



# Carol Service kicks off Christmas



From the  
Headmaster

**Welcome to the** final edition of The Lamb, at the end of what has been a busy and successful term. We welcomed the broader community to our wonderful Carol Service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on

Monday evening. At the Reception after the Service we had a chance to thank our Governors, the Head Boy team and their families for the invaluable support they give the School.

We've enjoyed challenges and achievements in the last week of term. Year 5 were inspired by their festive maths competitions and Year 6 have been putting their computing thinking skills to the test by participating in a virtual and physical escape room challenge! Our chess teams were very successful in their first

online tournaments, with one of the teams coming first out of fifty-four teams. We saw more team spirit and collaboration in the House rugby events this week and determination and personal bests in our senior cross-country event.

Our final assembly of 2023 today allowed some reflection and gratitude for the opportunities of the term.

I would like to wish all St John's families, teachers and support staff a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break.



# Hark The Herald Angels Sing

**On Monday night** we held our annual Carol Service at Emmanuel Church. Boys from Years 3 to 8 narrated the Christmas story in Bible passages and poems. We all sang heartily, led by our orchestra and enjoyed vocal and instrumental interludes. The Juniors lifted the roof with their singing of the Calypso Carol, accompanied by Bamboo Tamboo, ukeleles and recorders. A fitting start to the Christmas holidays.



# THIS WEEK





# Christmas Jumper Day was great fun!

**Christmas Jumper Day** is an annual treat at St John's. Yesterday the jumpers were colourful and cosy; Senior Cross-Country was both challenging and invigorating; Christmas lunch was delicious and we all learnt lots of new facts during the traditional House Quiz which was won by Lincoln. We had a fabulous day and managed to raise over £270 so far for Save the Children at the same time. Merry Christmas everyone!



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# Final Assembly

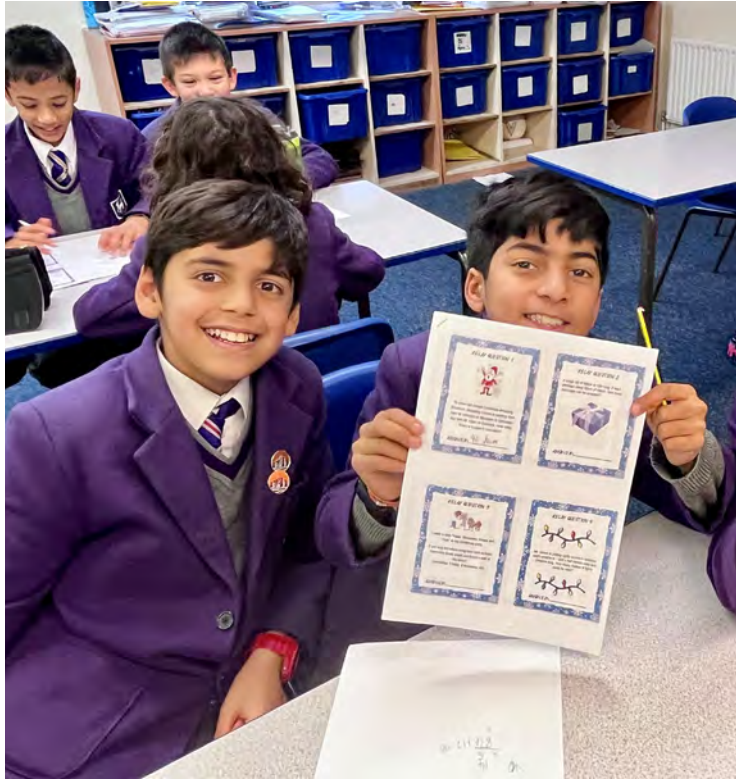
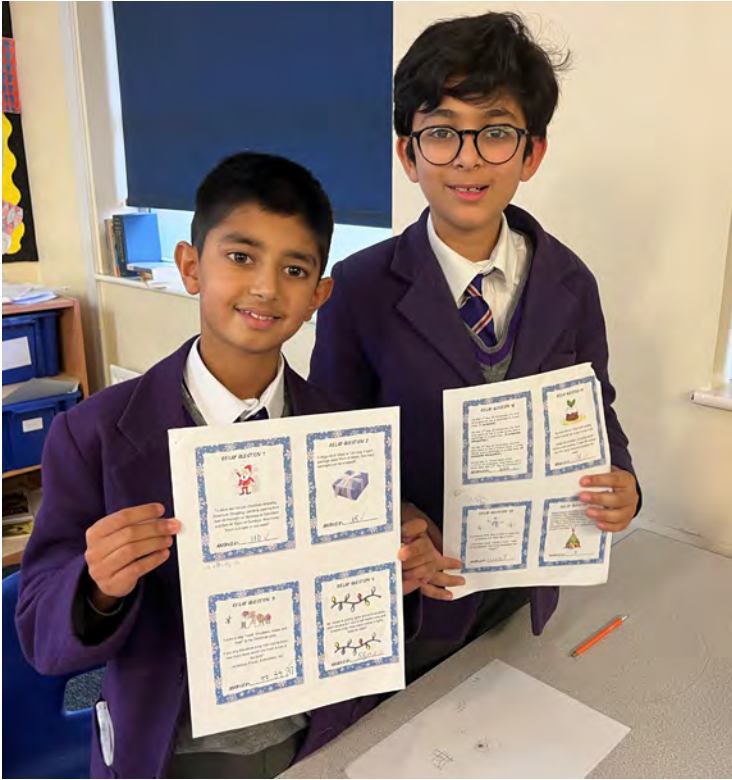
In our final assembly of 2023 today, Mr Jenkin reflected on all that we have achieved this term, as individuals and as a community. Congratulations to Lawrence who are the leaders in the race for the Burton Page Cup as we finish the Autumn term. It was also an opportunity to recognise the winners of the Activities Cup (Oates) as well as several other awards. Millen in the Eagles was awarded with the “I did my best” cup in Pre-Prep Assembly. Leo will be the Football Captain next term and Khyan the Hockey Captain. Well done everyone.





