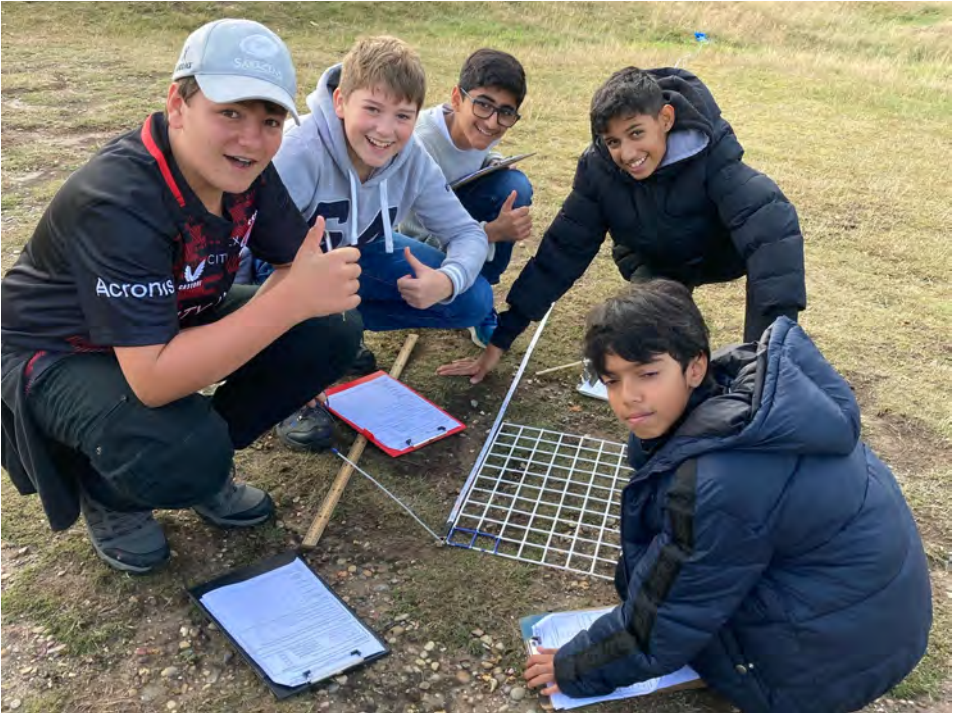




From the Headmaster

Epic trip to Epping Forest



Alternating bursts of sunshine and torrential rain mean autumn is upon us! The boys have been connecting to the world around us this week, with boys learning in the St John's forest, on Geography Field trips, or training at Saracens.

Year 8 enjoyed visiting Epping Forest where they researched and measured the natural environment. Year 5 developed their understanding of 3D shapes in practical maths, whilst our Lambs enjoyed learning about circles.

The first games of the rugby season, against Davenies, were played in torrential rain. Despite the conditions, the U13 teams enjoyed success. Our Colts team also had the chance to play at Allianz Park and were impressed by a special tour of Saracens changing rooms.

We welcomed in a travelling Book Fair this week and it was a joy to observe the boys sharing their recommendations and selecting some new texts. The Pre-Prep and Juniors have thought about caring for others and had fun today wearing their jeans to support the Jeans for Genes charity.

Good Luck to all those in the Moor Park Fun Run on Sunday. See you there!

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Epic trip to Epping Forest cont...

Year 8 had a fantastic day on Thursday on a co-curricular Geography and Science field trip in Epping Forest. The boys spent the morning investigating the impact of human activity on the natural environment and the afternoon pond dipping, investigating biodiversity.





Congratulations to our new House Prefects

Last Friday, our Houses met for the first time this term and welcomed all their Year 3 boys. There was great excitement when Mr Jenkin arrived to announce the House Prefects. Well done to those boys who have been awarded extra responsibility for their Houses and who will be assisting the Head Boy team in the smooth running of the School.



