



From the
Headmaster

The boys are back in school



What a week it has been! Our community has enjoyed periods of quiet reflection, connecting with the national period of mourning. We have also had plenty of focused learning in lessons, and experienced the sheer joy of playing music, games or other activities with friends.

We have welcomed in parents, established routines and expectations and begun to explore the extra-curricular opportunities which are such an important part of life-long learning. From gardening to rugby training, Lego to instrumental lessons, there have been opportunities for all boys to enjoy our facilities.

Our grounds – unlike Potter Street Hill – have benefitted from the wetter conditions of late. All around, there is a buzz and a sense of purpose to St John's. I hope that you enjoy this edition. Equally, I hope you spend the forthcoming Bank holiday with your family, considering the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

T Jenkin





The boys are back in school continued...





Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

In assembly on Monday, Mr Jenkin shared his experience of visiting Buckingham Palace at the weekend with his family, on behalf of our community. He told us about the beautiful flowers, seeing the Paddington Bear tribute on the Palace Gates and he described the solemn atmosphere, saying that everyone was taking a moment to reflect on our British values, exemplified by the late Queen.

Mr Corin also visited and took this photos:



This rainbow appeared shortly before the death of Queen Elizabeth was announced



Aubrey's letter from the Queen

"I wrote to the Queen a few years ago. My dad and I did an experiment which I shared with her. This week especially, I feel proud to have got a letter from Windsor Castle"

Aubrey (5L)





Our Head Boy and Deputies

Many congratulations to our new Head Boy, Nishant and his Deputies, Rafi and Kian. We wish them every success as they take on these responsible roles, assisting in the smooth running of the School. The boys wanted to introduce themselves and tell us what they are looking forward to as they take on these positions.



It is an honour and privilege to be Head Boy for this academic year. I will do my best to set a good example to the younger boys of the school. My aim is to represent St John's with pride, commitment and enthusiasm. I am also looking forward to supporting our new Headmaster, Mr Jenkin, and working together with Rafi and Kian.

I joined in the Lambs and it is hard to believe that this is my final year at St John's. I have really enjoyed my time here and I value many aspects of school life. One of the most exciting parts of being Head Boy is to be secretary of the School Council and I intend to work with all the boys to make a positive difference to our school community. I will strive to fulfil my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you and having a successful year at St John's.

Nishant 8M





Our Head Boy and Deputies continued...

In my final year at St John's, I am looking forward to representing the School as Deputy Head Boy and supporting Mr Jenkin on many special occasions, in particular the Remembrance Service and the Governors visit in the spring. I hope to continue being a positive role model for the School and make the most of this special year, alongside all of my peers, many of whom I have known since I was four years old! I hope it's a brilliant year for the whole School community.

Rafi 8B



For me, being Deputy Head Boy is a privilege and a great responsibility for me to tackle in my last year at St John's. I am very proud to have been given this role because I have spent my whole school life at St John's. I am excited to work with Nishant and Rafi. I cannot wait to represent the School at events such as the Wreath Laying at Northwood War Memorial and the Lord Mayor's Show. I hope that Nishant, Rafi and I can bring a positive change to the School with the ideas that we bring in.

Kian 8M

House Prefects are appointed and take up their roles



Churchill Prefects: George and Kush,
House Secretary: Jamie



Lawrence Prefects: Alistair and Kian,
House Secretary: Roshan



Lincoln Prefects: Kabir and George,
House Secretary: Mihir



Oates Prefects: Jimi and Satyen,
House Secretary: Rahul



Seven new staff share their first impressions



Mrs Bourne, maths

In our opening assembly of the academic year, Mr Jenkin spoke about the many things which make St John's a special community to be a part of - with our pupils being at the centre. The boys have certainly shown this to be true in my first week at the School. I have been welcomed most warmly by pupils and staff, and have been impressed by the boys' intelligent observations, eagerness to learn and curiosity in my maths lessons. The Headmaster also talked about our impressive facilities and I have very much enjoyed beginning to explore our beautiful school site. I look forward to an exciting year and hope to get to know more of you in the months ahead.

Mr Brown, Bursar

I am a "born & bred" Yorkshireman who moved south to Rutland aged about 13, where attendance at Oakham School removed any accent that I had had. After a career in Banking and Finance, the financial crash of 2008/9 "encouraged" me to move into education management and since then I have held a number of successful Bursar and School Business Manager roles in both the independent and maintained sectors. Although I have a long commute, as I live in Warwickshire, I was delighted to be asked to join St John's School as Bursar and, although my position is technically interim, I look forward to both serving and supporting the boys and staff during my time here. Outside work I am a keen motorcyclist and tennis player, love my rock music, am married to Angela and we have a Westie called Marvin who will soon be joined by a Labradoodle who will be called Trillian!



