

# THE LAMB



From the  
Headmaster

## Passing on the musical baton



**On Thursday morning** the Badgers and Eagles were treated to a lovely demonstration of musical instruments by Year 7 boys and Lucas in Year 4. The aim was to demonstrate the wide range of different instruments on offer to learn at St John's. The boys spoke eloquently about their instrument and performed extracts which they had chosen to inspire their young audience. Year 2 were mesmerised and asked many fascinating questions which the senior boys answered extremely imaginatively. Thank you to Kian, Mihir, Rafay, Kabir, George, Rafi and Lucas for sharing their enthusiasm for their instruments. You can see more photos on page 8.

**Welcome back to** our newsletter, after the half term break. 5V led an explanation of 'D' Day in assembly this morning and highlighted the importance of this day in history, the largest seaborne invasion ever. They focused on the camaraderie of the veterans and that we should never forget the sacrifices that were made over seventy years ago. You can read more about this in next week's edition.

The older boys have been concentrating on the end of year exams, whilst, behind the scenes it has been business as usual. Post exams, Year 6 enjoyed a very informative road safety presentation from a TFL representative, and the Year 7 boys demonstrated their musical instruments to Year 2, aiming to recruit the next generation of St John's musicians.

I had the privilege of introducing the St John's House system to the Pre-Prep and presenting Year 2 with their new ties. The group photographs will appear in the Lamb next Friday.

It was wonderful to host the Primary Schools Cricket Festival on Thursday, always a special occasion.

Good luck to our 1st and Colts cricket teams in the tournaments at York House and Orley Farm tomorrow and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our St John's Association Fun Day on Sunday, which starts at 11.00am - the weather looks promising.

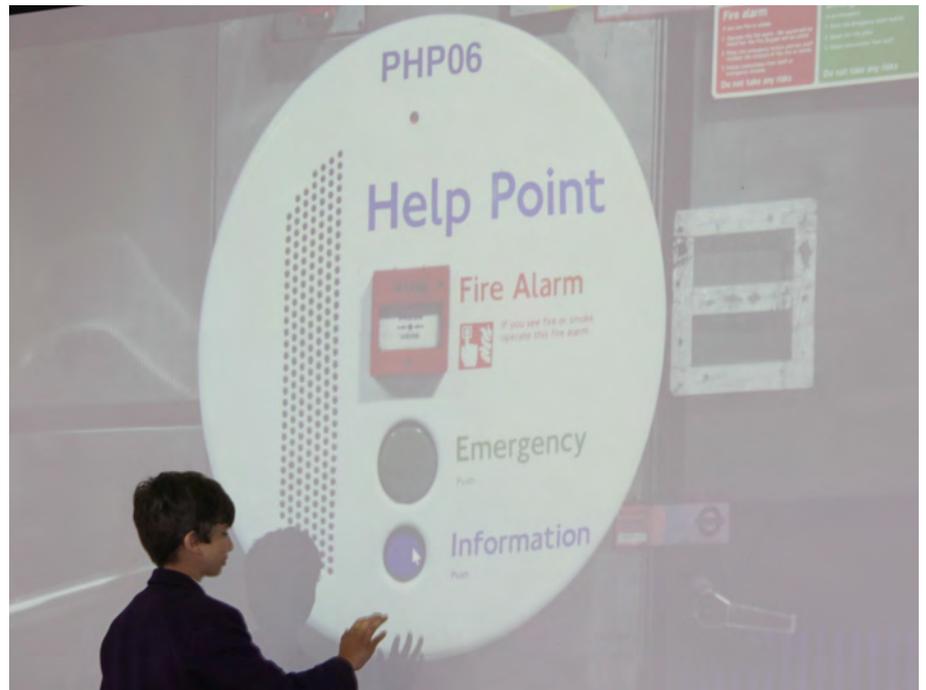
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## Year 6 road safety presentation

**Yesterday afternoon Year 6** boys listened to a very informative presentation given by William from TFL about travelling around the local area and into London. The afternoon was very interactive with many questions from the boys and fun facts discovered. They learnt about finding a safe person to speak to if there was an emergency, what to take with them if they were going out and how to plan their journey ahead of time. There were some quite hard-hitting film clips explaining what could go wrong on a journey if common sense wasn't followed. The boys were really engaged throughout and hopefully they are much better equipped to venture out and about.





