

# THE LAMB



St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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From the  
Headmaster

**Welcome back to** a busy second half of the autumn term. Mr Lawrence and the Eco Council presented a topical assembly for Years 5 to 8 on climate change this week with much information to consider. I was fascinated to read Roshan's article on page 4 about sustainable holidays.

It was my pleasure to welcome our Governors to school on Thursday. The Head and Deputy Head boys and Year 6 Gardening Club members, Anay and Ananda, led our visitors on a tour. The Governors were delighted to explore our new Centenary facilities and then enjoyed lunch with the staff and boys before their meeting in the afternoon.

Juniors have been learning about mass in mathematics and the Pre-Prep have been celebrating Diwali, making divas, Rangoli mats and much more.

We have had a busy week of fixtures and it is a pleasure to see so many boys involved and learning from playing matches. It was exciting for boys, staff and parents to see the Year 3 boys enjoying their first rugby games away at Haberdashers' yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who came to support and I look forward to seeing the U13s and U11s at the Belmont Festival on Saturday.

I am also looking forward to seeing many of you at our Fireworks evening next Tuesday. In the meantime, I would like to wish all families who are celebrating a very happy Diwali.

S. Robinson

## Our Governors visit St John's

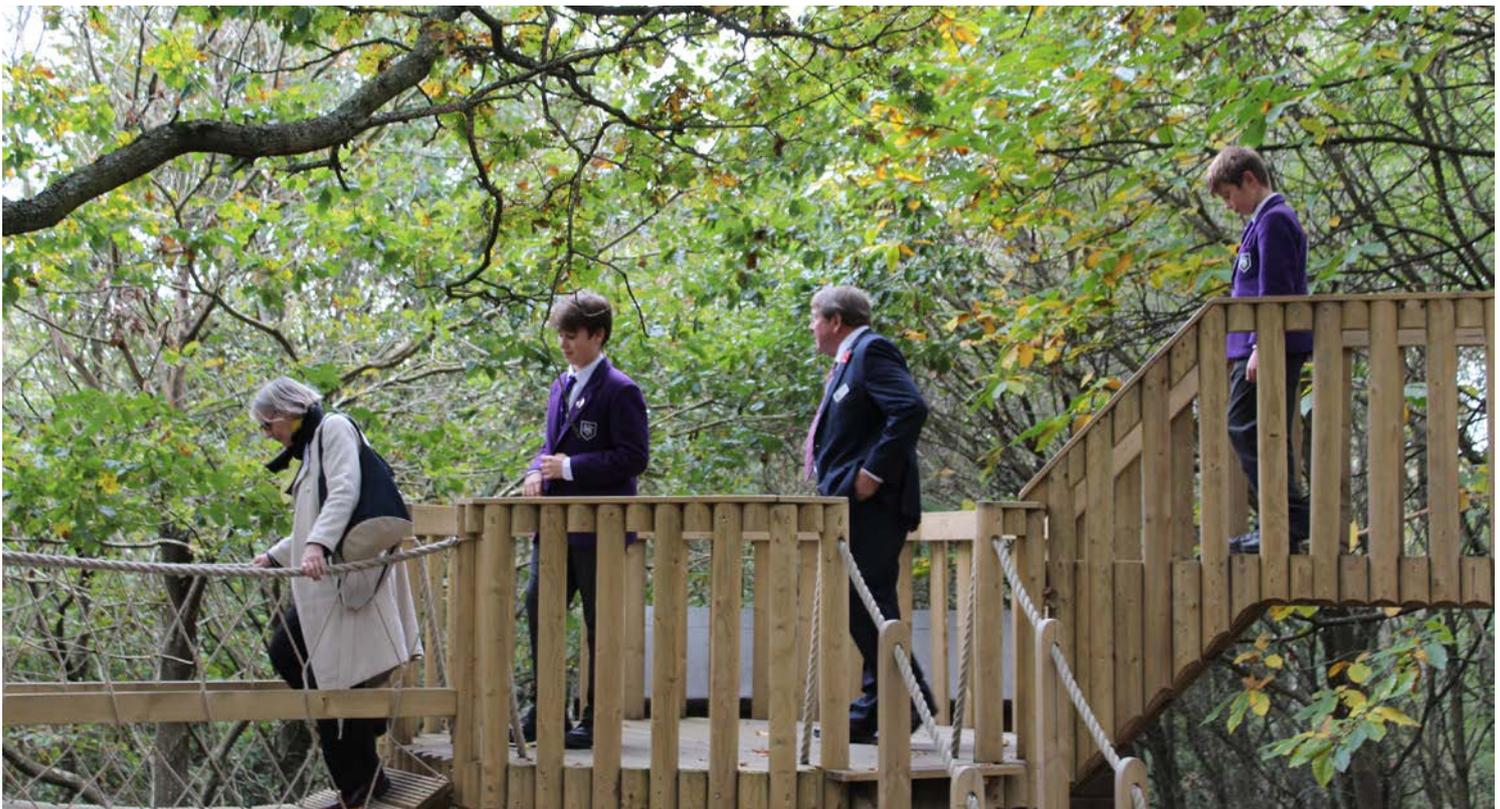


**Yesterday our Governors** visited us at school and we were all very pleased to see them. Mr Robinson and Mr Stone, assisted by Ansh, Albert and Oscar led a tour of the new Centenary Sports Hall, the Centenary Tree House and the new allotment. The Governors were very impressed with all the facilities in the Sports Hall. At the allotment, they were met by Mr Newman, Ananda and Anay who talked with great knowledge and enthusiasm about the crops they are growing. All five boys were wonderful ambassadors for our school. The Governors then joined all the boys and staff for lunch before their meeting in the afternoon. We hope our visitors enjoyed their day.





## The Governors explore our Centenary facilities





# COP26 Climate Change assembly

The focus of Eco Council's assembly this week was the COP26 meeting, which the UK is hosting. The presentation looked at how leaders across the world were coming together in Glasgow to discuss and take action on the very important problem of climate change. We also looked at the devastating effects that climate change is already having on many parts of the world and how it is destroying the livelihoods of the people that live in those countries, from famines to floods to wildfires. We heard from David Attenborough and the Queen, who addressed the delegates at the COP26 meeting.