Churchill prefects Mehul and Ishaan



Lawrence prefects Matthew and Ananda



Lincoln prefects Thomas and Leo



Oates prefects Ebi and Mustafa



The Book Fair came to school this week

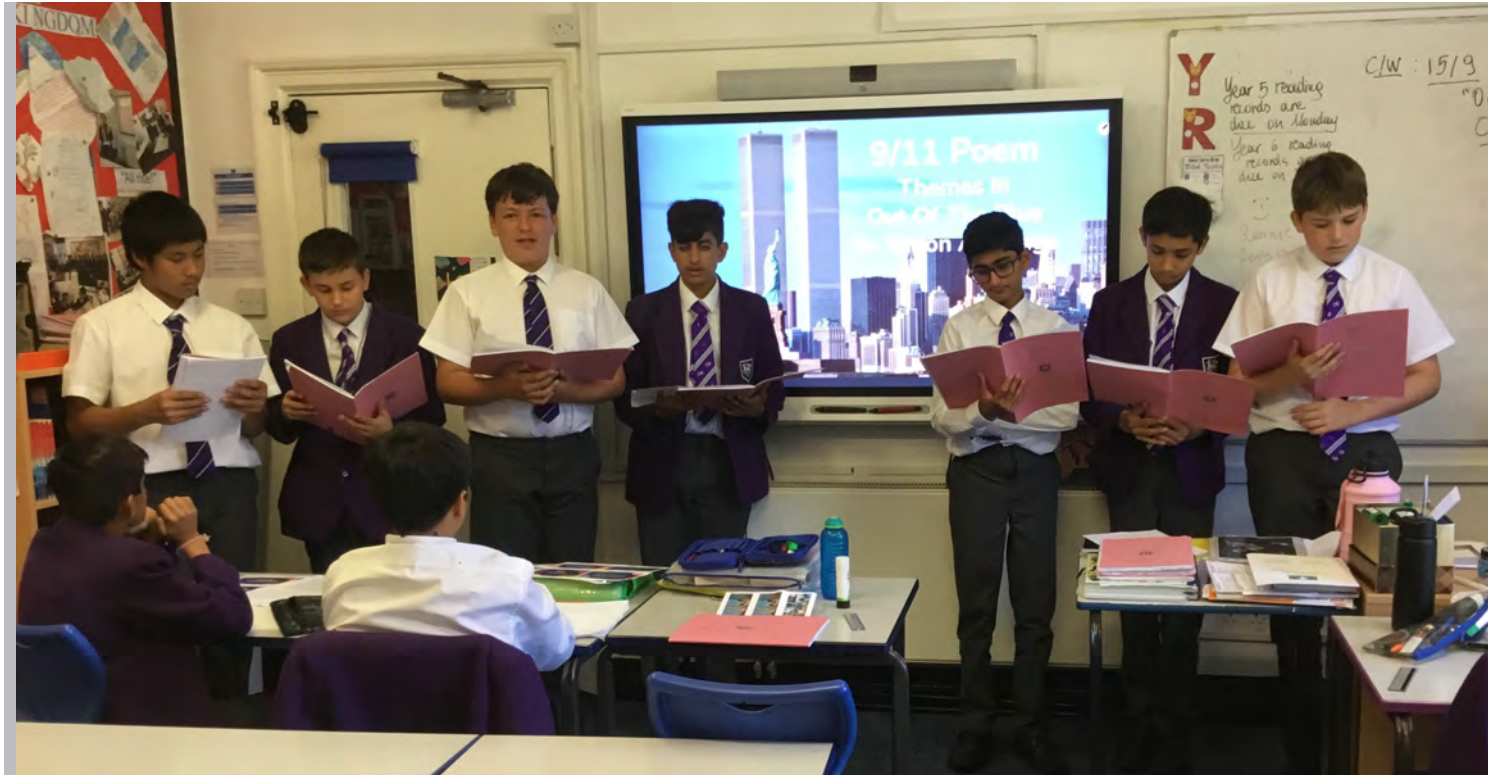
Children of all ages enjoyed our visiting Book Fair this week, and the welcome offered by Chorleywood Book Store. More than 130 books were purchased, which helped raise more than £140 for the benefit of St John's community – and our libraries around the School. Happy reading everyone!





