



From the  
Headmaster

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The Robins and Squirrels enjoyed a day in the fresh air at the Batchworth Canal Centre as part of their topic about 'Journeys.' They particularly enjoyed the boat trip and helping to open the locks.

We would like to thank all the families who have been attending our DT&E and Art Open House events. The boys are always extremely proud to present their creative work to you.

This week we have been busy out in the local community. We welcomed girls and boys from six local primary schools to our U9 Primary School Football Festival. On Wednesday it was the turn of musicians from Years 3 to 5, who were warmly welcomed by the Emmanuel Church Community Group.

We are excited to report that our U13 7s team won the plate competition at the prestigious Caldicott Rugby Tournament, an outstanding achievement by our sportsmen. And there's more sport this weekend. Come on St John's!

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## We love reading!





# World Book Day

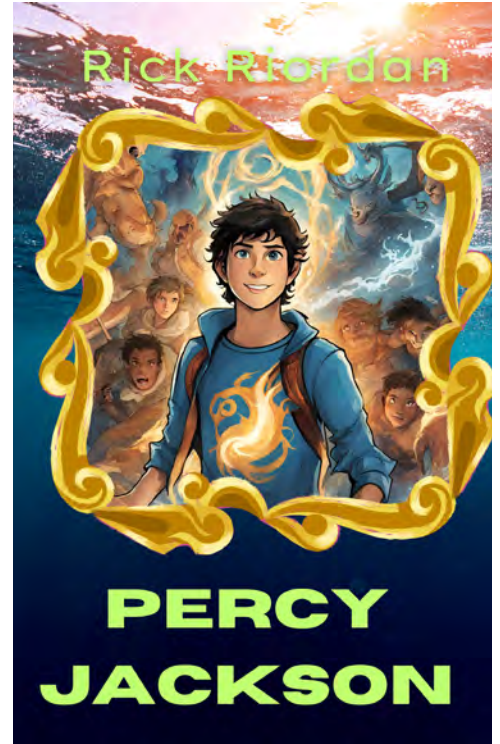
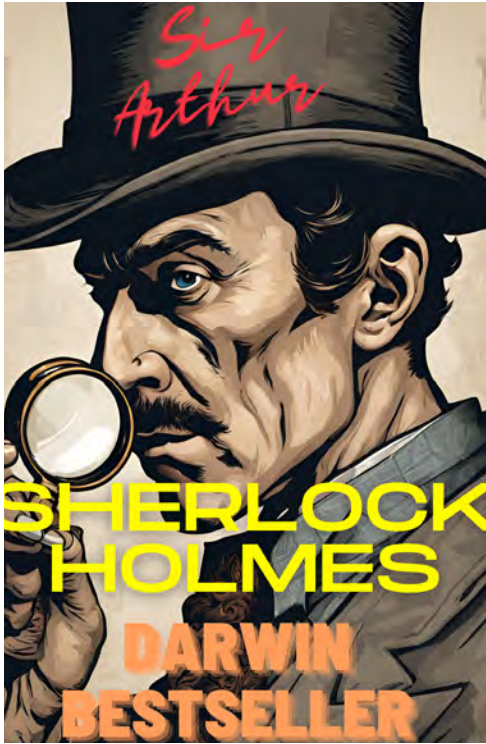
We celebrated our love of reading yesterday on World Book Day. Boys from Nursery to Year 8 and staff dressed up as their favourite literary characters. 8K led an assembly in which they introduced us to a wide range of genres and book choices which they had chosen specifically to appeal to our younger students. It was delightful to watch the older boys reading and sharing books with the younger boys in DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read). The boys were entranced by celebrated childrens' author Robin Stevens. Year 5 boys enjoyed 'book tasting' in the Dining Hall today with chef Long to help to expand their book 'palate. It was a hugely successful day. Keep up those daily reading habits, boys.





