



From the
Headmaster

We will remember

Mr Russo led a very moving Remembrance Assembly this morning and at 11.00 the School community observed two minutes of silence together on the playground. Aary in Year 6 marked the beginning of the silence by playing the Last Post and the end with the traditional Reveille.

We gathered today as a school to reflect on the service and sacrifice of those involved in conflicts around the world. Our Head Boy and Deputies will join the community in Northwood at a Service of Commemoration on Sunday, laying a wreath on behalf of St John's.

Yesterday, I was delighted to meet with the boys who have been working together to develop ideas for our new Wellbeing Garden. The team is very committed to leading this innovative new project and have some great ideas for a space which current and future pupils will benefit from.

Eco Club presented an excellent assembly on sustainability on Monday. It was inspiring to watch the boys from Years 3 to 8 working together on this important issue.

We have played a lot of rugby this week and there was much excitement for our Under 8s as they played their first matches. Fantastic work, boys: we look forward to following your development through the School.

Happy Diwali to all those celebrating. I look forward to seeing you at Fireworks Night next Thursday.

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CITY HARVEST FESTIVAL
IMPACT REPORT



Thank you for joining City Harvest Festival and making an impact on the lives of hundreds of Londoners facing food poverty.

St. John's School's contribution will mean nutritious food can be delivered to City Harvest's network of London community partners, free of charge. Your Harvest Festival donations equal:

426 KILOGRAMS
FOOD PROVIDED



to City Harvest London



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MEALS DELIVERED



to community partners feeding the city's most vulnerable

Thank you for helping us rescue food, people + planet

You can share your impact on social media by using our EQUALS impact calculator: www.cityharvest.org.uk/equals or scan:





St John's Wellbeing Garden

In an exciting new development made possible by the Merchant Taylors' Company and the St John's Association, a team of five boys from Years 6 to 8 have embarked on a mission to turn our existing Rose Garden into a captivating Wellbeing Garden. Supported by Mrs Kalirai, Maximillian,

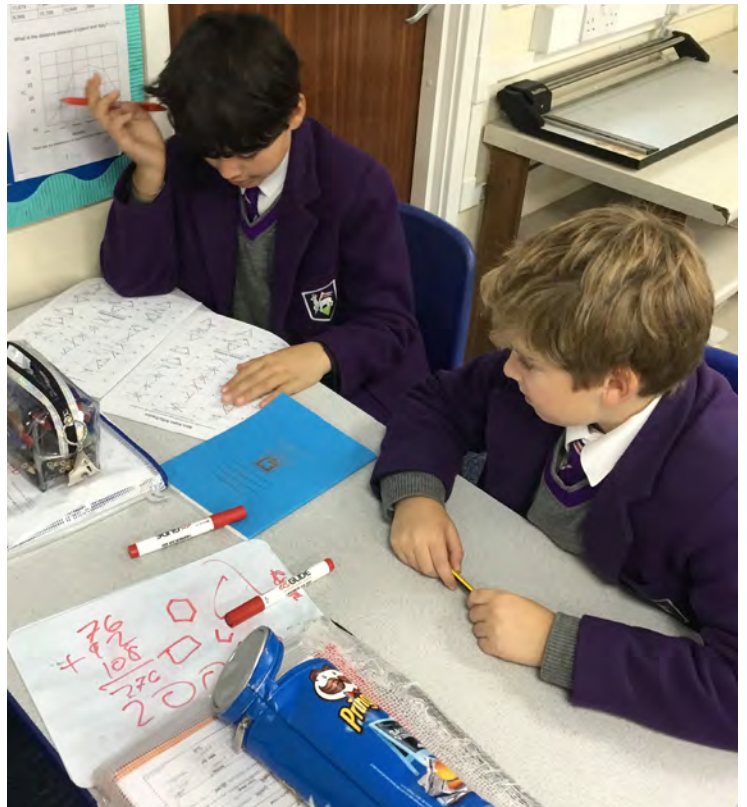
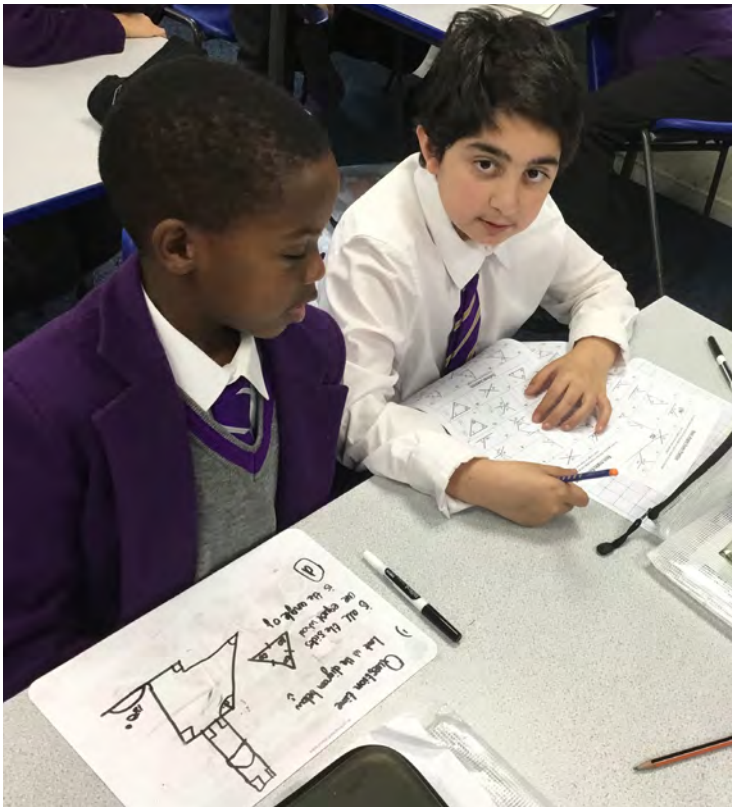
Liam, Ayaan, Khyan and Rian have been working together creatively, researching garden ideas, using design skills, illustration and meticulous planning. Maximillian has captured all the ideas on this beautiful vision board. The boys were excited to share their ideas with Mr Jenkin yesterday.