Remembering 9/11 in English

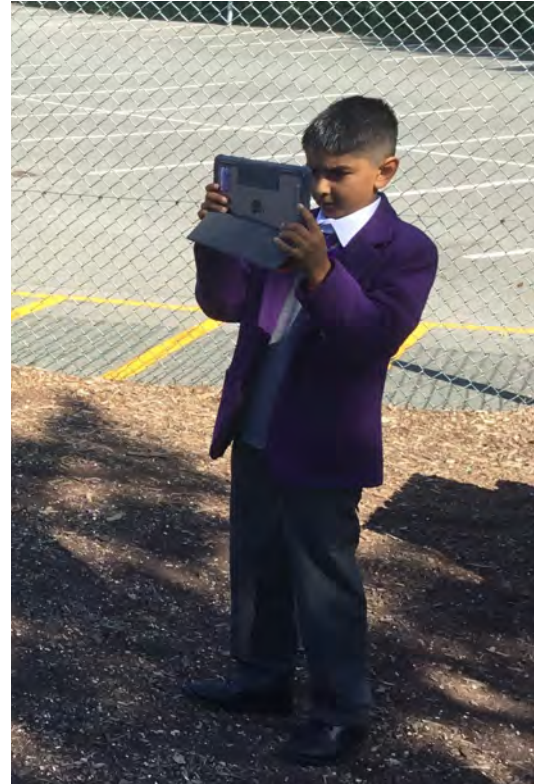
Year 8 students explored the events of the 9/11 terror attacks in English literature lessons. They used two compelling poems for their presentations: “Spared” by Wendy Cope and “Out of the Blue” by Simon Armitage.





Practical Maths in the sunshine

Year 5 were out and about in the school grounds finding examples of 3D shapes in real life.





Welcome to more new staff

Ms D'Wala – Marketing and Admissions Manager

I am delighted to have joined St John's as Marketing and Admissions Manager. I have a wide range of experience from marketing global travel trade events to communications and PR in the local state education sector. I am also a Trustee at the Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner which has connected me to the local community through fundraising and events. I am mum of two; my daughter is at Northwood College and my son is here at St John's. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from everyone in the school community, and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.



Miss Masterson – Office Receptionist (morning)

I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to work here at St John's. It feels like a very special place to be. I'm passionate about helping people and hope to be able to do this in my new role. I have two children. My son has just begun studying for his A levels and my daughter has just started secondary school. They are both competitive swimmers and my son plays waterpolo. A lot of our spare time involves driving up and down the country to swimming galas and waterpolo tournaments! I look forward to getting to know all St John's pupils and their families.

Ms Butcher – Office Receptionist (afternoon)

I am finding that the office is a very busy place and that there is a lot to learn. It has been fun to explore the lovely grounds at St John's, with such amazing views. I enjoy walking with family and friends at weekends with our dogs. I have a Pembroke Corgi called 'Bertie', named after Queen Victoria's beloved husband. He keeps me fit as he loves to run and play so there is no need for me to go to the gym for my exercise. I also enjoy listening to music. I look forward to meeting you all.





Welcome to more new staff



Ms Wall - Teaching Assistant Year 3

I recently graduated from the University of Birmingham with a BSc in Sports Science. In the previous summer term, I worked at South Hampstead School for girls, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I am now delighted to begin my teacher training at St John's which I know very well as my three elder brothers came to this school and loved it. I have a passion for sports, especially yoga, pilates, tennis and going on long walks with my dog Ziggi. I love fashion and cooking and take every opportunity to travel.

Mr Dale – Gap-Year Student

As a St John's Old Boy, I have fond memories of my years as a student and most importantly of the nurturing and encouraging approach that forms the ethos of the School. It is no surprise to me that this has also been true of my experience as a new staff member. St John's is the place where I first discovered a love of music through playing the cello, and I am thus eager to embark on a fulfilling year, where I will be working with the Music and English departments; two subjects that continue to inspire my own learning since my time at the School.



Mr Shah – Gap-Year Student

I am 23 years old, and I recently graduated from Cardiff University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Geography. I am very pleased to be working at St John's as a Gap Year Student in the Physical Education/Sports Department. The main sports I play are cricket, football and tennis however, in my role this year, I will be contributing mainly to the P.E. team.



All about me and circles in the Lambs

The Lambs have been happily exploring their new environment, especially enjoying the sensory trays. One of our learning focuses has been ourselves and circles. We have explored what we look like, looked for circles all around us in everyday items, and made our own circular faces in the forest using sticks, leaves and stones.





Learning in the classroom and outside in Year 1

The Otters and Owls have started their coding program in their ICT lessons. It's all very interesting. For a change of scene, they had outdoor literacy lessons, looking for nouns!