# Festive Maths for Year 5

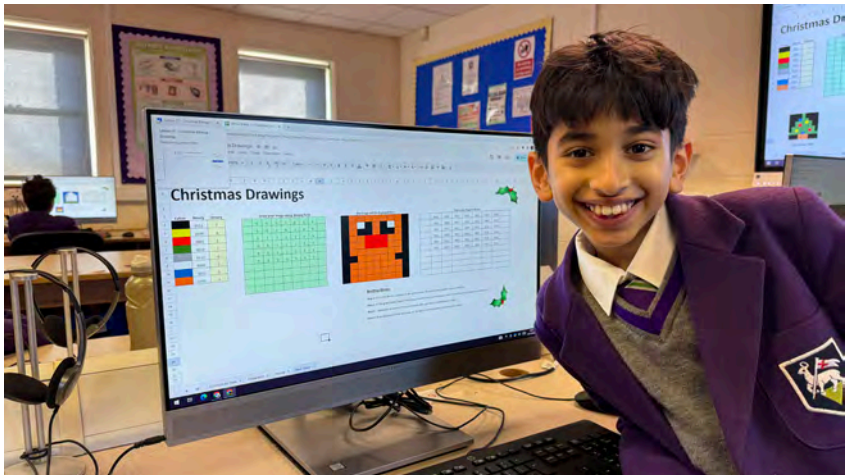
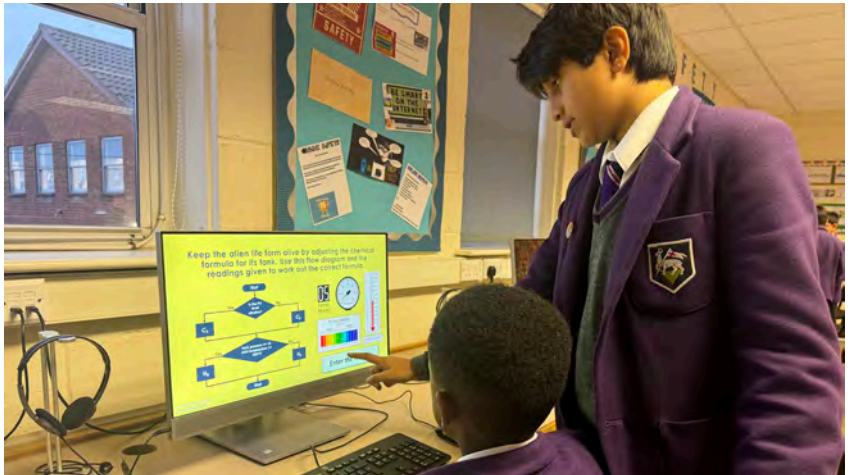
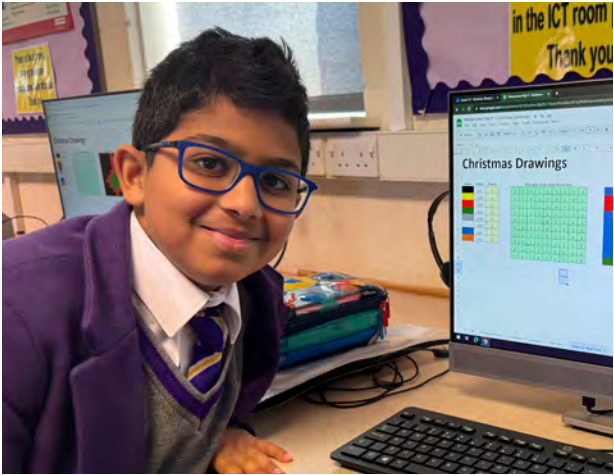
This week Year 5 have taken part in a Santa's Relay team challenge, solving Christmassy word problems against the clock and each other. Well done to the winners, Eissa and Dilan