## 7 Darwin's Digital Designs for World Book Day

The boys used some AI image generation along with the rest of their digital design knowledge to create book covers for some of their favourite books. The boys learnt that the better the prompts given to the AI model created much more visually pleasing results and replicated what their original ideas were. The base images complimented with small graphics and well thought out text design made for some brilliant covers.





## A deep dive into Chemistry for Year 7

**Year 7** have been inspired by practical work in their Science lessons as they delve deeper into the topic of Chemistry. Here they are looking at how indicators can be used to neutralise Acids and Alkalis.





## Boys explained the importance of time in assembly

**The theme** of this year's national Science Week is time and 8G introduced the topic with a whistle-stop tour of the history of time-keeping. Why do we need to learn to tell the time? How we have done this over the generations – by using candle clocks, hourglasses, mechanical, quartz and atomic devices.



## Staying safe on public transport

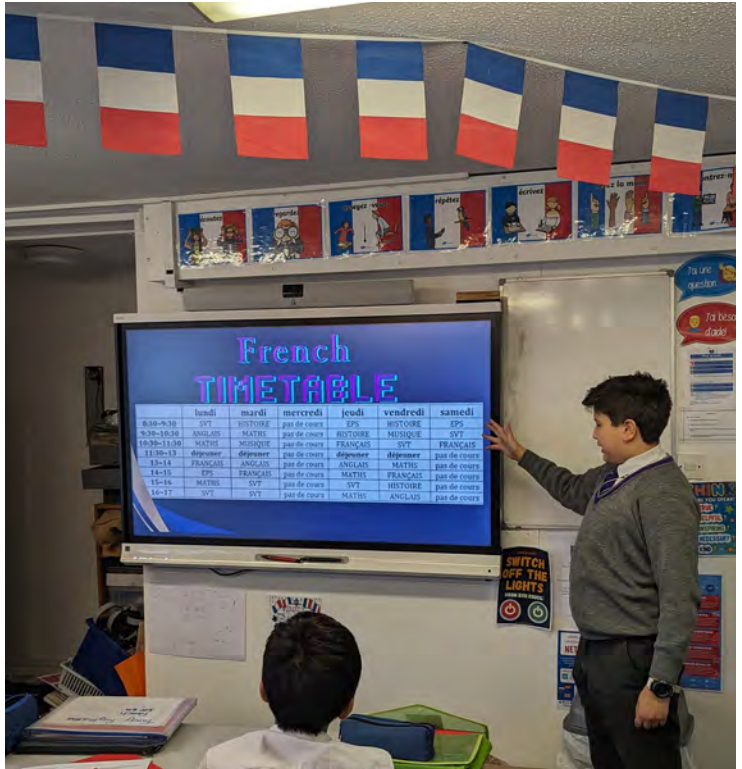
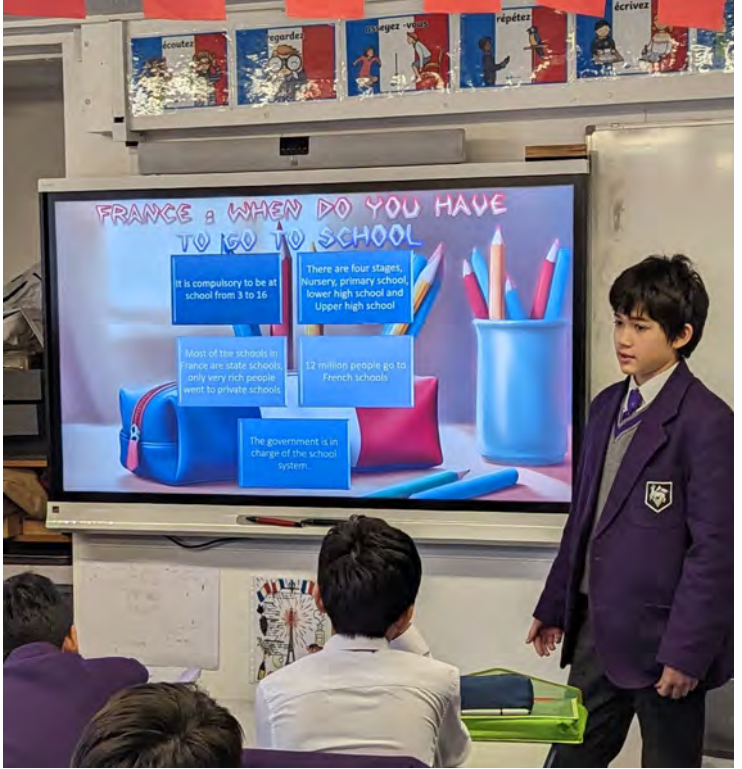
**This week Year 6** listened to a very informative presentation from a member of TFL. He highlighted the importance of safety on public transport and some of the dangers when travelling around London. This was very topical as the boys are travelling on London Underground soon as part of their trip to Merchant Taylors' Hall and the Docklands Museum.