## Benyamin in 8J stars in BBC Radio 4 documentary

**Benyamin recently recorded** a BBC Radio 4 documentary alongside comedian Sunil Patel. Titled “Sunil Patel: An Idiot’s Guide to Cryptocurrency” the series takes a comical yet educational look at the often bizarre and difficult to navigate world of cryptocurrencies.

Benyamin described the experience as follows: “It was amazing

working with the BBC and Sunil. Radio is often overlooked in the modern high-tech world, however, it is a hugely underrated medium. Sunil taught me some important lessons on improvised comedy and in return I taught him about crypto and NFTs. I was totally blown away with the finished product.” You can listen to all four episodes on the [BBC website](#).





# From Pinner Hill to Paris

**At 6am on** Friday 3 June, eight members of the Chess Valley RFC set off in the St John's 16 seater minibus on a testing cycle challenge across an incredible 255 miles from The Guild in Croxley Green to Stade Français in Paris. The squad of 13, eight riders plus five support crew, included players and coaches from the Club, and Will Cook, the CEO of Cure Parkinson's and an Old Merchant Taylor. Will is also the father of Ben, a former pupil of St John's who now represents the Club at U16 level. The challenge was to raise money for three charities: Cure Parkinson's, Whizz-Kids and the Matt Ratana Rugby Foundation. The group has raised over £16,000 and counting! The journey took three full days and proved to be tough.

Will Cook said: "This journey was joyous, painful, hilarious and extremely difficult at various times. The teamwork and

support within the group kept us going - as did the knowledge that we were raising money for these important charities. The support team in the St John's minibus made a huge difference to our ability to ride such a long distance, to visit 25 clubs and saved us many hundreds of pounds. Thank you, St John's!"

The team also aimed to celebrate the importance of grassroots rugby in the community. They visited 18 clubs in England, including Met Police RFC and East Grinstead RFC in honour of Police Sergeant Matt Ratana, a rugby and community hero who was tragically killed on duty in 2020, and seven more clubs in France, before reaching Stade Français in time for their final Top 14 game (vs Brive) on the evening of Sunday 5th June.

To support the team and this epic challenge, please visit: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chessvalleyvelos](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/chessvalleyvelos)





# Lambs bug hunt

The Lambs went on a bug hunt around the grounds, we recorded our findings on a tally chart.





# Leaf juice and stick stew

Year 1 and Year 2 have been making the most of our amazing forest this term. The boys have loved digging for dinosaurs and finding buried treasure. We have also had a few culinary delights whipped up by the boys in their outdoor restaurant. If you're lucky enough, you may get to try leaf juice and stick stew too!





# JUNIORS

## Preparations for the Olympics in Year 3

Year 3 have been busy preparing for the Olympic games next week! The olive wreath, also known as kotinos, was the prize for the winner at the ancient Olympic Games. It would have originally been made from the wild olive tree, but we have made ours out of paper, ready for the Ancient Greek Olympic winners next week.





# Passing on the musical baton cont...



# MUSIC



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# Year 4 have fun studying Jackson Pollock