The boys explained the main objectives of the conference, which were to reach "Net Zero" and keep Global warming to

1.5 degrees, there were also explanations of how this could be achieved. The work at COP26 builds on the agreements made in previous COP meetings, especially the Paris Agreement which was made in 2015. The assembly also explored what the UK can do as a country and what we can do ourselves to help reduce the "Carbon Footprint" for example developing new technologies and habits, changing to renewable energy and electric cars, and by walking and cycling to school.

After a prayer for the COP26 meeting to be successful in its aim to protect our planet, we discussed some of the issues as a school and encouraged everyone to talk about COP26 and the effect it might have on their families.





# Holidaying in a sustainable way, Roshan 7B

**During the October** half-term, my family and I holidayed on an island in the Maldives at an eco-friendly hotel. Of course, we snorkelled, I learnt to dive, the food was impeccable, the weather was amazing and sea life was incredible, especially seeing the mantas up close, but what was really so impressive was something else.

This was not like any hotel that I have been to before. It took the eco-friendly idea very seriously, to a level that truly impressed me. In terms of sustainability, it is amazing that it sources sustainable materials and is 100% carbon neutral which means it balances emitting carbon and absorbing carbon from the atmosphere. 90% of all the hotel's waste is recycled. They said their goal was to make it 100% in a few years' time. Every guest is encouraged to understand how the hotel is eco-friendly and what they do on the island itself to make it that way.

We learnt that all the aluminium drinking cans, such as Coca Cola, are recycled. They are cut into very small fragments, melted down and then shaped into useful objects that can be used in the hotel like room pendants, door handles, cutlery, pots and pans, and even ice buckets for wine (something my parents really appreciated!). Glass bottles were smashed and

shredded into tiny pieces. They were then melted down and designed into water glasses and ornaments. The hotel invites artists from around the world to the resort to make their own types of artwork using the glass. Even the polystyrene that has been used for packaging is combined with sand to make walls for the buildings.