Ms Bruno, Upper Strings Teacher

I am the new violin and viola teacher at St John's. I really enjoyed meeting all my talented students this week and look forward to watching their playing develop in the coming months. I studied the violin at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and later at the Royal College of Music. I have a wide range of teaching experience and currently hold positions at Ludgrove School and Aldenham Senior School as well as St John's. In addition to teaching I regularly perform throughout the UK and internationally with different ensembles and orchestras, all of which keeps me busy! I am very much looking forward to working at St John's.

Ms MacDonald, Pre-Prep Nursery Nurse

I am excited and delighted to be joining St John's as a Nursery Nurse in the Pre-Prep, with the Lambs. My first week has been marvellous. The staff at St John's have been exceptional in helping me settle in. The new boys have settled into class very quickly. It delights me to see them coming in with a big smile on their faces, eager to learn. I am looking forward to getting to know every pupil, helping them with their learning and collaborating with their families.

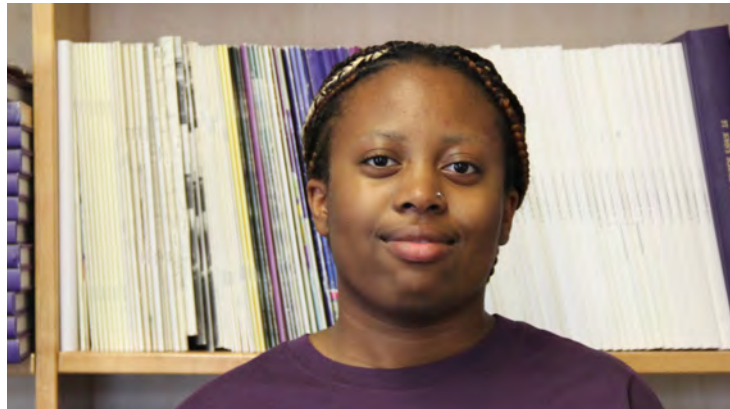




New staff continued...

Ms Leavens, Trainee Teacher

It has been a pleasure to meet all of the boys in the Squirrels. Everyone has made me feel very welcome in my first week. I am currently completing an Education Degree and am very excited to be starting my Teacher Training at St John's. When I am not working or studying, my favourite thing to do is spend time with my family. I have a daughter and a son and we enjoy playing golf and visiting the theatre as often as we can. I particularly enjoy reading and it is my passion to promote a love of reading in all the children that I work with. I am very much looking forward to meeting the wider school community and getting to know all the boys over the coming year.



Ms Ikuobase, Teaching Assistant

I am the new Teaching Assistant in Year 4. I studied Geography, German, Maths, and Music at A Level. I greatly enjoy making music - playing the piano and a range of percussion instruments, embroidery and dressmaking, and I am keen on going for long walks and linguistics among other things. I have enjoyed my first week at St John's and am looking forward to helping the boys through this year.

Mr Russell, Rugby Coach

I am really excited to be joining such an incredible school this year. I am hugely passionate about the development of individuals especially in Primary Education. While completing my final year of my Primary teaching degree, I will be supporting the PE department and the already successful rugby programme here at St Johns. Taking the role of Head coach of the 1st XV will allow me to pass on my knowledge and expertise as a coach and referee. I have been coaching rugby for 10 years and worked for England rugby for 5 years looking after clubs, schools, and universities. I have coached elite teams and refereed international 7s allowing me to develop and grow as an individual. I am excited to pass on my experience to the boys to encourage them to be the best person they can be on and off the pitch. I look forward to meeting all the boys and parents across this academic year.





Hugo's artwork on the Lord Mayor's Show flags



At Speech Day in July, the Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Lady Annie Harding revealed the very exciting news that the Company competition to design a flag for the Lord Mayor's Show this November had been won by Hugo in 5C. Alderman and Sheriff Lyons, a Liveryman of the Merchant Taylors' Company and the current Lord Mayor of London commented: "I love this 'child's eye view' of the Lord Mayor's Show. It is both charming and sophisticated, with well-chosen and cleverly placed symbols, artistic effects like the shimmer of the glass carriage windows and, in the blue handwriting, something that makes it very special for this year." The flags have now been printed with his design and are on display in the Clerk's office at Merchant Taylors' Hall. The Lord Mayor is seen right holding the design. The Lord Mayor's Show will take place on Saturday 12th November 2022 and more information about our involvement in this special occasion will follow soon.