This is the area we are re-designing to make a sensory garden for future generations of St John's boys to enjoy.



Year 6 teaching each other how to find angles





Quiz Club Science Challenge

Eight boys selected from Years 5 and 6 were divided into two teams. Team 1: Eissa, Dilan, Yuva Veer and Dhruv and Team 2: Vir, Dillan, Hari and Dev. The quiz was hosted online and was against almost sixty teams from the South-East.

Team 2 got off to a promising start and were in 8th place after the first round of 5 questions, but it was Team 1 who made it onto the leader board, which secured them a place in the Semi-finals in January. Well done Year 5&6 scientists.





Switch-off Fortnight starts 13th November

For the past few weeks, the Eco Club has been preparing an assembly presentation to commemorate the start of Switch off Fortnight. Boys in Years 3 to 8 presented their own slides about the importance of sustainability. This collaboration across the School produced a lively and informative assembly. We are all proud to be members of Eco Club. Get ready to turn those lights off next week! *Dhruv, Eco Captain.*





St John's Ambassadors for Votes for Schools

Last Friday, our Youth Ambassadors for Votes for Schools met with other schools from around the country in an online session. We started by giving feedback to the VFS organisers about the programme and how we use it in school. We also shared information about Anti-Bullying Week and started planning our Student Webinars. We look forward to future meetings of this kind where we can connect with and share ideas with others.



City Harvest delivers free surplus food to people across London facing food poverty

In London, more than 2.3 million Londoners live below the poverty line and 33% of adults have skipped meals to save money so that their children can eat.

City Harvest delivers food to grassroots organisations that serve some of London's most vulnerable and help ensure children have a healthy start to life.

We request every boy in Years 3-8 to bring a Christmas-themed donation for City Harvest. Please bring to the house meetings on 24th November.

Churchill: One or more tins/cartons Custard and/or Rice Pudding

Lawrence: One or more tins of Peas and/or Carrots

Lincoln: One or more tins of Potatoes

Oats: One or more tins of fruit

The house that collects the most tins will be awarded House Points!



AROUND SCHOOL



What is the food a



Boys demonstrating how to play tabla to classmates



Boys enjoying collaborating through song writing



The boys have been enjoying a variety of new vegetarian meals



Many boys received their bronze awards for 40 House Points



Practising team building skills in Year 3



Selling poppies to raise money and remember



**MERCHANT
TAYLORS'
COMPANY**

ENERGY

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY IS INVITING ALL PUPILS AND STAFF TO ENTER!

