



From the
Headmaster

A feast of rugby

We were delighted to host the annual St John's U13 10s Festival on Wednesday. Thorpe House, Davenies, St John's Beaumont and St Albans joined us on a perfect sunny day which was hugely exciting and enjoyable. Our team played extremely well across all matches and ended the day with one draw and three wins. The boys' development has been exceptional this season and we are very proud of them.



Our Under 13 A team played superbly in the St John's Rugby Festival on Wednesday (W 3, D 1, L 0). It has been inspiring to watch all our boys learning new skills and making rapid progress in rugby this term, from the Year 3 boys enjoying their first competitive fixtures to the older boys honing their fitness and tactical understanding of the game. Well done to all of you for your courage, commitment and teamwork.

Remember, Remember the 16th of November! Last night we welcomed current and former St John's pupils and their families, as well as local residents to our annual St John's Association firework event. Many thanks to the SJA for organising, (and re-organising) such an enjoyable evening, under clear skies. If you were able to support our vibrant parental organisation (even in a low-key capacity) we would be very grateful.

We have been busy around school this week: wearing odd socks on Monday, to celebrate our uniqueness for Anti-Bullying week; Eco Council meeting to discuss innovative ideas to reduce food waste; Year 7 debating HS2; Juniors have been challenged to clean their teeth properly and the Lambs have been star gazing. Enjoy!

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ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

Fireworks Night went off with a bang!

The St John's community all gathered yesterday evening to enjoy bonfire night food, snacks, a roaring bonfire and a splendid firework display. We welcomed local residents, past and present pupils and their families. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising this really successful evening, great fun was had by all.





Bullying isn't welcome here

This week was National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year was “Make a Noise About Bullying.” We all said “Bullying isn't welcome here” loudly together in assembly and wore odd socks to show that our differences are what make us special.



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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

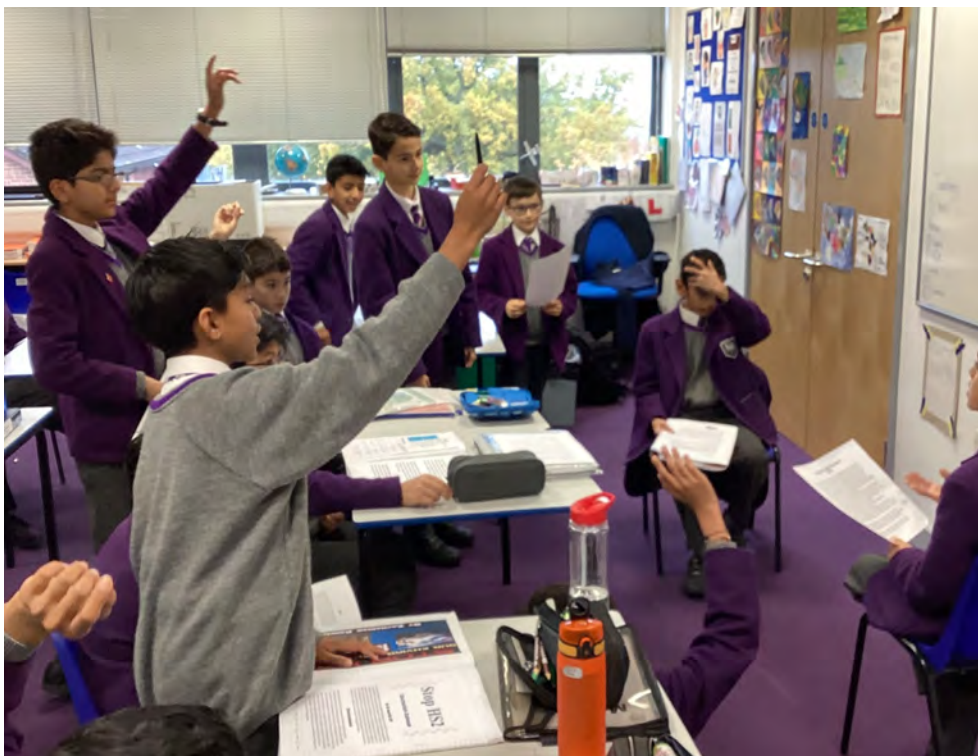
The house that collects the most tins will be awarded House Points!