# School life in France

As part of our new 'school' topic in French, Year 7 boys have been busy researching what school life is like in France. All boys in Year 7 presented their findings to the rest of their class, giving one another constructive feedback. The array of dazzling animations, images and interesting facts by the boys was both varied and engaging. Bravo!





# AROUND SCHOOL



SINCE 1920



Preparing for the cricket season in the nets



Year 5 Chess Club is a popular and mentally stimulating activity



St John's Under 11 Cross Country team



Year 2 have been learning about colour theory and experimenting with mixing different tints and shades

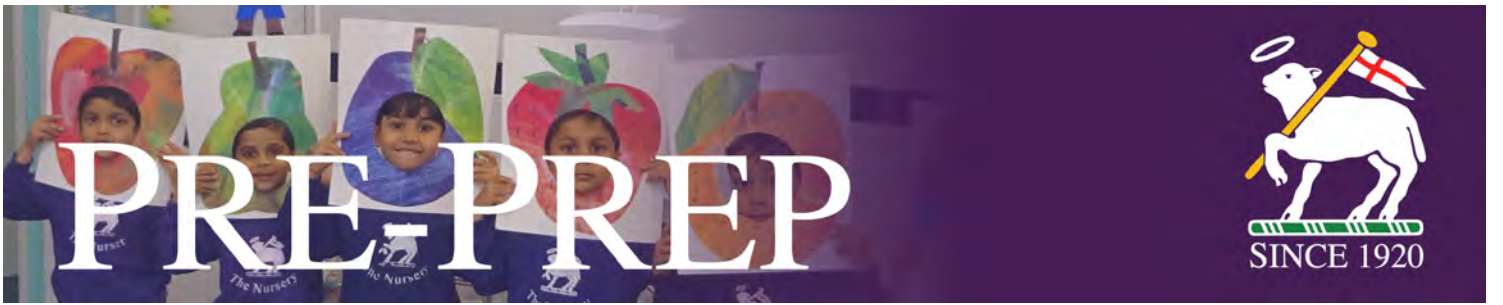


# World Book Day in the Pre-Prep

It was with great excitement that a collection of Harry Potters, Gruffalos, Stickmen and a multitude of other wonderful book characters arrived at school yesterday morning. The Senior boys came to read stories and talk about the characters the boys had come dressed as. During the afternoon the boys took part in different book related activities from making bookmarks to becoming authors themselves. A great day was had by all.







# World Book Day in the Pre-Prep cont..





# All about algorithms

**Year 1** have been using Purple Mash in their computing lessons. In our new topic, we are learning all about algorithms and the importance of giving accurate instructions. This week we practised this by making Lego models and giving our partner instructions on what to do.