We are looking for the best photographs on the theme of Energy. You can enter in one of three age categories: **Junior** (Years 1 to 8), **Senior** (Years 9 to 13) and **Staff**.

There will be a prize for the winner of each category.

PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW AND GOOD LUCK!

- Only one entry per pupil.
- Submit your photograph as an unretouched jpg file, with your name and age category (Junior, Senior or Staff) included in the file name, to the teacher named and by the date shown in the box below.
- The winning photographs will be announced in December.

Please send your photographs to Ms Gillen.
ggillen@st-johns.org.uk
The deadline for all entries is Wednesday 15th November





Robins and Squirrels make Diwali diyas

As part of our work about Diwali this week, the Robins and Squirrels have been busy using their fingers and thumbs to make diyas. These are small pots made of clay and are sometimes known as 'thumb pots', as they are made by pressing the thumb into a ball of clay and shaping it. We enjoyed decorating them and putting in a candle, ready to light....Happy Diwali!

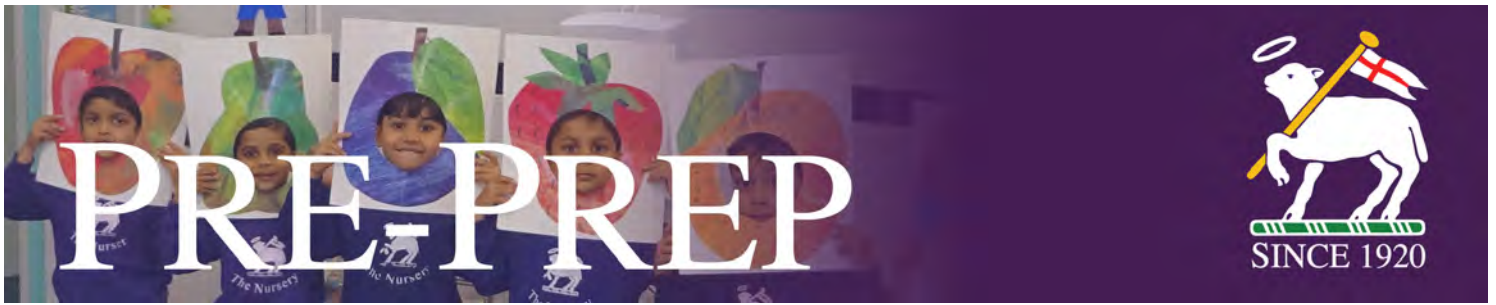




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In the Robins, and Squirrels we have been talking about Remembrance Day and why people wear poppies at this time of year. To make our own poppies, we enjoyed mastering the skill of using runny PVA glue to stick various collage materials on to a poppy outline.





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We request every boy in the Pre-Prep to bring Christmas-themed chocolates to donate to City Harvest. These will be collected at the school gates during the week of 20th November.





Celebrating Diwali in Year 4

Mr Karia came into school this morning to speak to Year 4 about Diwali. We have been studying this topic in our RE lessons. The festival of Diwali begins today and lasts for five days, with the main celebration taking place on Sunday. Mr Karia gave the boys some beautiful diyas to light on Sunday, to celebrate the festival of light.





Year 3 & 4 Touch Typing Club

Touch Typing Club is a popular club for Year 3 and Year 4 boys. It did not take everyone long to familiarise themselves with logging on and navigating the interactive website. Much fun is to be had challenging themselves to increase their accuracy and speed to gain virtual stars and progress awards.