Year 7 have been debating the HS2 project this week

As part of our Transport and Industry topic in Geography, we have been looking at the HS2 project. This work has culminated in lively debates about the motion 'The building of the HS2 line should be completed'. The boys put their points forward with great passion and used their impressive knowledge of the details of the scheme to back up their arguments.





Remembering with our community

On Remembrance Sunday, our Head Boy and Deputies joined the community in Northwood at a Service of Commemoration, laying a wreath on behalf of St John's. They were joined by members of the St John's family and children from other local schools in paying their respects.





Eco Council focuses on food waste

At the whole School Eco Council meeting this week, the boys discussed food waste with the Bursar and offered their innovative ideas on how to help everyone to reduce their “plate waste.” They also discussed how they might encourage boys to select the vegetarian option more often to help reduce our carbon footprint.

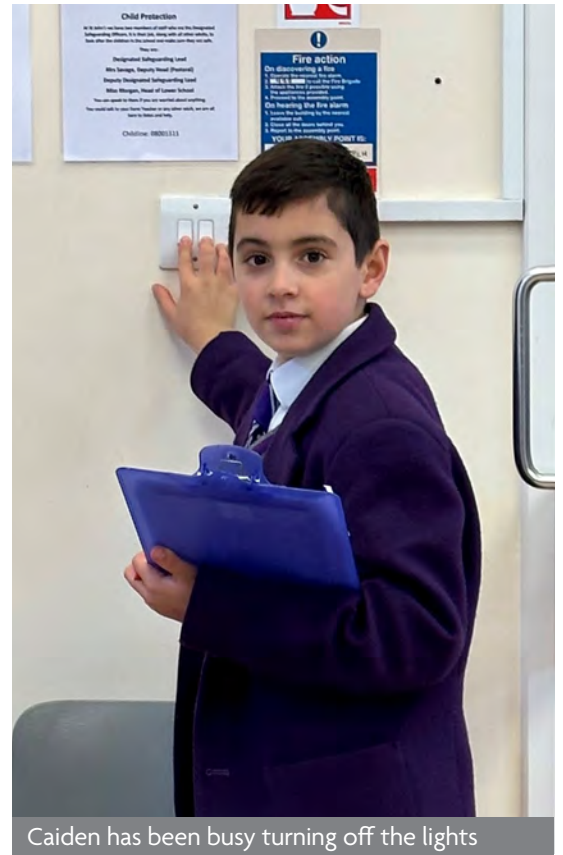




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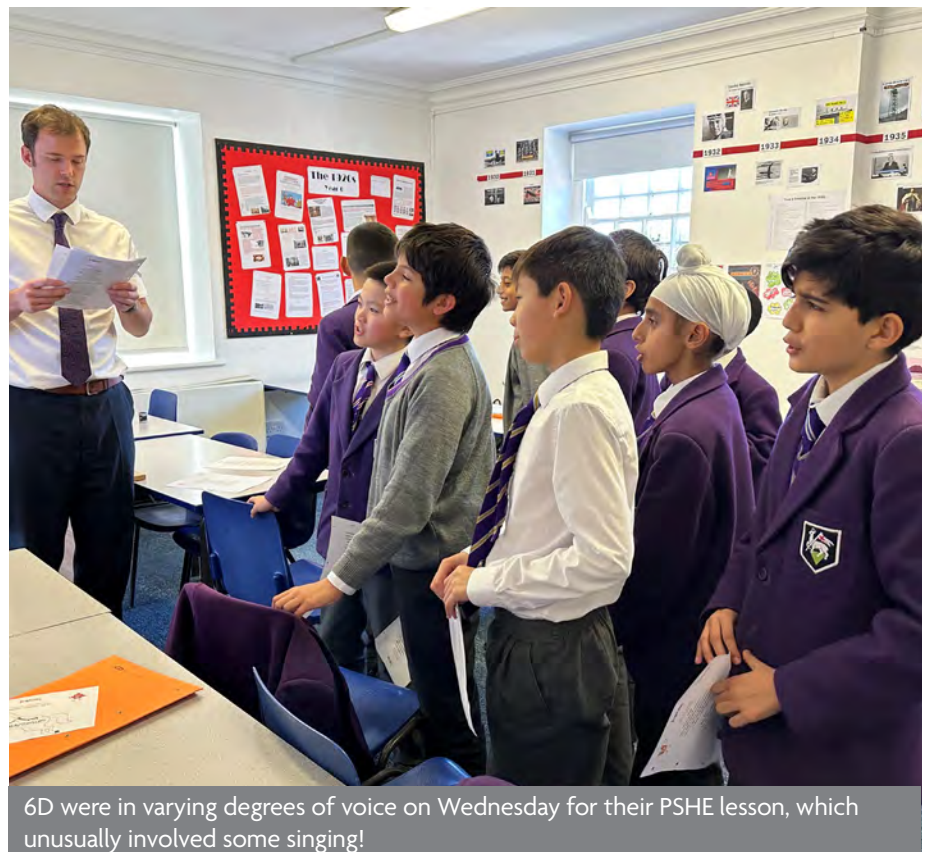