# Years 5 to 7 have been busy in the ICT Suite

**Year 7** were tasked with designing a new product that could be sold in mock sales to classmates and teachers. They modelled using SketchUp; designed a poster and wrote and recorded a pitch on Canva. Finally, they made a website using google sites to take orders. Year 5 have been learning how to convert between denary and binary numbers and used these skills to create some of their own bitmap pictures in Excel. Year 6 put their computational thinking skills to the test by participating in a virtual and physical escape room challenge!



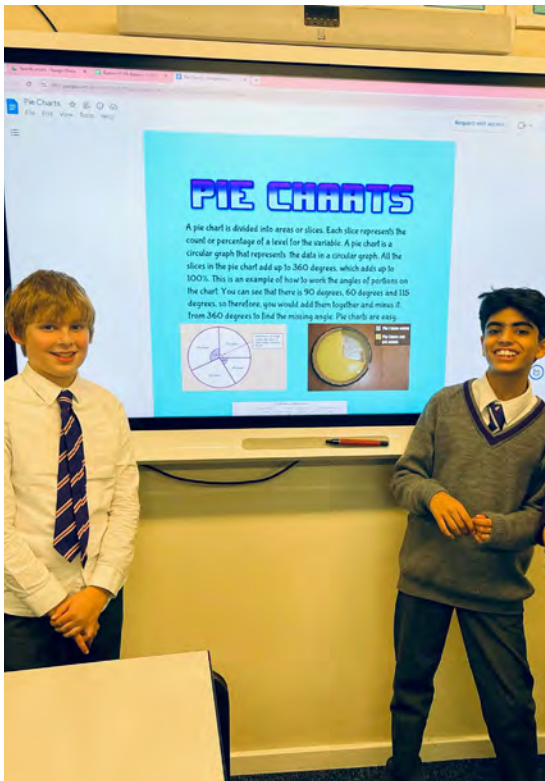




Our MP David Simmonds showcased Aarav's Christmas card design to Rishi Sunak



We are not alone. Spotted, one of the other residents of St John's grounds



Year 6 boys produced posters on different maths topics in groups and then presented to the class



Viva la Chess! Our B team came first out of 54 at a recent online chess tournament. Well done everyone!



# AROUND SCHOOL




Lincoln House celebrates winning the Christmas Quiz



The dining tables were laid beautifully for our Christmas Lunch



We would like to thank our Head and Deputy Head Boys and their parents for all they do in support of the School



# Christmas Fun in the Pre-Prep

On Tuesday, Pre-Prep was transformed into a party venue. There were six themed rooms with games such as musical statues, a lucky dip, bingo. The boys danced the afternoon away in the Christmas disco and visited a very special room where all the boys chatted to Father Christmas and received gifts. As you can see great fun was had by all and the smiling and excited faces were a delight to behold. The Pre-Prep staff all wish you and your families a healthy, safe and fun filled holiday.