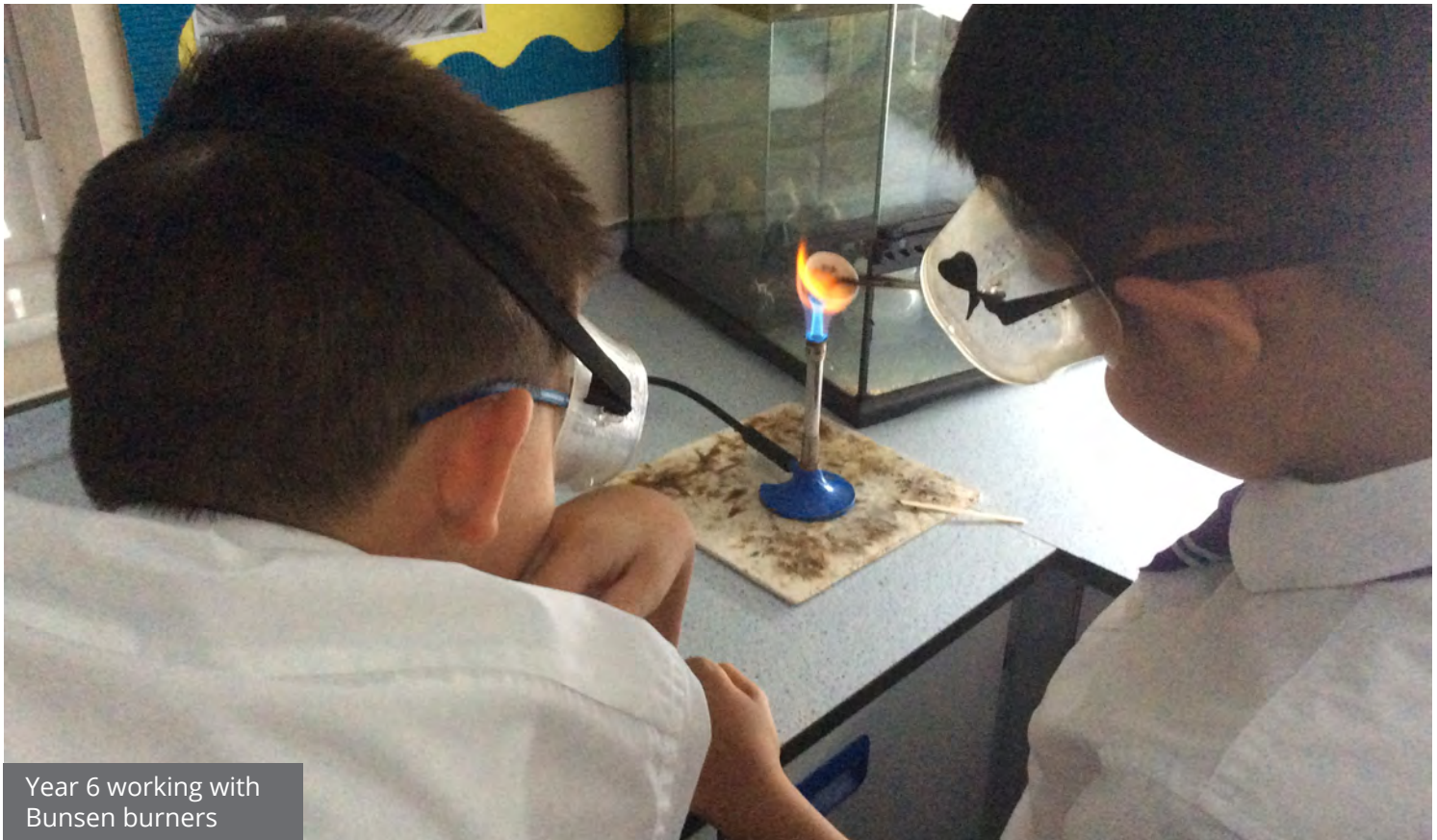
Celebrating successes in assembly

Mr Jenkin was proud to award ABRSM music certificates, House Point and Votes for Schools certificates and sporting trophies in assembly on Monday. He is keen to celebrate effort as well as achievement and encouraged all the boys to present the best homework they can to their teachers.