Jeans for Genes 2023

The Lower School came to school wearing jeans today to raise money to support people affected by a genetic condition. The monies raised provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and events which bring together affected children and their families. We have raised over £300 so far and it's not too late to donate: [Jeans for Genes 2023](#)





3D modelling in Year 3

This week Year 3 have been discussing the properties of a variety of 3D shapes. The boys enjoyed making some 3D models. Most managed the independent challenge to make a cylinder that rolled.





St John's Second Orchestra

The Norman Hall is full of musicians on a Wednesday lunchtime when our brand new Second Orchestra meets. More than half the orchestra is made up of Year 4 boys, who have only been playing their instruments for a year. Year 7 musicians are enjoying mentoring younger musicians. The Orchestra will be making its debut at Arts Evening on 23rd November. Next year, the Year 3 boys below will be joining them...





ART

Self-portraits

Boys in Year 5 have been busy finishing off their Art Nouveau self-portraits. Lots of lovely pattern detail has been drawn on using paints. Year 4 have enjoyed colouring in their abstract self-portraits in the style of Paul Klee. They have used colouring pencils to complete this task.





There's a new Wolf Pack in town

What an experience for our Colts A team, starting the season with a festival against some classy opposition at Saracens StoneX Stadium. The boys had a tour of the Saracens changing rooms and were in awe of the amazing facilities. The rain never stopped and the same could be said for our team, they were excited and raring to go! Close defeats against strong rugby schools such as Caldicott and The Beacon showcased how much our boys love rugby. Well done to Teddy, Oliver, and Micah for scoring some brilliant team tries. The boys voted to give the 'Player of the Festival' rugby ball to Sebastian and a number of us stayed on to watch a spectacular match, Haileybury U18A vs Stamford. What a treat!





U12 and U13 v Davenies

The rain was torrential all afternoon for our first fixtures of the season. Our U13A team impressed with a gutsy win against an impressive Davenies Prep side. Despite extremely wet conditions the boys played outstanding rugby and showed great courage and resilience. Leo was our Man of the Match with seven tries! The Under 12 teams showed great attitude and persistence in challenging conditions. Going forward, they will continue to work on scanning and creativity in attack together with improving physicality. Well done everyone.





ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 4th October, 2023 from 9.15 a.m



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Sunday 24 September 2023 At Merchant Taylors' School



- Junior fun runs £12
- 10k walk £15
- 10k closed road chip timed run £20

Sign up at:

www.moorpark10k.org.uk





Important dates and contacts

Sunday 24th September: Moor Park Fun Run at Merchant Taylors' School

Monday 25th September: Year 6 Information Evening (6.30pm)

Tuesday 26th September: Teatime Recital in the Norman Hall (5.00pm)

Wednesday 27th September: Eco Council

Rugby v St John's Beaumont U13A, B (a), U12A, B (h) (2.15pm)

Friday 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Norman Hall (8.30am)

Individual and Siblings Photos (Nursery – Year 8)

U10 UCS Rugby Festival (a) (1.30pm)

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)

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The visiting Book Fair was a great opportunity to find a good book. It did take some concentration though.

Notices and reminders

Moor Park Fun Run Sunday 24th September: We hope as many as possible of you will be able to join us for the Moor Park 10K and Fun Runs at Merchant Taylors' School. The event raises money for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. Boys should run in white school PE kit and wear a school tracksuit before and after the race. Here is the link should you wish to [make a donation](#). The entry form can be found here www.moorpark10k.org.uk

Piano Recital Tuesday 26th September 5.00pm: Boys from Years 3 to 8 will be performing in the Norman Hall. They've been working hard towards their performances.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September: Please join us for as Macmillan Coffee Morning from 8.30am in the Norman Hall. Why not come along and support this important cause while catching up with your St John's friends?

Open Morning 4th October: We look forward to seeing you. Please [register here](#) or use the code on page 17.

Second Hand Uniform Sale 4th October (3.15pm-4.15pm): Please put the date in your diaries and bring any unwanted uniform to the office in advance of this date.

Votes for Schools: This week's questions: Years 3-6: "Are you resilient when things don't go to plan?" 93.5% said yes, Years 7&8: "Are you scared of failure?" 50% said yes

Next week's question: "Should artefacts be returned to where they were taken from?"

House Points: 1st Oates 6.79, 2nd Lawrence 6.08, 3rd Lincoln 6.04, 4th Churchill 5.86

Have a lovely weekend