# Christmas Fun in the Pre-Prep





# Juniors Christmas Party





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# DT & E



## Working hard in DT&E

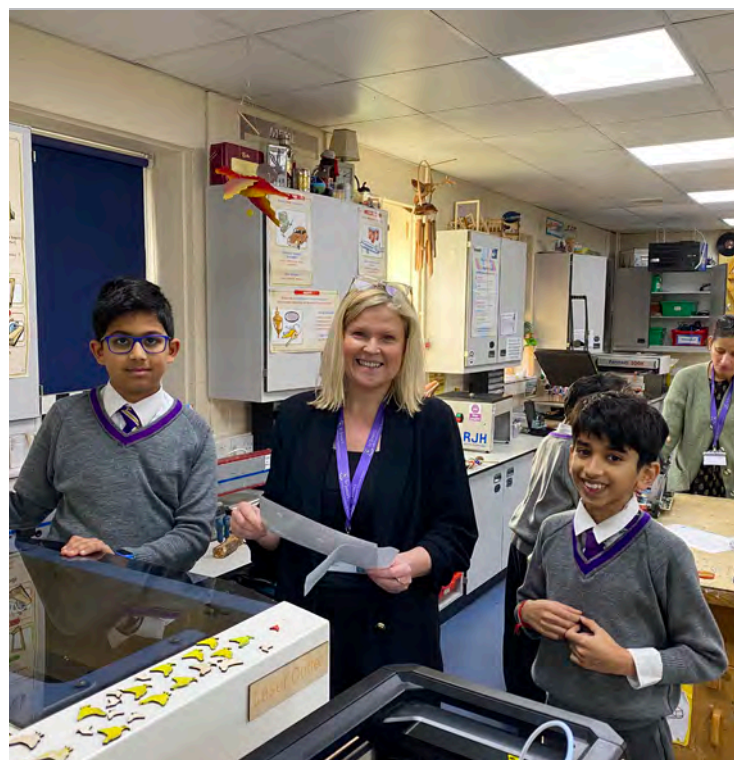


Aubrey and George show off their wonderful cushion designs

Ayaan tries his hand at the scroll saws for the first time.



Happy chappies working on designs together



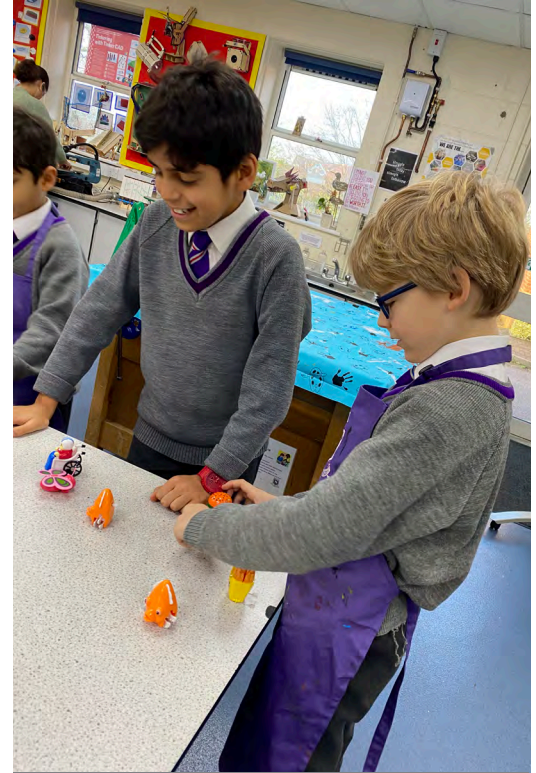
Mohammed and Dhruv loved showing Miss Masterson their work on the laser cutter.



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Noah and Arjan using the guillotine to cut sheet aluminium.