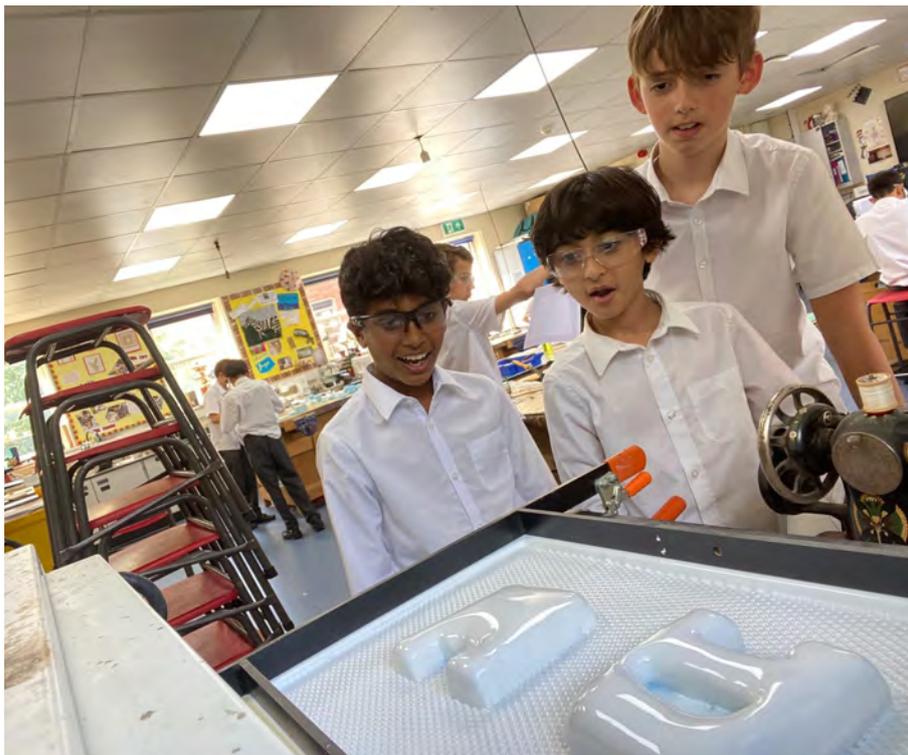
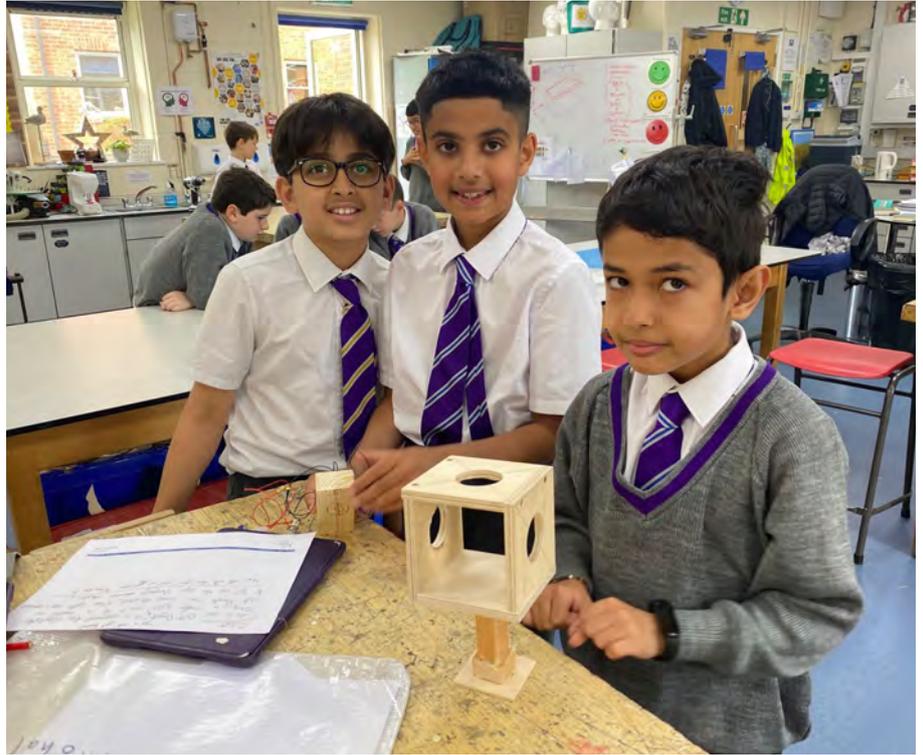
Year 4 have been learning about action art. During their last lesson they learnt all about the American artist Jackson Pollock. This week they had fun re-creating Jackson Pollock's painting boots. Here they are in action dripping paint over old shoes...