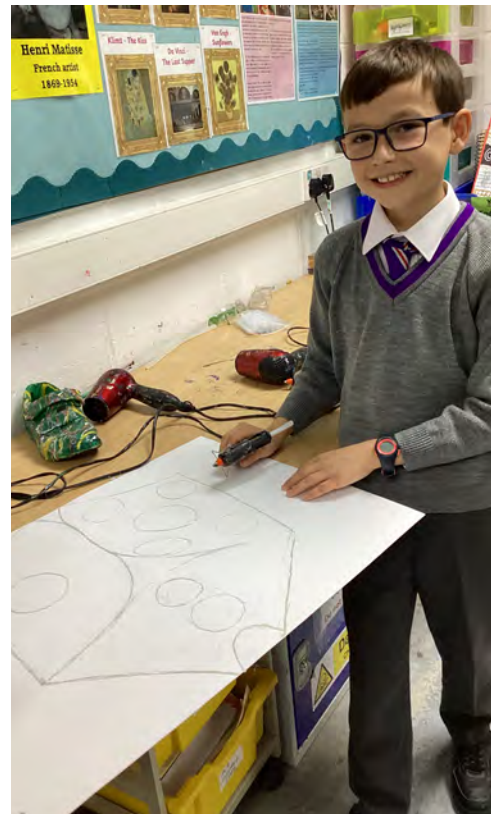
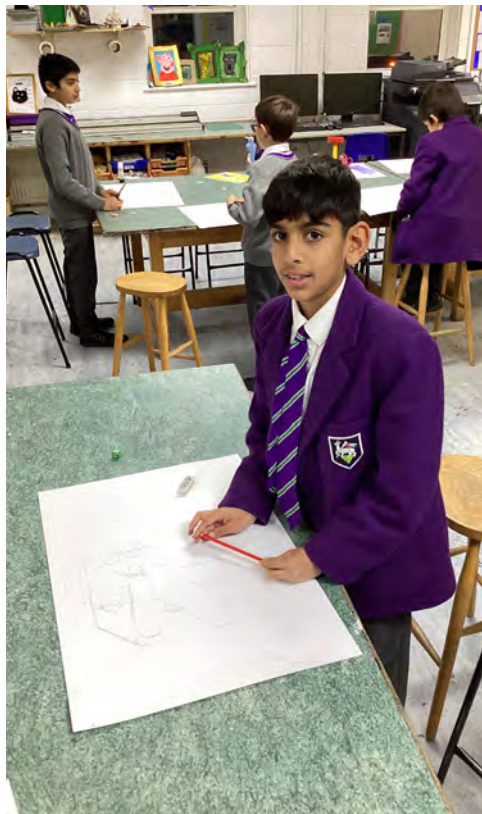
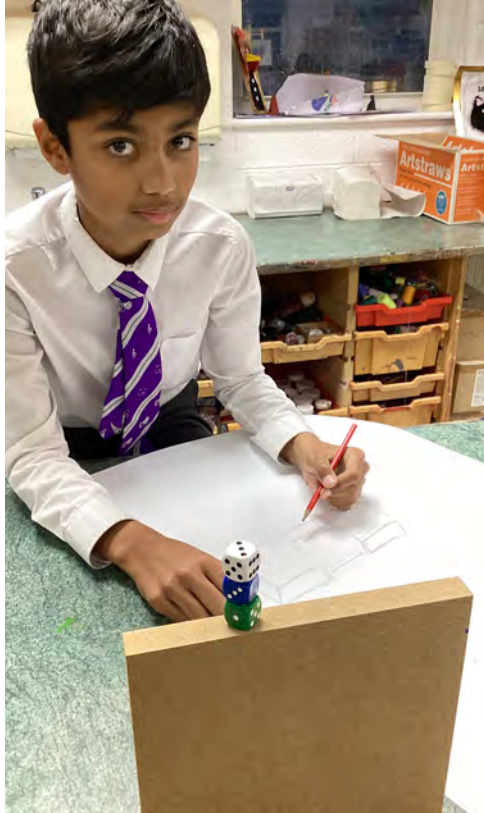
A very colourful week in the Art Room

Year 7 boys have been working very hard on their mixed media self-portraits. Our Year 6 boys have been making poppies out of plastic bottle ends. They are on display outside the Art room. Year 5 have been learning how to blend oil pastel. Aarav has created a very colourful peacock.





Boys in Art club were drawing dice





This week in the DT&E lab



Ali tests out his bubble wand hot off the press!



