



From the
Headmaster

Spring (and a lot of rain) is in the air at St John's. After a well-earned rest, term has started well: boys are rejuvenated and focused in lessons, and enjoying an extraordinary range of learning opportunities. Reception have been busy planting carrots and sunflowers (and doing quite a bit of digging). Year 2 have been enjoying nature walks and connecting with wildlife around our site.

Our Year 4 have been having "a shocking time" (apologies), experimenting with static electricity. Older children visited Bhaktivedanta Manor, a Hare Krishna Temple, learning about Hindu values and traditions. Our Year 8s have enjoyed a variety of post-exam learning opportunities, including touch typing courses, model making and robotics, to name just a few. Outside School, their Maths and History interests combined in a wonderful trip to Bletchley Park. Congratulations to our senior cricketers, who produced an outstanding all-round performance in our first match of the season.

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Learning outdoors is great fun





A warm welcome for Year 6

Year 6 visited Bhaktivedanta Manor, a Hare Krishna Temple, to deepen their understanding of Hinduism, having studied it last term in Religious Studies. They saw the shrine, dressed up in traditional dress, enjoyed a cart ride pulled by oxen and had a tour of the beautiful grounds.



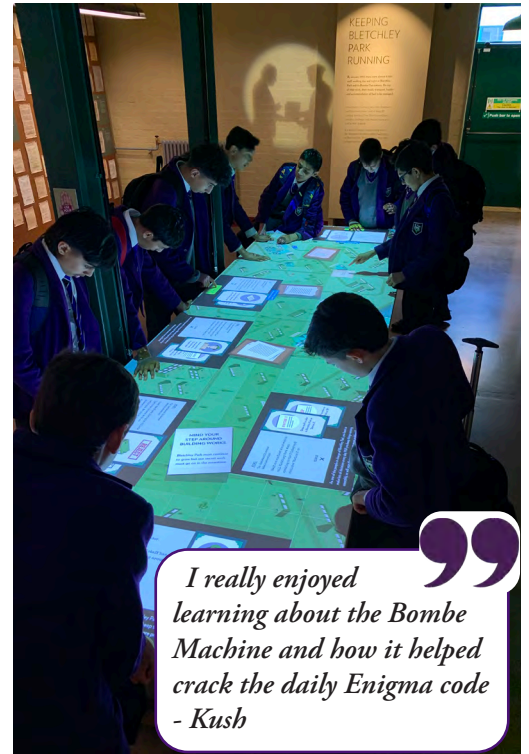


Cross curricular Maths and History trip for Year 8

On Tuesday our Year 8 boys were very inspired by a cross-curricular Maths and History trip to Bletchley Park where the boys learned all about Station X and its remarkable contribution to the war effort. One of those codebreakers was Jean Norman, daughter of the founder of our school.



“ I really enjoyed going into the mansion to see how people worked there and hear what they thought about it - George R

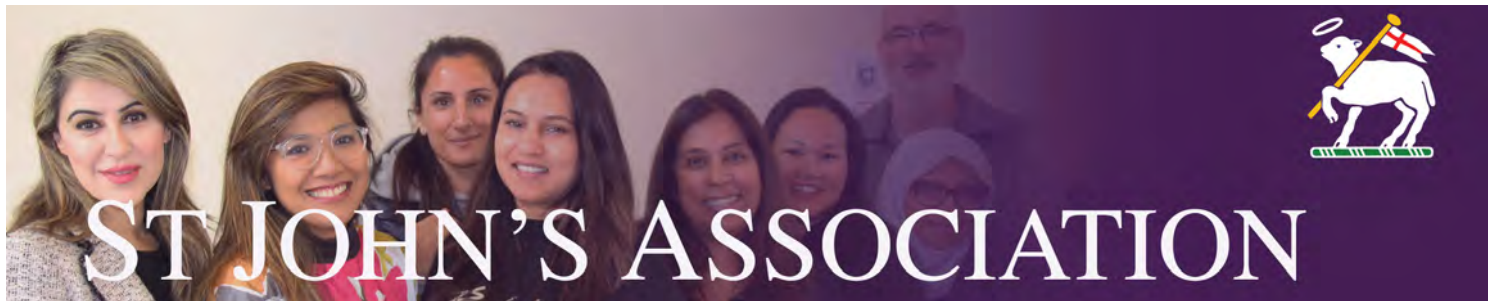


“ I really enjoyed learning about the Bombe Machine and how it helped crack the daily Enigma code - Kush