Liam in Year 7 has been working for his community



Caiden has been busy turning off the lights



Dhruv and Ayaan busy collecting recycling bins



6D were in varying degrees of voice on Wednesday for their PSHE lesson, which unusually involved some singing!



The Lambs have enjoyed learning about stars

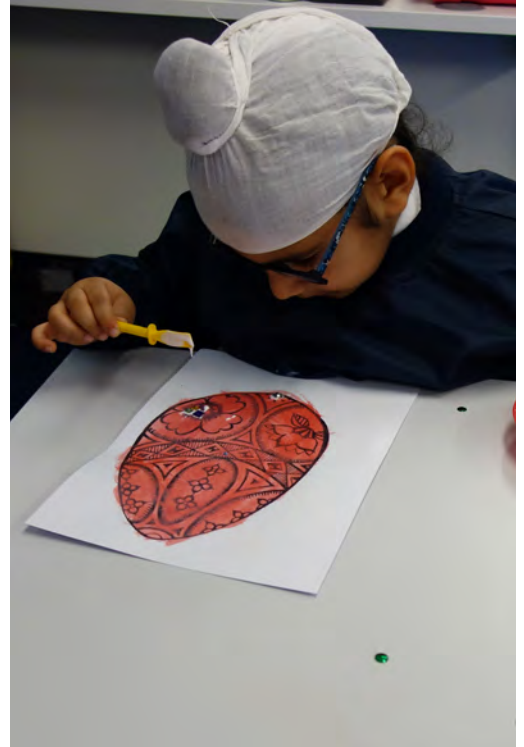
This week the Lambs have had fun learning about stars. Activities have included a star light table, lots of starry sensory trays and star art, full of twinkly glitter and sequins... you may have noticed they have been quite glitzy this week!





Year 1 have made beautiful Faberge eggs

This half term Year 1 are learning about Western Russia. We have talked about the wealth of the Tsars and looked at pictures of beautiful Faberge eggs that they had made for members of their family. With some gems, sequins and a sprinkle of glitter the boys have been making their own decorative eggs that will match those designed by Carl Faberge himself.





Celebrating difference with odd socks

We wore odd socks in the Pre-Prep on Monday to celebrate how different and special we all are.