Arjun and Riaan drilling holes to secure their motor



Teddy adds the finishing touches to his beautiful cushion



Max & Aikam enjoying painting their projects



Myan packs his bubble wand for Art's Evening

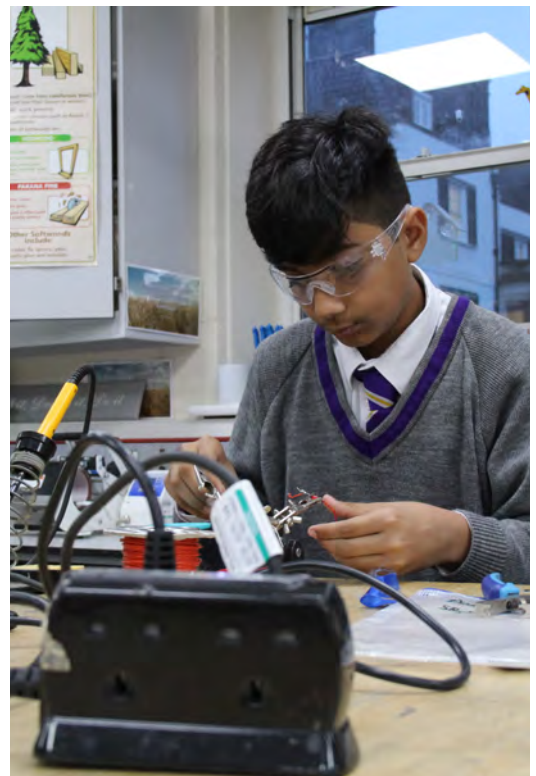
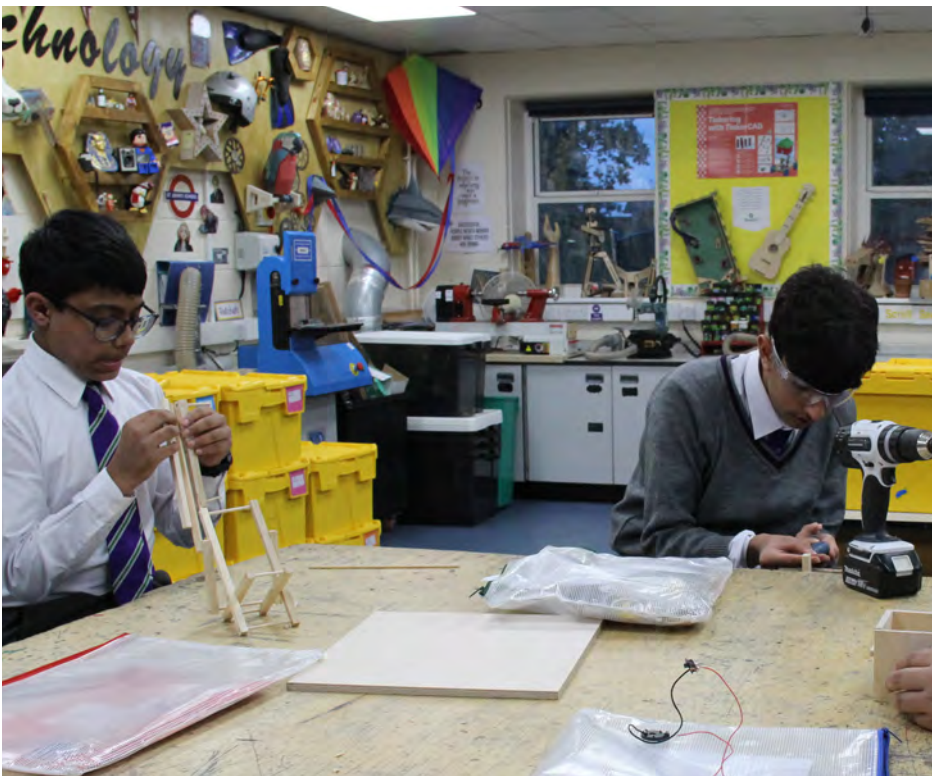


Year 4 planning their next projects



Years 7 & 8 DT&E Club at work

Senior boys enjoying working on individual projects in the DT&E lab on Thursdays after school.





U10 v St John's Beaumont 3rd November

The U10 boys showed great resilience and commitment to keeping their heads as they played in a tough set of matches against St John's Beaumont last Friday.





U11A team achieved a resilient win over UCS



U13A v Belmont Saturday 4th November

The U13As scored some excellent tries and put together large phases of attacking rugby but were caught narrow in defence and with the loss of key players weren't able to outscore the opposition. The boys have developed tremendously over the term and should be very proud of the way they have grown together as a team.