“ The Art of Data exhibit was fascinating. I especially liked the pilot's helmet because it showed what he could normally see when he was flying - Archie





ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

From the St John's Association

Welcome back to another busy term at St John's. This term we are organising a Quiz Supper on 20th May, Charity Day on 16th June and our biggest event of the year, Summer Fun Day on 25th June. Our events are a great way to get involved in school life, meet other parents and help to raise money for charity. Without your help we simply cannot run the events.

You will find lots of information about up-coming events, what we do, who we are and how you can get involved [here](#). We hope you enjoy these photos of some of our past events and look forward to seeing you soon. Meanwhile, you can contact us at enquiriesja@gmail.com
The St John's Association Committee.





ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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Quiz

Night
is back



Assemble your team
Prove you can beat the teachers
£250 per table including dinner.
Beverages can be purchased
in advance

20/05/2023

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW

**TO REGISTER
SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE SJA**



THIS WEEK

Connecting with our community

Hargun, Year 3, had the privilege of being invited to Downing Street on 17 April to attend a Reception hosted by No 10 to celebrate Vaisakhi, which is one of the main events in the Sikh Calendar. Hargun attended with a group of six other children and together they performed Kirtan - a musical recital - to those attending.



Last Sunday we were all at the Twickenham Rugby festival playing for our local teams. I played for Chess Valley and Marcus, Thomas C & Gen played for Ruislip. We had a great day out, playing rugby from 10:00 till 2:00. Even though there were a few tough matches everyone had loads of fun. *Matthew 7J*





Connecting with our community cont...

As part of the preparation for my Bar Mitzvah (becoming a Jewish adult), I chose to take part in a fundraising activity. I decided to raise money for Cancer Research UK by walking all the way from my house in Northwood to my grandparents' house in Surbiton. It was an entertaining yet challenging 20-mile walk (32km) through Eastcote, Northolt, Greenford, Isleworth, Richmond and Kingston before finally arriving in Surbiton. Overall, this was a fantastic experience – even more fun as my father walked with me (thanks dad!) and although our legs still hurt a few days later, we managed to raise around £670 so far for Cancer Research UK. You can read more and find the link to my JustGiving page [here](#) *George G 8B*



Despite the very wet weather in the run up to my sponsored walk, thankfully the rain held off on the day. Trying to dodge the enormous puddles and some very slippery mud made the walk more of a challenge, but with rather wet feet, my sister and I made it to the finish line in good time. Thank you to everyone who supported me and for the very generous donations made to the charity via my [Just Giving page](#).





More things going on around school



Year 8 absorbed in model-making



Year 8 practising touch typing



Year 3 have been designing bird feeders in DT



Up-dating the cricket score-board



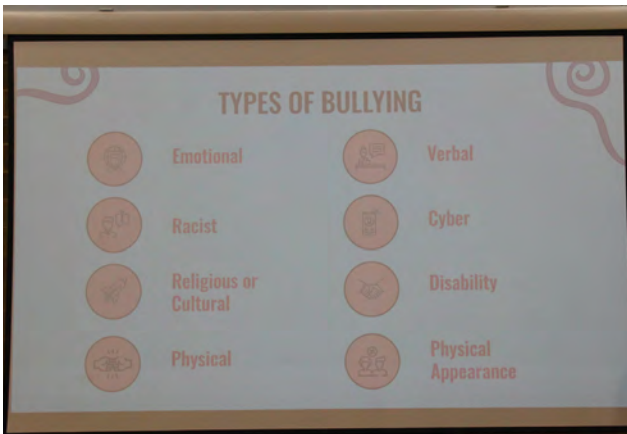
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Training for the shot put