We felt guilty about how much food was wasted in the buffet until the guide explained that all food waste is also recycled either through aerobic composting using a biomixer or through worm composting. This is used in the hotel gardens to help grow fruits and vegetables that provide food for the guests.

There are many other ways that the hotel shows its environmental friendliness. Everyone uses bikes as transport around the island and they use an eco-friendly trap to catch mosquitoes instead of pesticides or fogging. Apart from the usual waiters and chefs, the hotel also has teams of scientists, marine biologists and environmental engineers demonstrating that it really wants to embrace the subject of Eco friendliness. Importantly, it will share the ideas with other local hotels in the Maldives and hopefully they can work together on being sustainable. For us it made our holiday a less guilty pleasure.



# THIS WEEK



St John's School recognises the importance of everyone's mental wellbeing and we are delighted to be supporting the charity Place2Be this year with our range of exciting fund-raising activities. Let's find out more about Place2Be and the work it does. Click on the logo to visit the website.

[Click here to watch a short video explaining the impact of Place2Be](#)



Parenting Smart is a new website launched by Place2Be to provide parenting advice from their child mental health experts. They give practical tips to support childrens' wellbeing and manage behaviour. Take a look by clicking the link below.



**1 in 6**

children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem, and many continue to have these problems into adulthood.

We hope to see you at some of our charity events this year which include, Pre-Prep Harvest Festival, the Second Hand Uniform Shop, Fireworks Night, Arts Evening and Brass Band in the car park at Christmas...

**50%**

of those with lifetime mental health problems first experience symptoms by the age of 14.



## Votes for Schools leadership and protest

Votes for Schools is a way of connecting us to what is going on in the world around us, through topical debate. Use the Votes for Schools Google Classroom to access the material and discuss at home and at school. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McSween [vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk)

### Last week's question

Do you see yourself as a leader? 



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It is hard to be a good leader all the time. I can be helpful and kind, and work in a team, but sometimes it is hard to keep going.  
Alexander G, Year 4



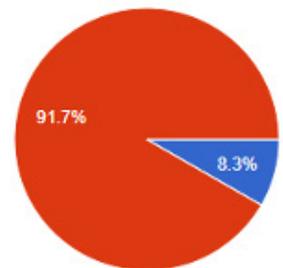
### Your thoughts

Yes, I see myself as a leader as I control my body and I can control what I do and when I do it. I will help climate change and help my planet heal, I will heal my world, I shall fight for my planet! Mehul, Year 6



### Results

- No
- Yes



I can be a leader because I am kind and help others if they are stuck on something and observe other people's ideas and share them. I can set an example and show everyone what to do. A good leader would treat everyone equally and not boss them around.  
Arnav, Year 5



### Next week's question

Are protests necessary for change? 



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### Vocab



**Necessary:**  
Needed in order to achieve a result.

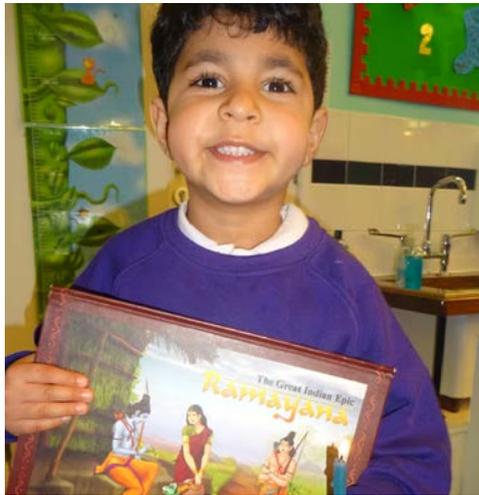
**Protest:**  
To show that you disagree with something by taking action (doing something).

**Freedom of expression:**  
The right to have and express (share) your own opinions.



# Thinking and learning about Diwali

The boys in the Pre-Prep have been thinking and learning about Diwali, the Festival of Light. Some boys made divas, others made Rangoli mats and there were some fantastic firework pictures. We listened to the story of Rama and Sita, watched a stick dance and looked at traditional dress and food eaten during this exciting time. Sal Mubarak, Happy New Year..





