

Music to our ears...



Our boys have enjoyed an inspiring range of educational activities this week. Last night we enjoyed a fantastic Summer Concert, showcasing exciting musical talent and teamwork from Years 3 to 8. Year 5 visited the Roald Dahl Museum as part of their study of "Boy" and even found the old petrol pump which features in "Danny Champion of the World." On Monday, the Head and Deputy Head boys and Charity Monitors visited City Harvest (our main charity for this year) to learn about their wonderful work in the community. Meanwhile, sporting activities continued, with a glorious week of cricket and athletics.

Year 2 have enjoyed an awesome time at PGL and a creative Latin American music morning at Northwood College. Younger boys enjoyed their Pirate Day last week: many thanks to all parents for the wonderful costumes and to teachers for creating a memorable experience for the boys. Our youngest learners in the Lambs and Cygnets were full of wonder as they released their butterflies into the spring sunshine.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to our Open Morning next Wednesday, 21st May at 9.15 am. Do spread the word!



From the Headmaster



ST JOHN'S

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Open Morning

Wednesday 21 May 2025

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A sensational Summer Concert

The annual Summer Concert was an exciting evening of music on a theme of Film and Television, showcasing the very high standard of musical talent at St John's. We heard a beautiful rendition of Mendelsohn's "Song without Words", by our music scholar Aary Patel, as well as a collaboration between the String Trio and recently formed Chamber Choir, performing the theme tune to the television programme, The Vicar of Dibley. The Juniors raised the roof with their rendition of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Many congratulations to boys, staff and parents for all their hard work and dedication.









Year 5 Roald Dahl

The Year 5 boys spent Thursday exploring Great Missenden and The Roald Dahl Museum as part of their study of 'Boy'. They completed a village trail to identify sites that feature in Dahl's writing, such as the old petrol pump in 'Danny Champion of the World', which provided greater insight into the writer's life and inspiration.





Key life-skills for Year 5

Year 5 have been developing their confidence and skills in verbal presentation and debating. This is a key life skill, invaluable for interviews, selling ideas and convincing others of your perspective and passions.





A visit to our School Charity - City Harvest

This week seven boys went to the City Harvest warehouse in Acton Park to see the operation in action. We were fortunate to be shown around by Sarah Calcutt, the CEO of City Harvest. We learned that this organisation delivers an amazing 132,000 meals every week to Londoners. While their current system is already quite orderly and efficient, they have planned for an even more efficient system, which allows less food to be wasted and more food to be delivered even quicker. This change involves two processes, the first one is making more space and having less costly yet more useful storage systems, the second is training more drivers to drive their newest and largest lorry to allow them to have it collecting and delivering 7 days a week. This year they are aiming to raise £5,500,000 which will be hard, but with our School's contributions and many other charitable organisations they will be able to achieve this goal. Let's raise lots of money for them on our Charity Day on 23rd May. Report by Raphael (Charity Prefect)





Boys in Year 5 enjoying some quiet reflection in our Wellbeing Garden before lessons.



Lilac smells wonderful!



Smelling our herb trough plants





Early morning newt and coy carp spotting!



Congratulations on achieving your Chief Scout Silver Award



Rehearsing the "Tomorrow" song for our Buggy production



Junior musicians

Every boy in the Juniors performed brilliantly in the Junior Choir’s rendition of “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang”, Chamber Choir sang beautifully and our Junior instrumentalists performed very professionally with the older boys throughout the evening. Many congratulations boys, we are proud of every one of you.





Year 2 had a big adventure this week

The boys were full of excitement as our coach pulled out of the St John's gates, to set off on our PGL adventure. We've enjoyed fun-filled activities, exploring, climbing, and working in teams, not to mention the midnight feasts. We "packed" before breakfast this morning – hopefully you will get your own son's clothes back eventually!





Our big adventure





“Ahoy, matey!” Pirate Day in Reception

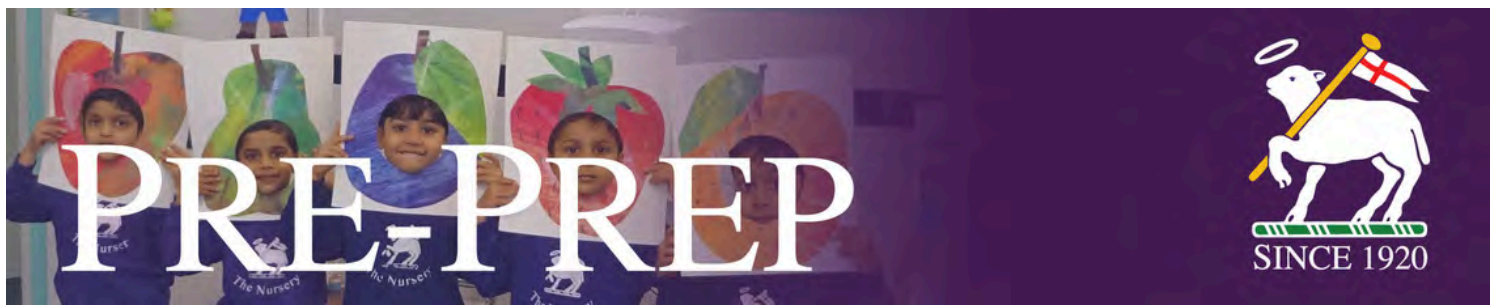
Reception celebrated Pirate Day and took part in lots of engaging and exciting activities dressed as pirates! One of our favourite activities was going to the new outdoor classroom and using equipment to build our own pirate ship. We worked as a team and listened to each other’s ideas to escape the desert island!