The bluebells are out which means spring is here



Mrs Savage led our anti-bullying assembly this week



Well done to Kian, our U13 Football Unsung Hero



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

Wednesday 17th May 2023 from 9.15 a.m. Register via www.st-johns.org.uk

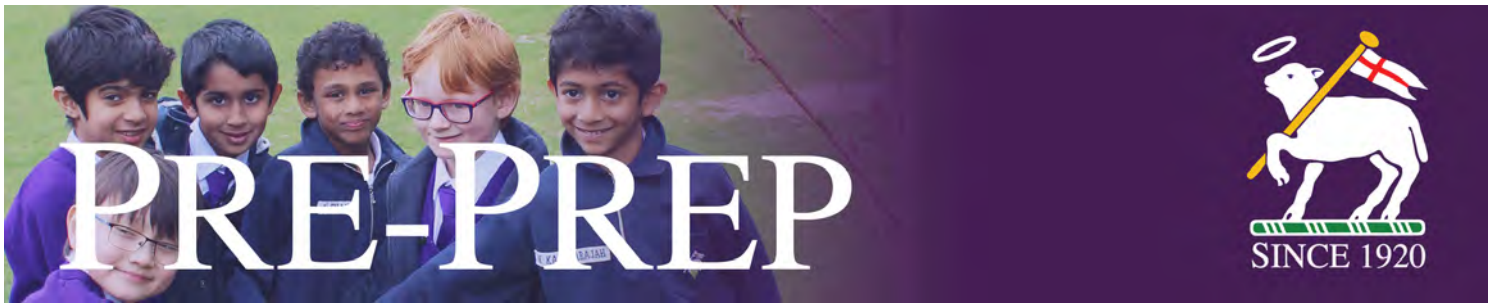


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Planting seeds in the Pre-Prep

Reception have started their topic about growth. With the arrival of spring, the boys have planted carrot and sunflower seeds. They put the carrot seeds in the propagator and carefully labelled the sunflower seed pots. We shall all enjoy watching them grow.





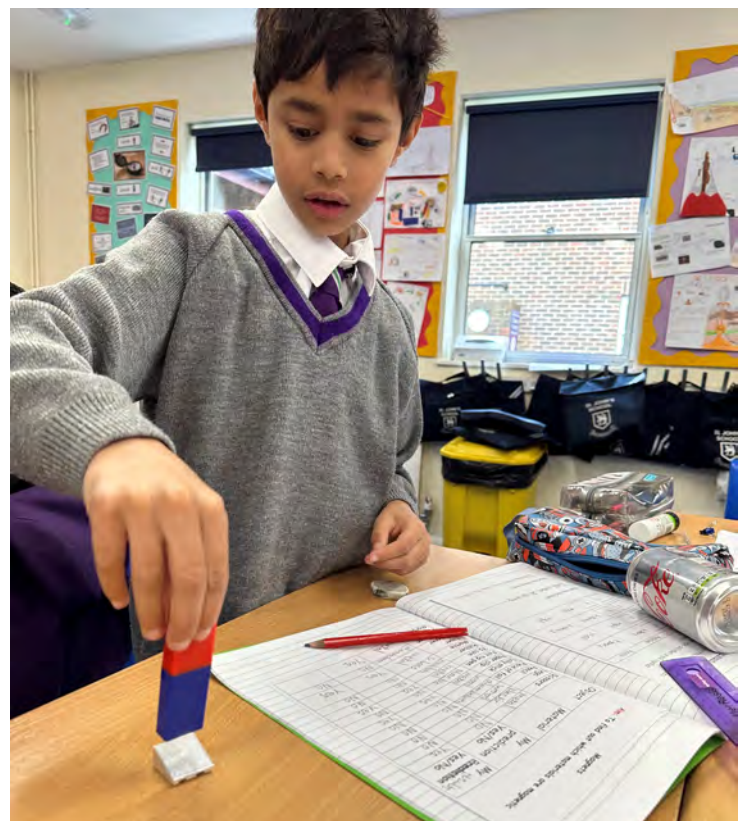
Year 2 enjoying the School grounds

This week the Badgers and Eagles went for a nature walk in our beautiful grounds. They wandered along the nature trail, looking at the different species of plants. They also found some trees that had been planted by boys who are now in Year 8!





Studying magnetic materials in Year 3





A hair-raising experience for Year 4

The Year Four boys have had some exciting “Hands On” lessons with the Van Der Graaf Generator this week. The boys really enjoyed their “shocking” practical on Static Electricity. Back in the Juniors, Mr Haley persuaded Miss Little to attach herself to the generator alongside several boys.