# Dr Sharma talks to the Lambs

Dr Sharma came to talk to the boys about how to treat burns. He told us how many muscles and bones are in our bodies. The boys built a skeleton then sang a song all about bones, it was great fun!





# Year 3 have been learning about mass

In maths this week, Year 3 have been learning about mass both in class and at home. We have used scales to measure and learned to read the intervals to be accurate in our measurements and have solved problems converting between kilograms and grams. The boys have also found how to be efficient choosing the smallest number of weights to reach a

particular mass.

At home, the boys rifled through the kitchen cupboards and the bathroom shelves to find different products with their weight written on them. Having found a range of items, they were then able to order them from heaviest to lightest. Well done, Year 3 mathematicians!



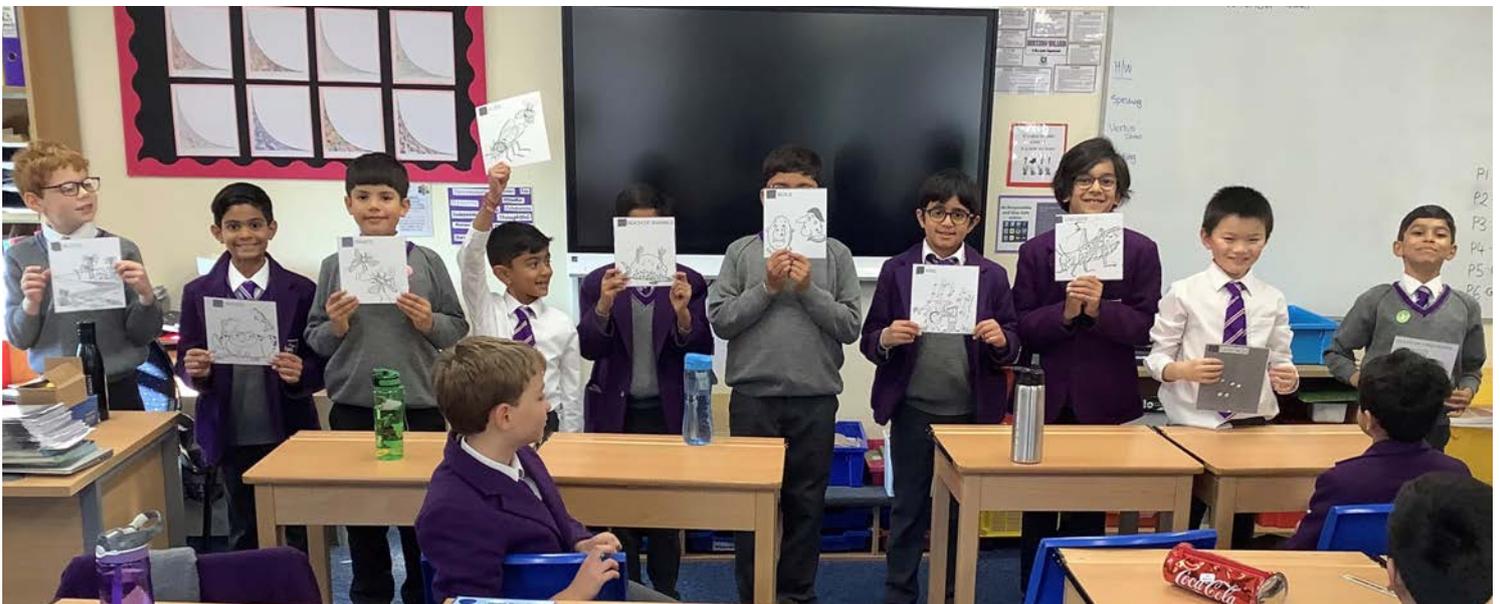


## Year 3 mass cont...



## Pestilence!

The Ten Plagues of Egypt arrived in 4L this week as the boys learned about how Moses led his people out of Egypt in RE. There was general delight in the gory nature of the story. The timetable means that the pestilence inflicted on Miss Little's class will not arrive in 4H until next week....