# Ahoy there!

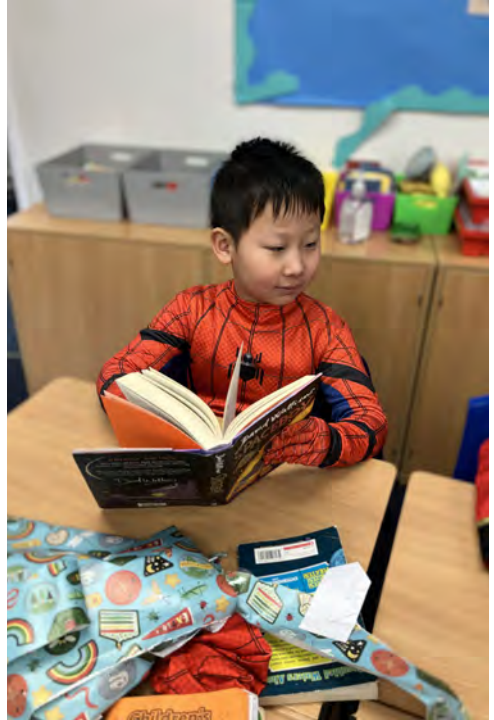
**The Robins and Squirrels** visited the Batchworth Lock Canal Centre this week, as part of their topic work about 'Journeys' and 'Signs of Spring'. It was with great excitement that the boys flexed their muscles to open and close lock gates, and learnt how people used to live and travel on the canals. As well as going aboard the old boat 'Roger', the boys were treated to a trip on the 'Pride of Batchworth', from which they spotted various animals and plants along the canal. Find out more about Rickmansworth Waterways Trust [www.rwt.org.uk](http://www.rwt.org.uk) and perhaps support this worthwhile charity by having a canal trip with your families sometime!





# The Juniors dropped everything and read

**Preparations for World Book Day** began early in the Junior Department. The boys were asked to get caught reading in an usual place. We had lots of fun examples, including reading in the boot of a car, up a tree and even on a treadmill! The boys also took part in the Great Book Swap, where they wrapped up a book that they thought their friend would enjoy reading and gave it to them to borrow. We had lots of fun opening the books and the boys already began reading them during Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) time. We also took part in a Footy and Booky quiz, led by the Premier League. We love reading!





## Our musicians visit Emmanuel Church

The Emmanuel church community group was delighted to welcome our musicians on Wednesday. The Year 3 to 5 boys entertained their audience with performances on the guitar, clarinet, piano, saxophone, trumpet, tabla and violin. After the music there was time for a chat with the audience. Our boys were a credit to the School.





## We are always delighted to see St John's Old Boys

It was lovely to see one of our Old Boys and Art scholar, James. The Year 6 boys enjoyed looking through his amazing artwork and listening to some good, artistic advice! In other news, 5M Open House was very successful on Monday. House Art continues and Rob Ross turned up in the Art Room on Friday!





# DT&E Open House for 5M

**Our Open Houses** have been very well received and we would like to thank all the families who have come into school to look at the wonderful projects the boys have been working on. They are always extremely proud to present their work.





# DT&E Open House for 5M cont...



**STEM DEN**

## Easter Camp

**April 8th - 11th 2024**

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Desire to learn essential.**

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problem solving and  
critical thinking.**



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**9am until 4pm  
at  
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**Places limited**

**Childcare vouchers accepted**





# U13 A triumph at Caldicott 7s Tournament

The U13 As had a very successful day of rugby at the Caldicott 7s tournament on Wednesday. Some of the very best Prep school 7s teams were in attendance and the standard of rugby was incredible. We played some excellent rugby, beating Berkhamsted Prep, Shrewsbury House, The Dragon School and Dulwich Prep to win the Plate competition. The boys have worked incredibly hard all season and the quality of rugby they produced was outstanding, they showed amazing resilience and maturity to play good rugby right until the last game and coming through some close matches. Our 7s captain was our top try scorer with 8 tries! Mr Spackman was incredibly proud of their efforts and how they conducted themselves.