This week in Science



Year 6 working with Bunsen burners



Year 8, who are studying forces, measured speed



Measuring the speed of sound in Year 7



Welcome to our new Lambs



The Pre-Prep are happy to be back with their friends



PRE-PREP



First day back in the Pre-Prep continued...



The Squirrels



The Otters



The Owls



The Badgers



The Eagles



First week back in the Juniors



3S are happy to be joining the Juniors



3W are enjoying life in the Junior block



4H are pleased to be back with their friends



4L are ready for an exciting year

MUSIC



Musical beginnings

This week many of our boys began their instrumental journeys and unanimously came out and told Mr Corin "I loved it" Well done to all our instrumental teachers for inspiring the next generation of musicians.



MUSIC



Musical beginnings continued...



Summer orchestral experience for Lucas

During the summer holidays, Lucas (5C), an enthusiastic violinist and pianist, attended a summer course with the National Schools Symphony Orchestra. He enjoyed a week of tuition, workshops, surprise guests, sports and social activities hosted by a team of professional musicians at Malvern College.





Creativity in Art this week



Year 3 have enjoyed exploring different shapes and colours, creating vivid Kaleidoscope patterns.



Year 4 have been drawing in the style of Paul Klee, using bright colours and geometric shapes.



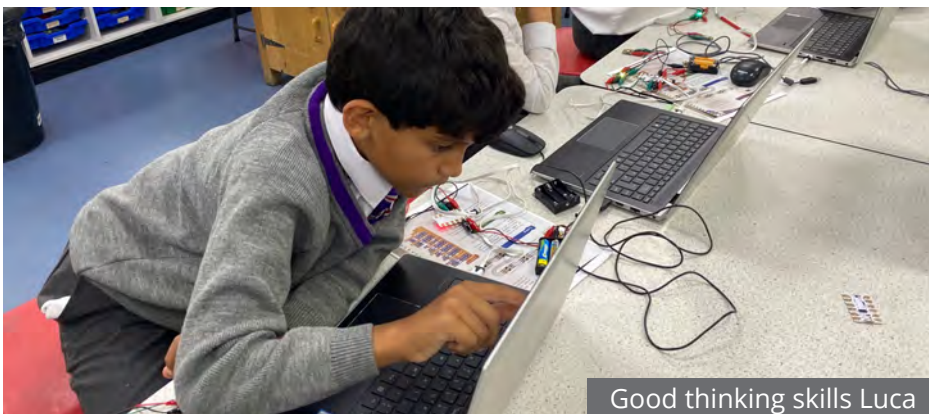
Year 5 have been inspired by the work of Gustav Klimt's 'golden phase'.



Teamwork in DT&E



Kian takes great delight in coding his crumble kit successfully



Good thinking skills Luca



Working together to solve the problem of coding an ambulance lighting system



U13A Rugby captains appointed



U13A Rugby Captain

It is a great honour to lead the St John's U13 A Rugby Team. I am passionate about rugby and in the coming year I would like to share this passion and knowledge with the younger boys in the School, and to be a good role model for behaviour and respect both on and off the pitch. My hopes are high for this year as we have a fantastic squad and an enthusiastic new coach, Mr Russell. Go St John's!
Shane 8M

U13A Rugby Vice Captain

It is an honour to become Vice Captain this year. This leadership role has been my dream and I am really proud to co-lead the team with Shane. I absolutely love playing rugby so this is one of my greatest achievements. I am determined to help the team in any way possible, and I will always commit to being the best Vice Captain I can be. I will support and encourage all the players to ensure our team has a good season and that we achieve our full potential. Come on St John's!
Archie 8M



Ayan (5M) the club cricket all rounder

Many congratulations to Ayan who was awarded with the All rounder award for both the Under 10 and Under 11 teams at the club that he plays for, Chenies and Latimer. In addition he was presented with the prestigious Colt of the Year award. We are very proud of him and he is very happy with himself.



Nishant's visit to the Commonwealth Games

During the Summer holidays, my family and I had an exciting trip to the Commonwealth Games. It was held in Birmingham and the atmosphere was electric. We had tickets for the hockey matches as my brother and I both enjoy the sport.

It was a packed day, starting with placement games in the morning where Scotland played Ghana and Canada played Pakistan. All the players were of an impressive standard and it was interesting to see the different styles of play.

Outside of the hockey stadium, there was an opportunity for me to participate in a friendly hockey flick competition which was really fun. I was also lucky to be able to meet and take a photo with an England hockey player who was part of the team which won the bronze medal at the last Commonwealth Games.