# A busy week in DT

A **nerve-racking week** for Year 4 as they test their spaghetti towers to the point of destruction. Year 5 show off their Golochenty projects and Year 6 are wowed by the vacuum forming machine as they make the plastic casings for their electronics work.





## 1st – 3rd XI cricket vs Orley Farm, 9th June

### 1st XI Orley Farm 121/4, St John's 100/7

A tough loss to Orley Farm. Bowling first, the boys were under pressure straight away from some superb batting from the Orley Farm openers. They attacked our pace bowlers and quickly got to 50 off 6 overs. Our slow bowlers fought back and bowled beautifully. Kian J took 2 wickets, Hamza and Nayan shared a wicket each. We managed to get the game back under control, restricting Orley Farm to 121 from 20 overs. In reply we got off to a steady start but after losing both openers the run rate started to climb and we couldn't keep up. We needed 45 off the last 4 overs and eventually finished on 100, 21 runs short. A learning curve for the boys and a tough first loss.



### 2nd XI St John's 94/4. Orley Farm 95/7

On a sunny day away at Orley Farm, the 2nd XI was put into bat first. A steady start saw us on 41-0 after 10 overs. After this we needed to up the run rate and start taking a few more risks. We lost wickets at regular intervals and crept up to 94-4 off our 20 overs. Best scores were Emerson (21) and Remika (22) who both batted well and ran very well between the wickets. In the field, we started very strongly, taking 2 wickets in the first over – one bowled by Yash, and one run out by Archie. This pressure continued with another wicket in the third over, leaving Orley Farm 10-3. They managed to build a partnership after this, and some generous bowling helped Orley Farm up to 79. Super overs from Sahib and Yash helped to peg this back, Sahib taking 2 wickets in 2 overs, and Yash going one better with 2 wickets in 2 balls – both caught behind by Aaron. This led to a tense finish with Orley Farm needing 3 runs off the last over, and St John's needing one more

wicket as Orley Farm had lost a couple of players to a piano concert. Unfortunately, it was not to be and they scored the winning runs off the first ball. A very close game that could have gone either way, St John's played really well with a fantastic energy in the field. Man of the Match was Yash for his 17-4 off 3.1 overs.



## 1st – 3rd XI cricket vs Orley Farm, 9th June

### 3rd XI St John's 171/6, Orley Farm 172/7

Orley Farm went into bat and it became clear that the opening pair could bat and score runs. Thomas opened the bowling for the St John's team who bowled extremely well. Rafi took 2 wickets for 13 runs and Mihir took 4 wickets for 11 runs with his spin bowling which was a fantastic effort. Rahul and Aarav bowled very economically and overall, we managed to stop Orley Farm from scoring a large total. In the field, Lucas kept well behind the stumps and Rafi took a brilliant catch from a very hard-hit ball. Vihaan and Ansh went into bat for St John's, hitting the ball all over the ground and scoring 22 runs in their two overs. Thomas played some super shots on the leg-side which gave us good momentum. Lucas batted strongly, hitting three fours to score 13 runs. In the last two overs we were on 161 needing 173 to win but fell just short with 171. This was a super afternoon with the teams very evenly matched. Well played to all the St John's pupils.





## U9 cricket vs Davenies 9th June



### U9A St John's 256, Davenies 246

A great victory in a brilliant game of cricket for the U9 boys against Davenies. Batting first, we amassed 56 runs from our 10 overs. Every pair batted well and it was great to see the improvement from the last game. Micah showed some good defensive technique and running between the wickets. Yash and Ayan hit wonderful boundaries. Davenies started very brightly and looked to have the game under control until wickets began to tumble. This was due to fantastic bowling from Nikhil, Rahul, Dev and Dylann. The game was still in the balance in the last over and Dylann kept his nerve. Well done boys.