U8 v UCS Thursday 9th November

The **Under 8s** first matches of the season were an exhilarating mix of tries and rain! The boys hailed the rainbow as a sign that favour was on their side, and they played with great hope and passion. The performances and development from even the start of the fixture were evident and all boys should be proud of themselves.





U8 v UCS Thursday 9th November





U12 v Davenies Wednesday 8th November

There has been excellent effort and progress made by the U12s this term. This was the return fixture from earlier in the term and whilst the result didn't go our way, we showed how much more cohesive and aggressive we were in defence. Our attacking has greatly increased in fluency and the boys are putting lovely phases of play together.





ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

St John's Fireworks Night 16th November 2023

Food served from 5.15pm, display starts at 7pm



- Guy competition**
- Hot chocolate**
- Mulled wine**
- Crepes**
- Bonfire**

CLICK FOR

Tickets:

Children £11

Adults £13

Food served from 5:15pm

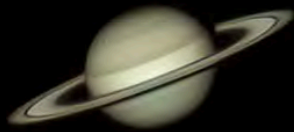
Vegan Burger

Hotdog (Halal)

Served with chips & a drink

St John's Autumnal Astronomy Night ***Monday 20th November***

6pm – 7.30pm Norman Hall



This is an evening open to all, but please let me Mr Lawrence (clawrence@st-johns.org.uk) know if you plan to attend. There will be presentations in the Norman Hall by Yuvraj and Rishi in Year Seven and Mr Lawrence, as well as an opportunity to look through our telescopes or bring your own telescope or binoculars. Weather permitting. We hope to see the Moon, Saturn and its rings, the Moons of Jupiter and if we are lucky, the Andromeda Galaxy!

We will be outside as well as inside, so please dress appropriately. There will be refreshments available.

It will be dark, so please take care. Red torches are great as they don't affect your night vision!

REGISTER HERE



Important dates & contacts

Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Service, Northwood (10.45am)

Monday 13th November: Year 6 Parents' Meeting (L-W) (6.00pm)

Switch-Off Fortnight Begins

Tuesday 14th November: Rugby Quadrangular: U9 A&B (a) C, D, E (h) (2.15pm)

Wednesday 15th November: Eco Council
St John's U13 Rugby Festival (2.15pm)

Thursday 16th November: SJA Firework Night
Rugby Triangular v Gayhurst & Claires Court: U8 A&B (a) at Claires Court C&D (a) at Davenies (2.15pm)

Friday 17th November: Sports Photographs
Rugby v UCS: U10A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Saturday 18th November: U8 Tag Rugby Festival: Gayhurst (9.00am – 1.00pm)

Northwood Lights Big Switch-On (2.00pm)

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results.

You can also follow us on twitter [@stjnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood) and our sports department [@StJohnsNwSport](https://twitter.com/StJohnsNwSport)



Amias from Reception with his Diwali creations

Mailings: To be sent a copy of the Lamb each week, please email: Lamb Editor with your contact details.

Photographs: Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb.

Notices and reminders

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Northwood: Our Head and Deputy Head Boys will be laying a wreath on behalf of St John's. The service begins at 10.45am if you would like to attend.

Monday 13th November Odd Socks Day: To celebrate our individuality and uniqueness, we would like all boys to wear odd socks on 13th November, the first day of nationwide 'Anti Bullying' week.

Merchant Taylors' photography competition 2023: The deadline for submitting entries to Ms Gillen is Wednesday 15th November. See page 9 for more information.

Fireworks Night 16th November: We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday. See Page 24

Monday 20th November Astronomy Evening 6.00-7.30pm: For more information see page 25.

Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November: We will be making a special Christmas collection for City Harvest. The Pre-Prep are being asked to donate Christmas chocolate and the Prep School collection will be a competition between the Houses. Please see page 12 for Pre-Prep details and page 7 for Prep School details.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: "Is it time to call a General Election?" 35.4% said yes

Next week's question: Year 3&4 – "Are you worried about children in Israel and Palestine?"

Year 5 to 8 – "Is it easy to talk about Israel and Palestine?"

House Points: 1st Lawrence 36.11, 2nd Churchill 35.38, 3rd Oates 35.21, 4th Lincoln 34.21

Happy Diwali to all those celebrating.