# U11A 7S in training

The boys are looking forward to playing in the Caldicott U11 7s tournament on Saturday and have been training hard this week with Mr Kruger.





# St John's U9 primary schools football festival

**On Tuesday, we** welcomed West Lodge, Hill Side, St Teresa's and Pinner Wood primary schools to our U9 Primary School Football Festival. It was great to see our pitches bustling with local boys and girls, all enjoying their football and to hold an event that further strengthens the bond to our community. The football was of an excellent quality and our year 8s did an amazing job as referees, coaches and helpers on the day!





An evening of trivia, fun, food and community. An opportunity to beat the headmaster's table and earn bragging rights for the rest of the year. Book the babysitter and come and join us. Friends and Family are all welcome.

**16  
MARCH  
2024**

**CENTENARY HALL AT ST  
JOHN'S SCHOOL, POTTER  
STREET HILL**

**07:00  
PM**

**TICKETS £25 PER PERSON INCLUDING  
AN INDIAN MEAL. ASK YOUR SJA REP  
TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS.**



## Important dates & contacts

- Saturday 9th March:** Belmont Football Tournament: 1st XI (9.00am)  
 Caldicott Rugby Tournament: U11A VII (1.00pm)
- Monday 11th March:** School Tri-Athlon Assembly  
 Year 7 Science Trip to the Science Museum
- Tuesday 12th March:** Year 6 Trip to the Natural History Museum  
 Football v The Beacon: U9, A, B, C, D, E (a) (2.30pm)  
 Year 8 Residential Trip Meeting (4.10pm)
- Wednesday 13th March:** Careers talk from MTS Careers Adviser (Years 7 & 8)  
 Eco Council  
 Hockey v St Martin's & MTP: U13 A, C (h), B (a) (2.15pm)  
 Junior Drama Extended Rehearsal (4.00pm-6.00pm)
- Thursday 14th March:** Forensic Science Workshop (Years 3-5)  
 Football v The Beacon: U8 A, B, C, D E, (h) (2.30pm)
- Friday 15th March:** Red Nose Day  
 Year 3 & 4 Drama Workshop  
 Football v Highgate: Colts A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)  
 Football v The Beacon: U10 A, B, C, D, E (a)  
 Merchant Taylors' School Hockey Tournament: U13 A (3.00pm)  
 Astronomy Evening (6.00pm)
- Saturday 16th March:** Whole School 'Litter Pick'  
 St John's Association Quiz (6.30pm)



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## Notices and reminders

**Charity Waffle Sale Wednesday 13th March:** This has been organised by Aary in Year 7 and takes place at first break. To take part, boys should bring in £1. All money raised will go to our school charity Save the Children.

**House Art Competition:** The deadline for Year 7 and 8 entries is Wednesday 13th March.

**Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day:** Wear something red instead of your school uniform, the charge for which is £2 which includes a visit to the tuck shop. If you're in the Prep School, why not come to the Norman Hall at first break prepared with a joke, or just to watch and listen...and laugh! £1 to enter and/or take part.

**Astronomy Evening Friday 15th March at 18.00pm:** Please sign up using the link in the Weekly Bulletin.

**Whole School Litter Pick Saturday 16th March:** Please sign up using [this link](#).

**St John's Association Quiz on 16th March 7.00pm:** This event is always extremely popular with an excellent quiz master, good food and a bar. More details on page 20

**Easter Egg collection for City Harvest:** Boys have been asked to bring one or two chocolate egg donations into school between Monday 18th March and Thursday 21st March. Year 8 boys will collect any eggs donated from the playground before school.

**Votes for Schools:** Last week's question: Should your role models be like you? 14% said yes

Next week's question: Are AI-generated images too believable?

**House Points:** 1st Churchill 100.34, 2nd Lawrence 99.91, 3rd Oates 97.17, 4th Lincoln 96.81

**Have a great weekend**