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Roars of joy in the Pre-Prep

Celebrated children's storyteller Liz Fost visited St John's to mark the 10th anniversary of Rachel Bright and Jim Field's beloved picture book "The Lion Inside." With a warm smile, boundless energy, and a touch of theatrical magic, Liz captivated young imaginations as she read the timeless tale to an eager audience. With the help of the boys, Liz brought the characters to life with animated voices, expressive gestures, and a contagious sense of fun. Children were enchanted as she tiptoed like a timid mouse and boomed like the grand lion, drawing laughter and wide-eyed wonder from every corner of the room. The session concluded with a lovely song and the help of a delightful mouse and lion puppet - an important reminder that "no matter your size, we all have a mouse and a lion inside"!

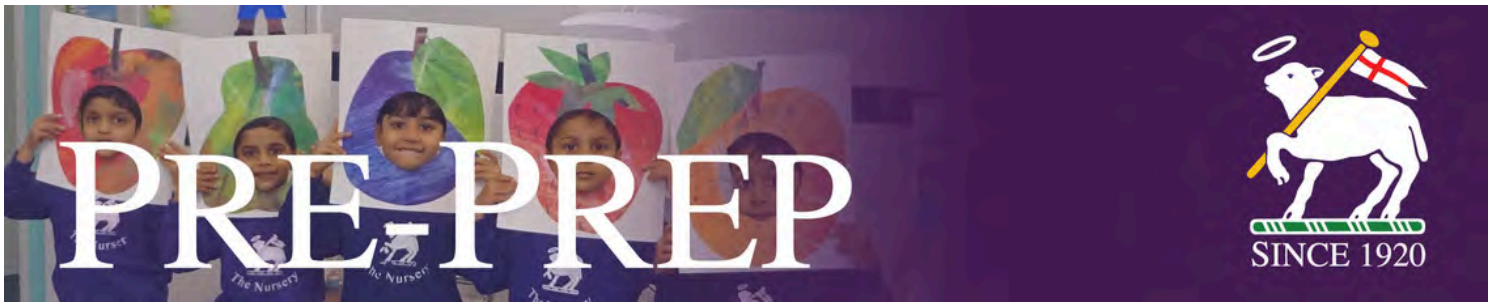




Samba morning at Northwood College

Year 2 visited Northwood College on Tuesday for a morning of Latin American music with the Year 2 girls. They enjoyed sampling Caribbean rhythms using Boom Whackers and had the chance to play some Samba instruments during the workshop before all coming together as a choir to sing Harvest Samba. Mr Jenkin and Mrs Halliday were both very proud of their Year 2 performers. This is going to become an annual event with St John's hosting next summer.





Flutterby butterfly

On a bright and sunny day, the Nursery gathered eagerly in the garden as the butterflies, carefully kept in a butterfly net, were ready to be released. The boys were especially excited, taking turns to gently hold the butterflies in their hands. With careful movements and wide-eyed wonder, they watched as the delicate wings began to flutter. One by one, the butterflies lifted off, soaring into the clear blue sky. Boys pointed and cheered as they watched them fly away, creating a magical and memorable moment filled with joy, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for nature.





A vibrant St John's Family Tree

Boys and staff have all contributed to our new mural, each leaving a personal touch. Every member of the St John's family has added their handprint to our vibrant family tree. We can't wait to unveil the finished masterpiece soon!





A fantastic win for the 1st X1

A superb team performance saw the 1st XI team kick off their season in style against Haileybury. Winning the toss and electing to bowl, our bowlers worked together effectively to limit Haileybury to 83 for 9 after 20 overs, with Yuva and Neer taking 2 wickets each. The batsmen then continued this strong showing, with a confident and efficient performance from the top order seeing them knock off the required runs in just 11 overs. Congratulations to the entire team on this fantastic start to the season.





Cricket at home this week

Blessed with sunshine, we've enjoyed a fantastic week of cricket, home and away. Our U11A, B, and C teams all came away with victories against Lockers Park - well done to all involved! Parents and supporters all enjoyed relaxing in the sunshine while watching the matches. Best of luck to our 1st X1 as they head into their first tournament of the year at the Belmont Under 13 Cricket Festival on Saturday - we're all behind you!



Under 13B v Belmont



Under 10 v Belmont






Well done Junior athletes!

Our Year 3 and 4 athletics teams got off to a flying start this season, performing brilliantly at the impeccably organised York House event.





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