# A fabulous week in the D&T workshop

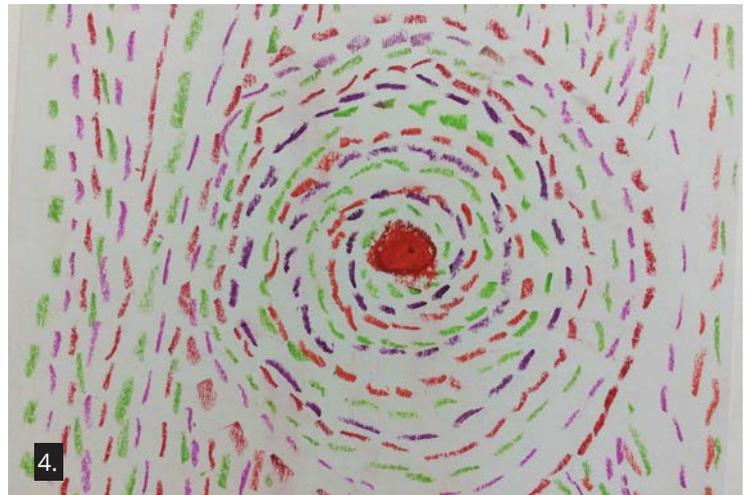
Abbas has been working on his shop window. Theo and Yuvraj solving practical problems together. Year 6 proudly show you their wonderful cushions. Caiden deep in concentration. Yuva and Nikhil carry out an evaluation using the i-Pad. Khyan's marvellous maze and Armaan's amazing monster.





# African American abstract inspiration

Year 3 has been learning about the artist, Alma Thomas; an African American painter known for her colourful abstract pattern paintings. 1. Harry in 3L, 2. Rishi in 3L, 3. Arjun in 3L, 4. Eissa in 3L, 5. Mohammed in 3W, 6. Dilan in 3W





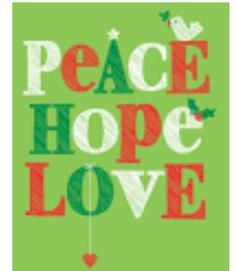
## Christmas Card Competition

**EXTENDED DEADLINE- THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOV**



The Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, Lady Harding needs our help!

Calling all artists and designers to design a Christmas card.



Lady Harding is running a Christmas card competition with the theme of  
**Peace, Love and Giving**

The winning design will be used as the Merchant Taylors' Company Christmas card this year and it is a great honour that our school has been chosen to design the card.

All entries must be completed at home and handed in to Ms Gillen or your form tutor clearly marked with your name and form by next

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** (Please do **not** email your image)

(This is not a compulsory competition)

Your design must be A5 in size, it can be portrait or landscape and any flat medium can be used to colour.

Get your thinking caps on, be creative and have fun!





# Senior House Rugby 2021

On Wednesday, 20th October we played the Senior House Rugby Competition. The format was Ready for Rugby, a touch based game. The running and handling displayed by all the teams was excellent to see. Players of all abilities played together and the support from each House for their players was exemplary. There were some exciting passages of play with the ball being moved around and all the players working very hard in defence to get back inside. However, the Houses who were able to move the ball at speed into space had more success.

Match 1	Churchill vs Lawrence	0 - 30
Match 1	Lincoln vs Oates	10 - 30
Match 2	Churchill vs Oates	15 - 15
Match 2	Lawrence vs Lincoln	15 - 0
Match 3	Churchill vs Lincoln	25 - 15
Match 3	Lawrence vs Oates	5 - 20

1st, Oates, 2nd, Lawrence, 3rd, Churchill, 4th, Lincoln





## U12 and U13 against Merchant Taylors' Prep

**U13 vs MTP:** We started superbly and the focus was right there at the start. We scored very quickly from some excellent interplay with Jacob powering his way over in the corner. We ran very direct, and Oscar, Amos, William, and Jacob made some huge inroads which created lots of attacking opportunities for others in the team. Our rucking was excellent, and we won almost all the balls at the breakdown. We still needed to spread the ball out more in the backline, which in turn would have given us much more of an attacking threat. In the second half, the forwards and backs combined superbly and the open attacking rugby was a joy to watch. Zac powered his way through several players, but his off-loading really helped the side. Jacob came off and all the players put in a great shift. This was a fantastic win for the U13 A team. Well done! Man of Match, Jacob.