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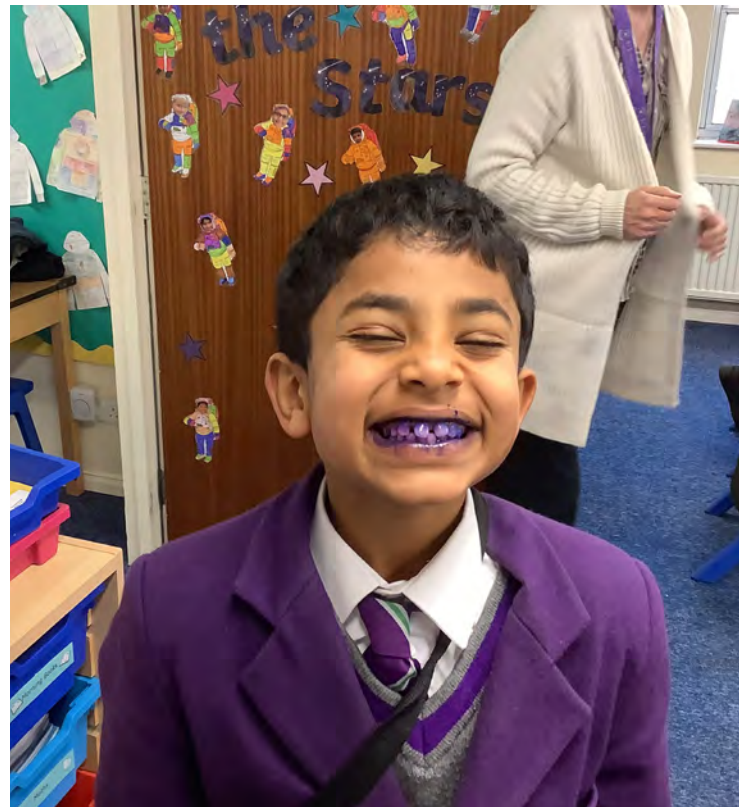
We request every boy in the Pre-Prep to bring Christmas-themed chocolates to donate to City Harvest. These will be collected at the school gates during the week of 20th November.





Learning to take care of our teeth

Year 4 have been learning about human and animal teeth in Science. To test if we were brushing our teeth correctly, we used some disclosure tablets to show any areas of plaque. Some children noticed they have plaque on their incisors or along their gum line. They have decided to brush their teeth for longer and to eat less sugary food.





Year 4 made Diyas for Diwali



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We're getting excited for Arts Evening next week

Thursday will be here before we know it but meanwhile all the choirs and ensembles have been practising hard. Don't miss the performances. They are always memorable.





Blending and mixing in Art

Year 5 have been learning how to blend oil pastels. Our Year 3 pharaohs have been learning how to mix colours.





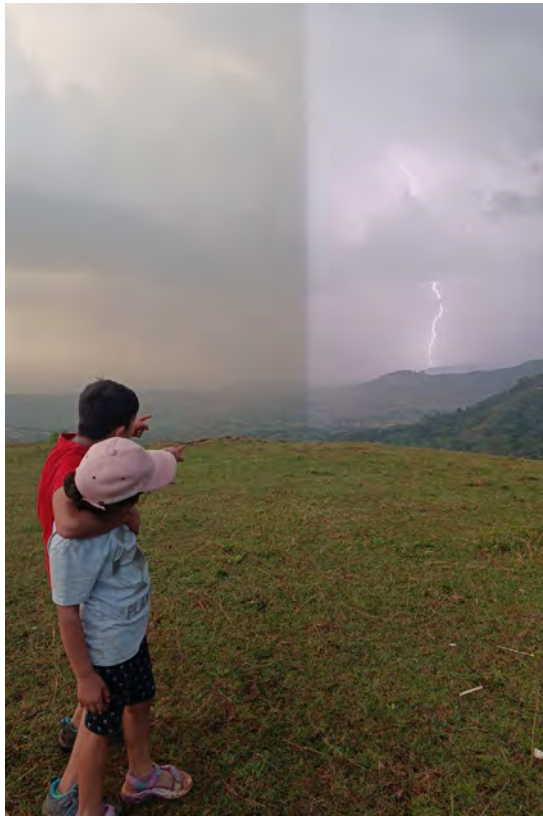
Entries for Merchant Taylors' Photography competition

The theme of the competition this year was Energy. Thank you for all your entries. We hope you will enjoy looking at this selection and we look forward to finding out in due course whether we have any competition winners.