### U9B St John's 280/3, Davenies 233/8

A convincing and strong game from the U9B team. Very well done indeed, Captain Arnav leading proceedings on the day. We lost the toss and Davenies opted to bowl first. A bit of a shaky start in the first over, losing a wicket on the second ball. On this occasion, the untidy bowling from Davenies certainly worked in our favour. Alexander and Om looked confident with the bat, putting the team in a firm position. An even more confident start with the ball, taking four wickets off the first three overs. Davenies never really got going with the bat and St John's kept piling on the pressure taking wickets with tidy bowling. Om took some spectacular catches, reacting quickly as keeper. Paras had the catch of the day at extra cover, diving forwards and catching the ball with his fingertips, big celebrations, lots of fun. Keep it up.





## U9 cricket vs Davenies 9th June

### U9C Davenies 254/5, St John's 278/3

Davenies went into bat first and our bowling attack was excellent. Teddy took 2 wickets for 3 runs, Dhruv's bowling was pitched up and very accurate and he took 1 for 6. Lucas and Aren also took wickets. In the field we covered the ground very well only allowing Davenies to score one four in the whole innings and keeping Davenies to 254 for 5. We need to work on our backing up, getting near the stumps at the bowler's end and our bowling. Our opening batting pair of Hari and Ryan hit the ball all over the pitch, including 3 fours and by the end of the paired innings they had scored 31 runs which was a fantastic start for the team. Teddy and Lucas batted well, Oliver and Dhruv batted sensibly, scoring 14 runs without losing a wicket and Rohan and Hari put on 11 runs. George and Aren won the match by scoring 15 runs to get us to 278 and a well-deserved win. This was a very good team effort by all the players.



### U9D

On Tuesday the U9D team played against Davenies who batted first, reaching a good score of 59. St John's bowling was much improved since the previous match which was great to see. We kept switched on in the field, keeping Davenies' score down. Elliot took our only wicket as several opportunities sadly ended up in no balls. St John's started very well in the batting with Elliot smashing 18 runs very quickly. Overall, it was a very promising performance from the whole team and it was good to see improvement all round since the last game. Well played!





# Primary Schools U8 Cricket Festival at St John's

**Our 6-team** festival included a team from Hillside, two from Grimsdyke and three from St John's. Three matches were played simultaneously and each team had 6 overs to bat. Everyone had the chance to bat and bowl against teams of varying abilities and this made it very competitive but at the same time lots of fun. Some of the hitting was very impressive with many pupils hitting fours and even some huge sixes. It was also good to see the learning and development of all the pupils with their batting, fielding, and bowling skills.

Some of the cricket was very good and Grimsdyke A had an

excellent bowling attack. At the end of the two matches, we had a bowling competition between two teams. The aim was to hit the stumps and each time a stump was hit it was removed.

This caused huge excitement amongst the teams and during the competition, we could see how much the bowling improved in a short space of time. At the end, all the pupils who took part in the Festival were presented with a medal.

I would like to thank all the parents who came to support the teams. Well played to all the teams that participated. Well done!





# Primary Schools U8 Cricket Festival at St John's





## U13 and U11 Tennis against St Martin's

**On Tuesday 7th June**, St John's U13 and U11 teams played a home tournament against St Martin's. All of the matches were played in pairs and were run on a round-robin basis, with the first pair to five games winning each match.

The U13 pairs were Sahib B and Amos, Mihir and Aarav, and Kabir and Remika. The U11 Pairs were Thomas M and Vivek, Bailey and Zain, and Ali and Alex W-M.

St Martin's proved to be a very tough opponent and the boys had to work extremely hard to win any points at all. However, in the U11s, Vivek and Thomas M had a very good 5-3 win, and in the U13s, Aarav and Mihir won a very close encounter 5-4. The stand-out pair were Kabir and Remika, who won all of their games.

Very well done to all the boys for their efforts.