**U12 vs MTP:** We got off to a slow start and let MTP score two easy tries in the first 5 minutes. We kept our heads up and managed to come back into the game with some excellent passing and running with the ball. Archie did a kick over MTP's line and got to the ball before MTP to score a great try. The game was all square at 2-2. From there on we went 5-2 up and MTP ran through our defence twice to make it 5-4 at half time. In the second half we were quicker and more aggressive in rucks, turning over possession on occasion and there were some brave tackles on their big players. The team had some great chances to spread the ball out but we kept going into traffic. We need to make sure that we start quicker in games and spread the ball out wide into space. Try scorers were Shane 3, Archie 3, Rafi 1, Nishant 1. Final score was 8-6 to St John's. Overall a fantastic team effort. A hard fought and well deserved victory.





## U9 rugby against Haberdashers'

What a turnout it was! Fantastic to see 94 boys from both schools involved in friendly fixtures on a sunny autumn afternoon. Thank you to so many parents who came to watch and support. The dining hall was just big enough to host us all!

**U9A,** The team played entertaining rugby on the day. It was also great to see some old boys playing for the Habs A and B teams. In attack, the team had great forward momentum with Micah, Yash and Teddy picking clever supportive lines to finish with some quality tries. The boys also displayed a positive structure in attack and in defence by playing to the width of the pitch. Defensively they were good too. We got beaten around the outside on a few occasions, therefore going forward we will work on defending our positional channels rather than getting sucked towards the ball. Nine team tries in total, well done! Hari x 1, Yash x 2, Teddy x 3 and Micah x 3. Keep it up! Mr Krüger



**U9C,** We started extremely well with all the players touching the ball. The support play was there and when a player looked to pass there was always a player on his shoulder. We needed to move the ball and spread the play more in attack. We had some super individual runners who found the space and speed to score from afar. Rian showed some great speed to outsprint the Haberdashers' defence to score 4 tries. He was supported well by Nathan, Sebastian, and George. Dhruv, Svanik, Khyan and Ayan all showed how well they could run with the ball in attack. Our passing and support play improved as the game went on but in defence, we just needed to cover the wider areas of the pitch when on occasions we let the opposition go round us. Well, done to the team. Player of the Match – Rian.

**U9B,** On Tuesday afternoon the U8Bs played their first ever competitive fixture for St John's. Haberdashers started well, scoring 2 tries very quickly right at the start. St John's never gave up in the game and played with great enthusiasm and energy. St John's scored 4 very well worked tries which included every member of the team. I was very pleased with the way the boys played, holding their heads high at all times during the game. Great effort from everyone, Well Done!  
Try Scorers: Dev, Lucas 2, Dylann. Man of the Match: Dev





## U9 rugby against Haberdashers' cont...

### U9 Development Squad 1 v Haberdashers' Tuesday 2nd

**November** The U9D1 Squad played their first matches of the season on Tuesday against Habs. The boys played two games. In the first, the boys tried their best, but we were unable to keep our structure in defence, allowing Habs to get a few tries out wide. Tristan scored a brilliant try and it led us perfectly into the second game. From the outset of the second match the boys were on the front foot with some excellent weaving runs from Luca enabling him to score tries. Hugo Perdios led the boys brilliantly in defence making sure we worked as a team. It was very strong effort from all the boys and it is important that they use experience from this second match to kick on in both their training sessions and matches from now on. Try scorers Luca x 5, Tristan x 1



**U9D2,** The boys played their first game of competitive rugby for the School after unfortunately having no fixtures last year. They played two matches against a competitive Haberdashers' side and played brilliantly. The boys ran forward positively and their passing was fantastic. It was great to see them enjoying the games and the sportsmanship was a pleasure to see. Well done boys and keep up the good work. You should be proud of your efforts!





