready to show you their work at Art's Evening.

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Belmont Rugby Festival and Shiplake for U13s

The Belmont Festival has a reputation for attracting strong rugby Prep Schools and taking part in this festival offered a very good opportunity for the U13As to play against a variety of different teams and develop their play in attack and defence. The team won 2, drew 1 and lost 2. It was a real team effort and all the players improved both their individual and team play.





Belmont Rugby Festival and Shiplake cont...



U13A v Shiplake 9th November

St John's U13A put in a fantastic team performance against a very strong Shiplake team. We made a great start with some brilliant attacking play followed by some aggressive defence which enabled us to draw the match. The boys all played really well both individually and as a team. Well done!

U13B v Shiplake 9th November

The U13Bs played against a strong Shiplake team. Honours were even early on at one try apiece, but Shiplake's superior handling and tackling soon began to tell. The boys never gave up, scoring a very pleasing team try late in the game but it was too little too late. Man of the match was George G.



Colts at the Belmont Rugby Festival

The Year 6 boys were very much looking forward to their first taste of festival rugby. The boys worked hard on the day, playing for each other and their development showed from match to match. Thank you to Aariz and Rafay who helped the Finchley team as they were two players short. Great progress all round. Well done boys.





U12s at Shiplake



U12A v Shiplake 9th November

A fantastic win for the U12A boys. After a long coach journey, we made a slow start and found ourselves 4-1 down after 10 minutes of the game. However, once we focused, we played fantastic rugby and won the game 9-7. Try scorers were Lucian and Gen 3, Leo 2 and Khyan 1.

U12B v Shiplake 9th November

An excellent second half performance. James and Anay tackled tenaciously, Mustafa kicked well, Ananda drove strongly and made dents in the defence, Harry and Ayaan made good runs and scored good tries. 8 scores in the second were almost enough. Well done everyone.



The U8s are enjoying their rugby

The Year 3 boys are developing well as players and in their teams. This week we had two fixtures: at home to UCS and our first matches away at Haberdashers'. St John's parents were out in force which gave our boys lots of encouragement (thank you for your photos) and they did really well. We fielded 5 teams at Habs and enjoyed lots of positive rugby with great communication between players. There was lots of running rugby and all the teams managed at least one try. Well done!



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The U8s are enjoying their rugby cont...





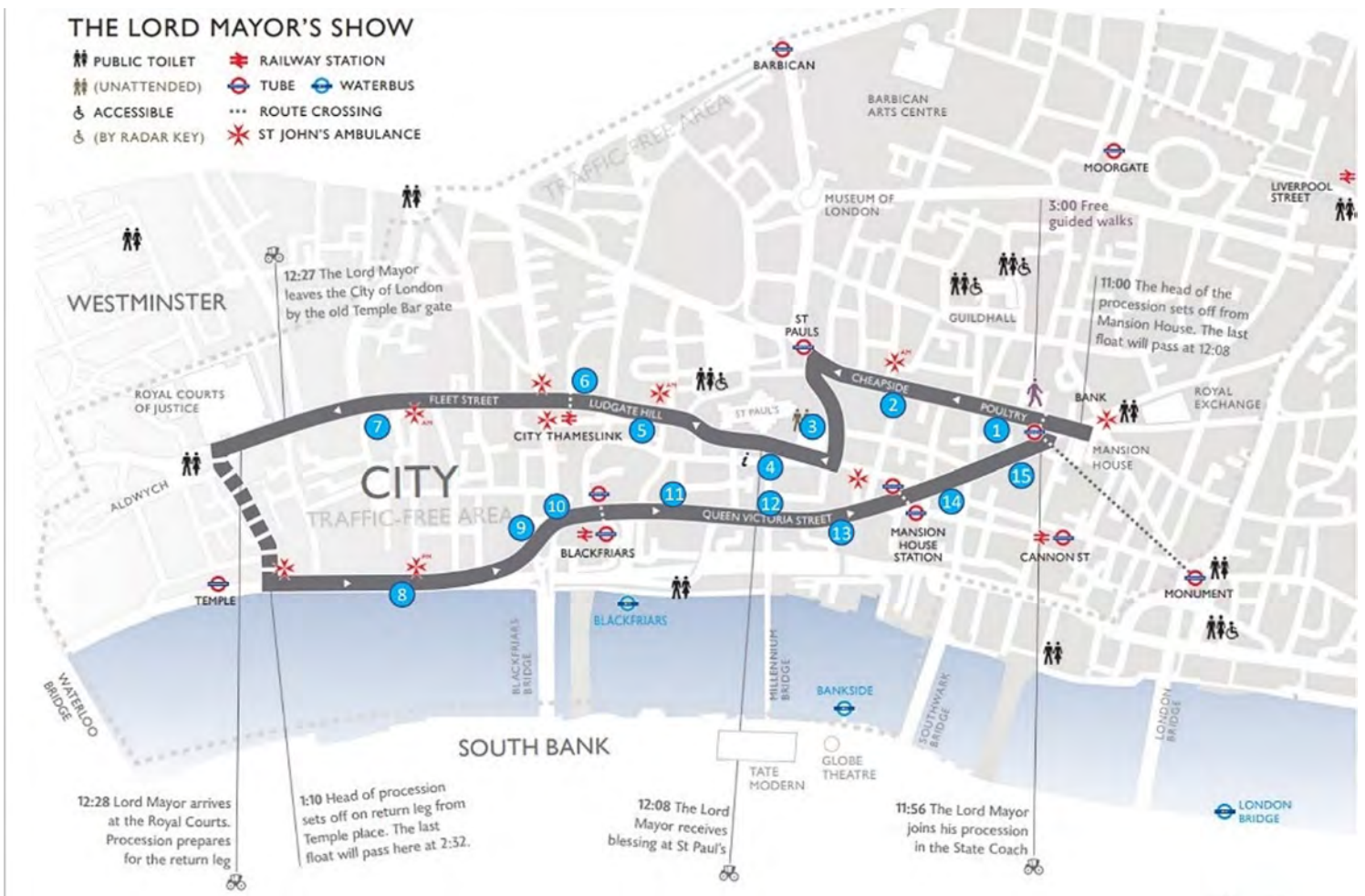
Lord Mayor's Show Saturday 12th November 2022