## Figure skating by James in 7M

I started taking ice skating lessons during the Easter Holidays. It is a fantastic sport which is great fun and I highly recommend it to anyone who likes keeping active. It is a really fun way to exercise and requires lots of technical skill, balance and most of all practice! I was also lucky enough recently to go to an ice skating holiday camp with Mark Naylor (the former U.S.A pairs champion who is also the main choreographer for Dancing on Ice).

I have completed my Learn to Skate levels 1-8 and now I'm on my Passport levels. My coaches are suggesting that I enter

some competitions in the near future. I have to get up at 5:30 to train before school but I am happy wake up early for such a fun sport which is also good for my mental health.

Figure skating requires flexibility, balance, and being able to come up with good routines. I do off ice flexibility every day. I particularly enjoy jumping and doing spins on the ice. The closest rinks to Northwood are the Slough and Hemel Hampstead rinks. I recommend you try ice skating, you might love it like I do!



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# A Midsummer Night's Dream

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## Performance Dates

Mon 20th June @ 7pm

&

Wed 22nd June @ 7pm

## Venue

First XI Cricket Pitch

or

The Norman Hall (if wet)



# OUTLOOK



## Calendar & important dates

## Contact details

**Saturday 11th June:** Colts A 11 a-side Cricket Tournament at Orley Farm (10.00am)

U13 A 6 a-side Cricket Tournament at York House (10.00am)

**Sunday 12th June:** St John's Association Fun Day (11.00am-3.00pm)

**Monday 13th June:** London Prep Schools Athletics Meeting (Eton)

3+ Information Evening (7.00pm)

**Tuesday 14th June:** St Albans 12+ Examinations

Year 4 Cricket Festival at York House (6 a-side) (2.00pm – 4.00pm)

Year 5 Parents' Evening (A-L) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

4+ Information Evening (7.00pm)

**Wednesday 15th June:** School Council

Sport, Leavers, Scholars and Class Photos

Cricket v Aldenham: 1st, 3rd X1 (h), 2nd, 4th X1 (a) (2.00pm)

7+ Information Evening (7.00pm)

**Thursday 16th June:** Year 1 Trip to Willows Farm

Cricket v St Martin's: U8 A, B (a) D, C, E (h) (2.30pm)

Year 5 Parents' Evening (M-W) (6.00pm-8.00pm)

**Friday 17th June:** House Meetings

U12 A Cricket Tournament at St Albans (9.00am)

Senior Drama Dress Rehearsal to the Juniors (9.30am)

Cricket v Haberdashers': Colts A, C (a) (2.15pm)

Cricket v St John's Beaumont: Colts B, D (a) E, F (h) (2.15pm)

**Saturday 18th June:** Senior Drama Rehearsal (10.00-4.00pm)

**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.



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*Picture of the week: Oooh! That was close.*

## Notices and reminders

**Charity Day:** Thank you very much for your support for Place2Be on Charity Day. We will announce the total raised in due course. Thank you for your generosity.

**St John's Association Summer Fun Day:** Sunday 12th June 11.00am-3.00pm. Fun for all the family. The weather looks set fair so we look forward to seeing you there. Please park in the lower field and walk up to the 1st XI pitch.

**Sports Teams Photos 15th June:** Mr Pawson will send out details regarding kit etc next week.

**A Midsummer Night's Dream:** We look forward to welcoming you to the performance on Monday 20th or Wednesday 22nd June. The rehearsal schedule is up-dated daily, so please check it

regularly. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2v78rx3j> for more info.

**Save the Date!** 12 November 2022 – The Lord Mayor's Show. Please save the date as this event promises to be a very special one for the Merchant Taylors' Company and associated schools. More details to follow.

**House Points:** Churchill 124.33, Lincoln 121.58, Oates 116.58, Lawrence 114.38

**Votes for Schools:** Due to school examinations this week, we will keep this week's question for next week as well: Should there be more street parties?

Have a lovely weekend and see you at Fun Day!