# U8 rugby against Haberdashers'

## U8A, Thursday 4th November

This was the first fixture of the season for the U8 As, who were both excited and nervous on the way to Habs. We started with the ball, giving us a good opportunity to display the encouraging attacking play that the boys have shown in training. However, we were caught napping by a strong defensive line who, no matter how many times we passed the ball down the line, seemed to stop us quickly and effectively. After conceding a couple of quick tries from the Hab's speedsters down the wing, we started to run with the ball fearlessly, making meters down the field and scoring some vital tries. With some tired bodies on the pitch towards the end of the game, the boys all showed incredible heart in defence to deny Habs of any last ditch tries and ended up scoring a try in the last play through some good defensive pressure and link up play in attack. MoM Aikam.



**U8B,** Our first match of the season and away at Haberdashers'. On a very large pitch we defended for the first few minutes. Haberdashers' had some quick players and when they had space they managed to run around our defence. When we had the ball, we needed to run straighter, pass the ball and move onto the ball more in attack. Aarav showed great speed and stamina to score some long range tries. We tended to pass the ball amongst each other and not move the ball into space. Niam showed super footwork to beat opposition defenders and in defence he always stayed wide which really helped the side. The effort from all the players was excellent and we just need to work on the passing and running elements which in turn will help us to improve. A great effort for the first match. Man of Match. Aarav



## U8 rugby against Haberdashers' cont...



**U8D,** The excited U8 boys played their first game of competitive rugby for the School this week, an away trip to Haberdashers' and I want to start by saying how well behaved the Year 3 boys were and that they were great ambassadors for St John's. The match was not about the result, it was about enjoyment. Playing matches is a great environment in which to continue their development. The boys played brilliantly. They ran forward positively and their handling really improved throughout the game. They defended well, with some outstanding 'tagging'. We scored 3 great tries, the match was very equal, and it was called a draw. Well done boys and keep up the good work.



**U8C,** On Thursday the U8C team played their first ever competitive Rugby fixture for St John's. St John's played well as a team passing the ball well and running hard with the ball in hand. Our footwork beat the defenders on several occasions allowing us to run into the space created. Haberdashers' had several very fast boys who we found difficult to tackle but the boys kept going and never gave up. Well done for a great performance boys. Try Scorers: Lucas. Man of the Match: Ansh



**U8E,** The Year 3 parents followed in the footsteps of our Year 4 parents with another big turnout, supporting at Haberdashers' School on Thursday, 4th November, thank you! The Year 3 boys were so excited on Thursday, and they could not wait to finish lunch in order to get changed and ready for their first match on their St John's journey. The U8 Mighty Elephants played in two entertaining and closely contested matches. Their game is starting to take shape, forming an attacking arrow in attack and calling a flat defensive line when needed. The handling will improve with time and reinforcement. As a squad we will work on running straight and forwards. Numerous speedy runs from Dhruv, Veyron and Zoravar gave us lots of ground. We also caught up with St John's old boys from the Pre-Prep years, Milan and Kayan. Very well done indeed! Man of the match Dhruv, Veyron and Zoravar.



# Mini Marathon 2021

Many boys took part in the Mini Marathon, completing 2.6 miles, keeping fit and raising money for this year's charity Place2Be. The boys completed the distance in a variety of ways, playing sports such as hockey, rugby, cricket, football and tennis, walking in the countryside, cycling, swimming and even sailing and using a treadmill. Mr Robinson presented certificates to the boys in assembly this morning.