A hive of musical activity

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Summer Concert next week, in the meantime, here are some photos for you to enjoy.



Getting to grips with recorders in Year 2



As part of their International Studies work, our Reception boys enjoyed drumming and singing along with the Kenyan welcome song, Jambo Bwana



Fantastic ABRSM results boys, well done.





The Cricket Season has begun!

Introducing our Captain and Vice Captain: We are very proud and honoured to be leading the 1st XI this season. We both play outside of school for clubs, Eastcote CC and OMT respectively, and have been amazed to see the so-called 'cricket fever' taking over our school. We love watching the younger boys playing break time cricket games. We are going to work together to try and achieve the best results possible and with a strong team with constant battle for places, we think we have a great chance of winning some tournaments. Overall, we just want everyone to have fun playing this amazing sport. *Captain Kian J and Vice-Captain Ahaan.*



Practice makes perfect

We are lucky enough to have cricket nets at St John's which are the perfect place to practice bowling and batting without the additional pressure of competition.





First game of the season against York House

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to get the green light for our 1st X1 fixture against York House considering all the rain we have had, with many matches cancelled at school and club level. We are fortunate indeed to have a very talented 1st XI cricket side this year who started their campaign with a positive result. Stand out performances from Hrishi, Ali, and captain KJ.





Important dates and contacts

Monday 1st May: School Closed – Early May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May: Summer Concert (6.30pm)

Wednesday 3rd May: Visit of the Court of the Merchant Taylors' Company

Cricket vs Belmont: 1st, 3rd, 5th XI (h), 4th (a) (2.15pm)

Thursday 4th May: Coronation Celebration Day

Athletics Match: Years 4 – 8 at Merchant Taylors' School (4.00pm - 6.00pm)

Friday 5th May: School Closed – Substitute Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation

Monday 8th May: Activity Week

Nursery to Year 3 - Coronation Party

Year 5 Assessments

Year 7 Trip to Normandy departs (5.30am)

Year 8 Trip to St David's Departs (7.30am)

Year 6 Trip to Northumbria Departs (8.30am)

Year 4 Trip to Whitemoor Lakes Departs

No swimming

Tuesday 9th May: Year 5 History Workshop

Year 2 Swimming at Merchant Taylors'

Wednesday 10th May: Year 5 Visit to Kensington Palace

Year 2 Depart for PGL Trip (Boys arrive at school at 10.00am)

Year 1 Swimming at Merchant Taylors'

Year 4 Residential Trip Returns

Thursday 11th May: Happy Puzzle Workshop (Years 3-5)

Merchant Taylor's Admissions Meeting (Year 5) (4.15pm)

Friday 12th May: Years 2, 6, 7 and 8 Residential Trips Return

Saturday 13th May: U13 Cricket Festival at Belmont (12.00pm-4.00pm)

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)

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. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Summer Concert 2nd May (6.30pm): Please come back to school no earlier than 6pm with your instrument and music. Wear smart school uniform.

Coronation Celebration Day 4th May: Please see the letters sent by Miss Morgan and Mrs Savage. It is a mufti day when boys are encouraged to wear something royal or to wear red, white and blue. We are also raising money for the Prince's Trust. Please use this link to their [JustGiving page](#) should you wish to contribute

Secure bike parking at St John's: Some boys (and staff) travel to and from school by bike. If you are considering using this healthy and green mode of transport, we would like to remind you that there is a secure cycle shed next to the pedestrian crossing near the science block changing rooms. Please see Mr Lawrence for further details.

SJA Quiz Supper 20th May (6.30pm): Book your table now by speaking to a member of SJA or registering your interest at enquiriesja@gmail.com

Votes for Schools:

This week's question: Is a four-day working week a good idea? 73.1% said yes

Last week's question: Will using artificial intelligence (AI) make our lives better? 63% said yes

Next week's question: Are you interested in the Coronation?

House Points: 1st Churchill 118.20, 2nd Lawrence 112.10, 3rd Lincoln 111.46, 4th Oates 107.57

The next edition of The Lamb will be published on Friday 12th May. Enjoy the Bank Holidays!