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St John's U13 10s Festival

The Under 13A team played superbly in our St John's Rugby Festival on Wednesday. The standard of rugby was very high. They won three of their matches and drew one. The team has really gelled in the last few weeks, and in their hard work and dedication, they have set an excellent example for all boys at St John's to emulate. Our top try scorers on the day were Leo and Gen, with honourable mentions for Thomas C and Khyan.





Under 8 Rugby 16th November

The **Under 8** teams enjoyed playing in a Rugby Triangular on Thursday. The A and B teams played Gayhurst and Claires Court and the C and D teams played Davenies. The boys enjoyed playing competitive rugby and scoring lots of tries.



An exciting night of rugby at Merchant Taylors'

Last Friday our Under 11, 10 and 9 rugby players enjoyed an exciting evening of rugby playing in the Barbarians at MTS. The boys from all the schools which attended were mixed into teams according to their ability and it was amazing to see how well these newly formed teams played together.





Under 11 v Belmont 10th November

This was a perfect afternoon of rugby. The matches were closely contested and both schools scored lots of tries.





Under 11 v Belmont cont...





Wrestling in rugby training this week

The weather got the better of us again on Tuesday and the U9 matches against Davenies had to be cancelled. On the bright side we used our fantastic indoor facilities to work on various skills and small sided games. The boys loved wrestling, strength and conditioning, and ball presentation masterclasses. One potential Olympic wrestler was heard to say “I feel like I have so many more moves to try in our next game” another “I’m so tired but that was really fun”



Dillan and Deven in Year 5 passed their 4th Kup Blue Belt Taekwondo grading this week



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DECK THE HALLS WITH JOY AND GLEE
OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS THE PLACE TO BE...

SJA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 11:00-14:30

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

DON'T MISS OUR MAGICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR:

SANTA'S GROTTA

DJ & PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

DISCO BOUNCY CASTLE DOME

GAMES & TOYS

SECRETS ROOM

FOOD, DRINKS, AND YUMMY TREATS

MULLED WINE/TEA/COFFEE

SENSATIONAL STALLS

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW-

WITH INCREDIBLE HAMPERS TO BE WON

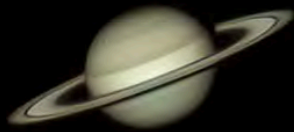
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SIBLINGS WELCOME

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

Monday 20th November: Visit to HMs Glasgow (Years 7 & 8)

Astronomy Evening (6.00pm)

Tuesday 21st November: Year 4 House Rugby

Thursday 23rd November: Arts Evening (6.30pm)

Friday 24th November: House Meetings

U10A attending St Albans School Prep School Rugby Day

Rugby v The Beacon: U10 B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)

Saturday 25th November: Haberdashers' U9 Rugby Festival:
(9.00am – 12.30pm)

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)

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.



It may have been later than Guy Fawkes night but the St John's fireworks were spectacular

Notices and reminders

Monday 20th November Astronomy Evening 6.00-7.30pm: For more information see page 23.

Wednesday 22nd November: Please remember to bring your instruments and music for Arts Evening rehearsals.

Thursday 23rd November Arts Evening: We look forward to welcoming you to Arts Evening. See yesterday's Weekly Bulletin for more information.

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 10 for Pre-Prep details and page 3 for Prep School details.

Ski Trip Information Evening: The ski trip information evening is on the 28th of November, at 6pm in the

Norman Hall. This meeting is to prepare the boys and parents for the Ski trip in February. There will be advice on what to bring and what to expect on the trip itself, where we are staying and what the resort will be like. There will be a ski garment hire company attending as well as our tour operator. It will also be an opportunity for the boys and parents to meet the staff team helping on the trip, as well as the other boys with whom they are travelling.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: "Does your school do enough to deal with bullying?" 80% said yes

Next week's question: Should opinions be shared as part of news reporting?

House Points: 1st Lawrence 40.89, 2nd Churchill 40.32, 3rd Oates 39.77, 4th Lincoln 38.81

Have a great weekend.