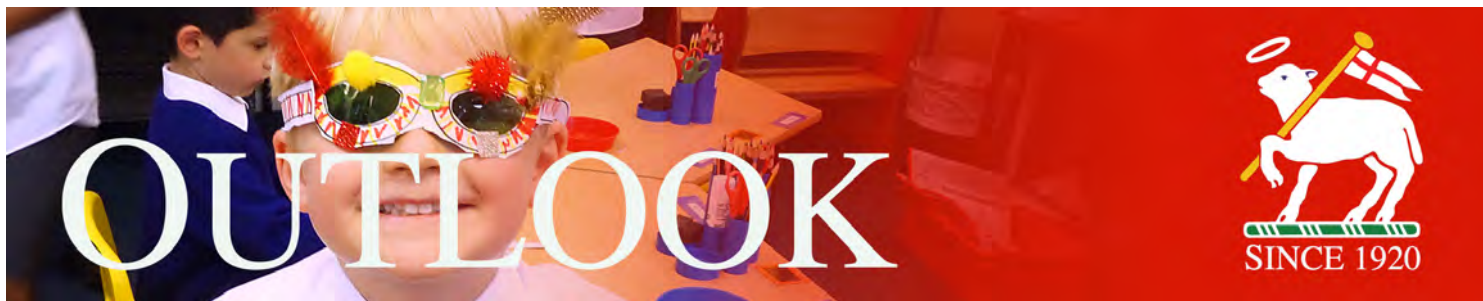
A unique occasion in the history of the Merchant Taylors' Company and a fun day out!

The Lord Mayor's Show is a parade of floats and marching bands, during which Merchant Taylor Alderman Nick Lyons will appear as Lord Mayor for the first time.

There is a map of the route below.

St John's will be part of the show both as musicians on a float and the beacon bearer who will open the entire parade. All members of the School community are invited to attend so we hope to see you there!





Calendar & important dates

- Saturday 12th November:** Lord Mayor's Show
- Sunday 13th November:** Remembrance Service, Northwood
- Monday 14th November:** Year 6 Parents' Evening (M-Z) (6.00pm)
- Tuesday 15th November:** Rugby Quadrangular v Davenies: U9A, B (h), U9C, D, E (a) (2.15pm)
- Wednesday 16th November:** St John's U13 Rugby Festival (2.15pm)
- Thursday 17th November:** Rugby Triangular v Davenies & Gayhurst: U8A, B (a) (at Davenies), U8C, D, E (a) (at Gayhurst) (2.15)
Senior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00 - 6.30pm)
- Friday 18th November:** Rugby Triangular v St Benedict's & UCS: U10A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)
Rugby v St Benedict's: Colts A, B, C (a) (2.30pm)
Rugby Team Photos
- Saturday 19th November:** U8 Tag Rugby Festival: Gayhurst (9.00am-1.00pm)
Northwood Hills Lights Big Switch On

Contact details

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 @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @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

Lord Mayor's Show 12th November: We hope that those of you who have signed up will enjoy this very special occasion. If you and your son are not attending on the day, you might be interested to watch the Parade live on BBC 1. The procession departs at 11.00am from Mansion House.

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Northwood 13th November: Our Head and Deputy Head Boys will be laying a wreath on behalf of our school. The service begins at 10.45 if you would like to attend.

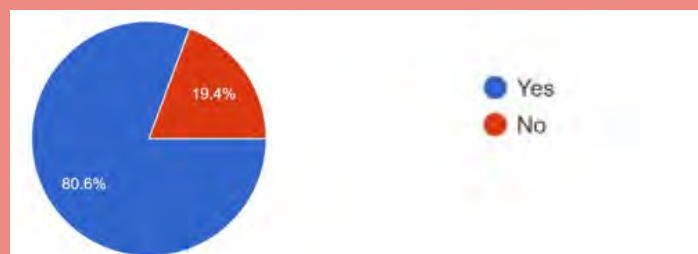
Senior Drama Rehearsals for Arts Evening: Please note that extra rehearsals for our "Mummers Play" production will take place as follows:

Thursday 17th November 4.00pm-6:30pm: Dress Rehearsal in the Norman Hall with full backstage crew (cooked tea at 4.15pm.)

Sunday 20th November 10.00am-12.30pm: Rehearsal for everyone involved and full backstage crew in the Norman

Hall. Those unable to attend should email Mrs Long directly as soon as possible, so that preparation can be adjusted accordingly.

Votes for schools: "Are actions more important than words?"



Next week's question: Should everyone be able to vote at 16?

House Points: 1st Churchill 42.96, 2nd Lincoln 42.87, 3rd Oates 40.63, 4th Lawrence 38.02

Enjoy the Lord Mayor's Show if you are attending and have a lovely weekend.