Another highlight of the day was a special visit to see Perry the Mechanical Bull who played an important role in the Opening Ceremony. It was very impressive and I particularly liked the smoke and special effects.

However, more excitement was still to come when I watched the two semi-final hockey matches between South Africa vs India and England vs Australia. The atmosphere was incredible and I loved supporting England as part of a home crowd. It was a close match and although England lost to Australia in the end, it was a thrilling game of hockey! The Commonwealth Games was a truly memorable experience and a highlight of my Summer.





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A BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO SCHOOL!



We are delighted to be holding a Book Fair in your school on:

Tuesday 20th September – For Year 5 and Year 6 (4.00-4.45pm)

Wednesday 21st September – For Year 3 and Year 4 (3.50-4.45pm)

Thursday 22nd September – For Year 7 and Year 8 (4.00-4.45pm)

If you can't make the allocated date for your year group, please do come along to either of the other two dates.

The Book Fair will be held in the school library.

We will be bringing a broad selection of books of the highest quality for you to choose from. Most books will cost between £7.99-£9.99.

Please do all come along. There will be hundreds of books for you to choose from and payments can be made by cash or card.

Many thanks,

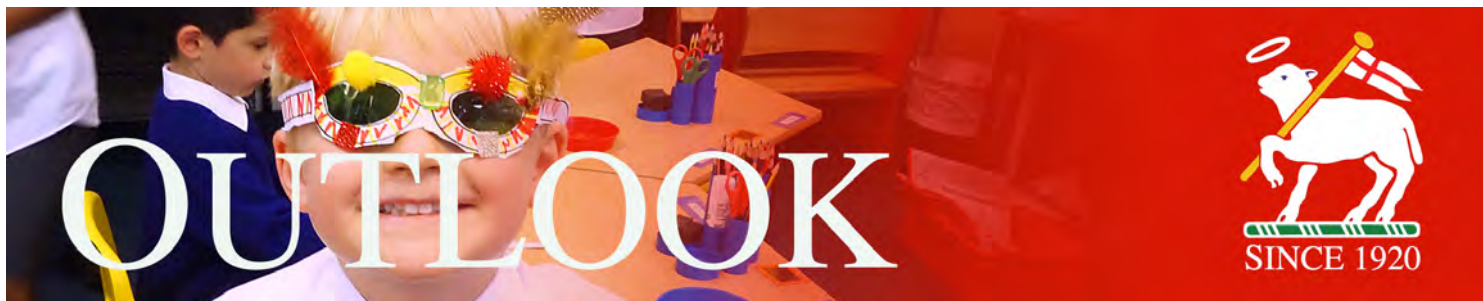
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Calendar & important dates

Contact details

Monday 19th September: School Closed for the Bank Holiday

Tuesday 20th September: Recycling Week

Travelling Book Fair starts

Year 7 Information Meeting (6.30pm)

Individual & Sibling Photographs (Prep)

Wednesday 21st September: School Council

Rugby v Davenies: U13A, B (a) U12A, B (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 22nd September: Geography Field Trip (Year 8)

Eco Council Meeting

Travelling Book Fair ends

Friday 23rd September: Jeans for Genes Day (Lower School)

Sunday 25th September: Moor Park Fun Run

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 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

Moor Park Fun Run Sunday 26th September: We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for the Moor Park 10K and Fun Runs at Merchant Taylors' School next Sunday. The event raises money for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. There are more details on page 23. Boys should run in white School PE Kit and wear a school tracksuit before and after the race.



Here is the link should you wish to make a donation: [Moor Park Fun Run](#) and the entry form can be [downloaded here](#)

Travelling Book Fair 20th to 22nd September: The Fair will take place in the library. Please see the poster on page 24 for details.

Jeans for Genes in the Pre-Prep Friday 23rd September: [Here is the link for donations](#)

Year 7 and 8 Classics trip to Italy Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th February 2023: The trip is open to all students in both year groups, regardless of whether they take Latin. Letters and

itineraries have been sent home today. We hope that your sons will be able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

Paediatric workshops: for dates see adverts on pages 20 & 21. These sessions will be delivered by a Paediatric Nurse via Zoom.

[Book for the Paediatric Eczema Workshop](#)

[Book for the Paediatric Asthma Workshop](#)

Votes for schools: Last week's question: Will the Lionesses' win create long-lasting change?



Next week's question: Is it a good time to become Prime Minister?

House Points: 1st Churchill 1.87, 2nd Lincoln 1.76, 3rd Oates 1.48, 4th Lawrence 1.45

Have a memorable long weekend.