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- solve festive themed practical problems
- robotics kits - Lego & Vex Go!
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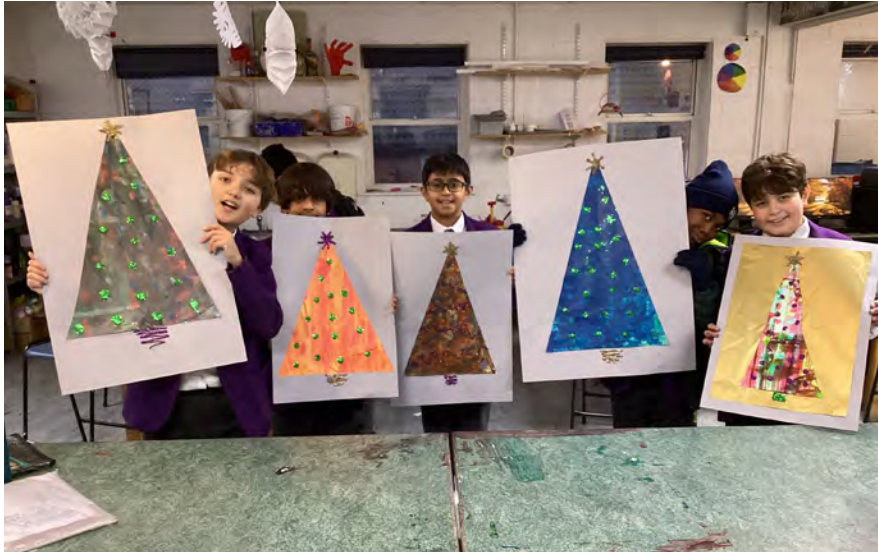
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## More Christmassy creations in Art





# Year 6 House Rugby

The Year 6 event went ahead this week on the second attempt and the rugby on display was worth the wait. All the boys played to a very high standard, with increased physicality from many pupils. The boys were clearly enjoying themselves and the worthy winners, Lawrence, played a superb brand of rugby to win on the day. 1st Lawrence; 2nd Churchill; 3rd Lincoln; 4th Oates.





# Year 7 & 8 House Rugby

Year 7 & 8 battled it out on the rugby pitch this week. All teams showed their true colours and the matches were played in a combative spirit with oodles of skill on display. Year 7: 1st Oates, 2nd Lincoln, 3rd Lawrence, 4th Churchill. Year 8: 1st Oates, 2nd Churchill, 3rd Lincoln, 4th Lawrence. Overall House Rugby Results: 1st Oates, 2nd Lawrence, 3rd Churchill, 4th Lincoln.





# Senior House Cross Country

All boys in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 represented their Houses in the Senior House cross country yesterday. The course is known as a particularly challenging one and the rain made it a muddy challenge. The boys worked extremely hard, and their enthusiasm and support for each other was truly lovely to see. There were some excellent performances from our winners in each age group and all boys showed true grit and perseverance.





# Senior House Cross Country





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### CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP

MON to WED, 18th to 20th December

MON & TUE = FOOTBALL

WED = COURT SPORTS



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## Important dates & contacts

**Thursday 4th January:** Staff inset

**Friday 5th January:** Staff inset

**Monday 8th January:** Beginning of Spring Term (8.25am)

Clubs and activities begin

Cross-Country v York House: U13, U11 (a) (2.15pm)

**Wednesday 10th January:** Swimming begins at Merchant Taylors'

**Thursday 11th January:** Cross Country v York House: U9 (a) (2.30pm)

**Friday 12th January:** Hockey v Highgate: U11 A, B (h), U10 A, B (a) (2.30pm)

**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.

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## Notices and reminders

**Reports:** Autumn Term Reports are now available via the Parent Portal. Using the tabs along the top bar, click on School Profile, then the last tab, School Reports. If your son is in the Pre-Prep, his reports will be visible here. If your son is in Years 3 to 8, please click on School Assessment to find your son's Autumn Term Engagement and Target.

**School Calendar:** The calendar for the Spring Term is available to view on the school website and the Parent Portal. Your son has also received a hard copy to bring home today.

**From the Maths department:** If you want a challenge this Christmas, why not have a go at the GCHQ Christmas challenge. They have said that it is the hardest one yet, what do you think? <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/xmaschallenge2023>

**Votes for Schools:** Last week's question: "Should school holidays be spread out?" 44.8% said yes

**House Points:** Congratulations to Lawrence who are the leaders in the race for the Burton Page Cup as we finish the Autumn term. 1st Lawrence 65.96, 2nd Churchill 65.40, 3rd Oates 62.64, 4th Lincoln - 62.51

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Thank you for all your donations. We are pleased to inform you that the total amount raised is £273.90. You still have time to make your donation online using [this link](#) or the QR code below.



St John's wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2024. Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to welcoming the boys back on the 8th of January.