# OUTLOOK



Pumpkin  
Competition

GUY  
COMPETITION

Mulled Wine &  
Hot Chocolate  
Stalls

BONFIRE

## ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Food served from 5:15pm

Fireworks display starts at 7pm

Ticket includes

Chicken Hotdog (Halal) or Vegan Hotdog  
with chips and a drink

**ADULT £12**

**CHILD £10**

Tickets On Sale in the School car park  
at drop off and pick up from 11th Oct

Tickets also available to buy online at

<https://stjohnsassociationportal.square.site/>

Email: [enquiriessja@gmail.com](mailto:enquiriessja@gmail.com) for any queries

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## RUISLIP RUGBY CLUB

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Gates Open at 17.30**  
**Display from 19.30**

No Pets Please • No Sparklers • No Parking on Site  
Please respect residents and their property in the area

**£7.00** *per person*  
**£5.00** *members (in advance)*

**Barbeque &  
Food available**

**Bar Open  
from 6.00 p.m.**



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The Club House West End Road  
Ruislip HA4 6DR



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## HAMPERS

BY MERCHANT TAYLORS'



## THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS IS ALL IN THE GIVING

Hampers by Merchant Taylors' returns for 2021 with a sumptuous selection of sweet and savoury goods, cakes, chutneys and jams, all created in our own kitchen and complemented by carefully selected wines.

The joy of Christmas is all in the giving, and with our lovingly curated range of wicker hampers, jute bags and gift boxes, there is the perfect gift to add some magic to everyone's Christmas this year.

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## Calendar & important dates Contact details

**Monday 8th November:** St John's Association Meeting 7.30pm

**Tuesday 9th November:** 7+ assessments

Annual Traffic Survey

St John's Association Fireworks Evening 5.30pm

**Wednesday 10th November:** Year 8 Mock Examinations

Rugby v Shiplake College: U13 A, B (h) U12 A, B (a) 2.15pm

**Thursday 11th November:** Year 8 Mock Examinations

PGL Meeting for Year 2 Parents 3.15pm and Year 3 Parents at 4.00pm

Year 6 Parents' Evening 6.00pm

**Friday 12th November:** Year 8 Mock Examinations

Rugby v St Paul's: Colts A, B, C, D (h) 2.15pm

Rugby v Gayhurst: U10 A, B, C, D (a) 2.30pm

Merchant Taylors' Barbarians: U11, U10, U9 (a) 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Sunday 14th November:** Remembrance Service Northwood 10.45 – 12.00

**Updates:** Please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://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

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## Notices and reminders

**Christmas Card Competition:** Ms Gillen has received some excellent card designs and has extended the deadline to Thursday 11th November so that as many boys as possible can take part in this prestigious competition. Please hand your entries, clearly labelled with your name and class to Ms Gillen or your form tutor by next Thursday 11th November.

**St John's Association Fireworks Evening on Tuesday 9th November:** We hope to see many of you on Tuesday. If your son would like to carve a pumpkin or make a Guy for the bonfire then he will be entered into a competition. Please bring these named items into school on either Monday or Tuesday and leave them outside the White House. Tickets are available in the car park before and after school (card payments accepted.) They will also be available on-line: <https://stjohnsassociationportal.square.site/>

**Remembrance Day 11th November.** We mark Remembrance Day as a whole school with two minutes silence at 11.00 and our trumpeters play The Last Post. Prefects are selling poppies and small gifts at morning break and lunchtime in the playground, so please ensure that your son has some money for the Royal Legion Collection boxes if

you would like him to purchase one of the items. Thank you for your continued support of our charitable efforts.

**Annual Traffic Survey.** We will be conducting our annual traffic survey on Tuesday 10th November This will be undertaken by an independent company which will be within the car park and immediate area recording car volumes.

**Raising Boys in a Digital Age: A Parents' Guide – webinar 29th November 2021:** St John's would like to offer all parents an exciting opportunity to hear Dr Kathy Weston talk about this increasingly important topic. Dr Weston is the founder of "Tooled Up" and a sought-after keynote speaker. You can read more about the talk and register [here](#)

**Stem Den: Stem Den bookings are open for December.** We look forward to welcoming children from age 5 to 13 to learn about STEM through a theme-based day at St John's School. Take a look at the website to see the programme of events. [www.stemden.co.uk](http://www.stemden.co.uk) We take childcare vouchers!

**House Points:** 1st Churchill, 31.49, 2nd Lincoln 30.76, 3rd 28.81, 4th Oates 28.59

Have a great weekend