



From the
Headmaster

Pre-Prep wish everyone a very Happy Christmas

The Pre-Prep brought us the Christmas story in words, music and costumes this week. The Lambs sparkled and delighted us with their “Twinkly Nativity.” The Robins and Squirrels produced a special edition of Strictly come Dancing, “Lights, Camel, Action,” showing us their brilliant dance moves. “Disaster, Darling 2!” The Otters and Owls were delighted to find the special newborn baby in their play “It’s a baby!” Last, but not least, the Badgers and Eagles set sail on an adventure to a treasure island, guided by pirates, elves, Santa and cowboys in “Christmas on Treasure Island.”



While rugby and cross county continue to challenge and inspire our boys outdoors, this has been a week of culture for the whole St John's School.

Our Pre-Prep boys put on a series of magical Christmas shows in front of many parents and grandparents. They found their places on the stage confidently, spoke their lines beautifully and sang their hearts out. Well done to all our young performers. The boys were rewarded with a pantomime trip today – be prepared for lots of “He’s behind you” games this weekend.

Year 5 enjoyed a cultural trip into London on Tuesday. The boys were inspired by the history and architecture of Westminster Abbey and the fabulous opportunity to connect with great works of art at the National Gallery.

Back at school, we announced the results of the Year 7 Persuasive Speaking competition this week. Congratulations to all our orators.

The whole senior school community enjoyed singing together during assembly on Monday as we prepared for the Carol Service on Monday. We are looking forward to seeing you at Emmanuel Church in Northwood.

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Pre-Prep Christmas Plays



THIS WEEK





The Power of Persuasion

In English, all Year 7 boys enjoyed participating in our annual “Power of Persuasion” competition. The six finalists were invited to present their views in front of Mr Jenkin and Mr Russo, who were impressed by the subjects discussed as well as the standard of each speaker’s delivery. Well done to all our finalists:

Kamaal on ‘Negative Effects of Mobile Phones in Schools’
Rafay on the ‘Abolition of the Death Penalty’
Zachariah on ‘Why I Believe My Generation Will End Racism’
Maximilian and **Caiden** on the ‘Abolition of Animal Testing’
This year’s winner, **Neer**, explored “The Significance of Teaching Financial Literacy to Students”



Getting ready for our Carol Service



All the boys were in good voice as we rehearsed for the School Carol Service on Monday. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 5 History and Art trip

On Tuesday Year 5 journeyed into London to visit Westminster Abbey and the National Gallery in a combined History and Art trip. Among the amazing sights were the coronation chair, tomb of Edward the Confessor and Van Gogh's sunflowers along with many other art treasures. The boys were excellent ambassadors for the School.



AROUND SCHOOL



The Bayeux Tapestry is helping Year 5 learn about the Norman Conquest



Sarah Calcutt, CEO of 'City Harvest', visited us with the exciting news that St John's School was officially the top donor to City Harvest this year



Tavas in Year 3 with his winning Christmas card design



"I was struck by the sheer size of HMS Cardiff, it was enormous." Hamza Year 7



The Pre-Prep have been writing letters to Santa

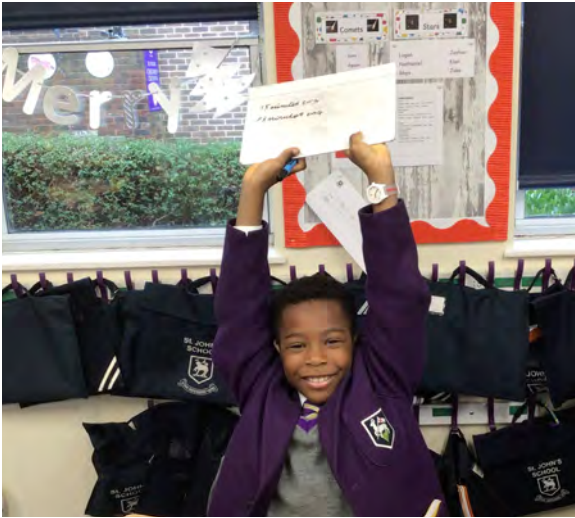
The **Pre-Prep** have been writing letters and who better to write to at this time of year than Father Christmas? Our very excited boys made their way to the post box and made sure their letter was dropped safely inside. Will they be lucky enough to receive a reply? Let's wait and see!





Reminding ourselves about time

This week, Year 3 have been recapping time. They discovered that time flies when you're having fun, as you can see in our pictures!



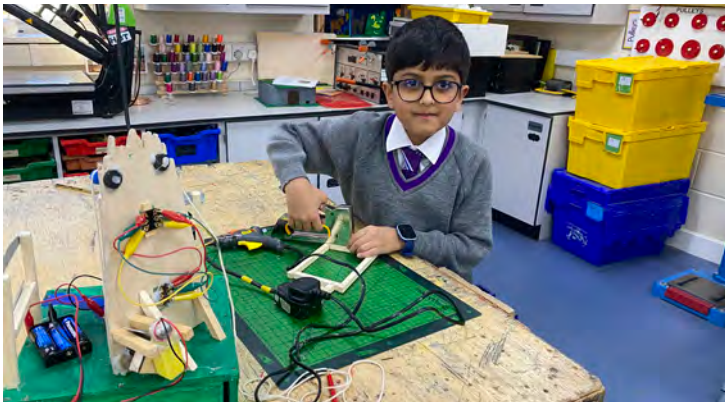
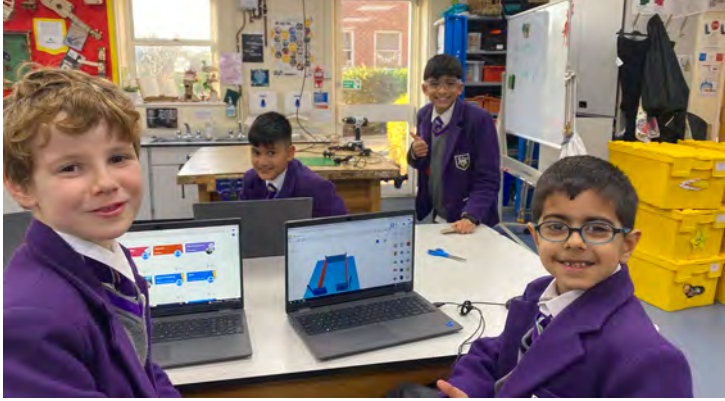


Keeping it Christmassy in the Art Studio





Working hard in DT&E







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- fantastic workshop & tools, including CAD/CAM
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U12 A & B enjoy the sun at Thorpe House!

A beautiful autumnal afternoon and the boys finally enjoyed a victorious block of matches, showcasing their hard work and improvements in physicality, tackling, and passing the ball. The U12s scored no less than 14 tries combined and it was wonderful to celebrate this with them.

The U12As have been focusing on how the backline

should operate and penetrate the defence recently and it was fantastic to see them putting their training to the test in a real match.

The B team played with determination, passed the ball well and were quick to the rucks and mauls, winning 7 tries to 4. Well done everyone.





U13 v The Beacon

The U13 boys went away to play the Beacon in their final rugby games of the term. Both matches were exceptionally close with the B team losing narrowly in a tryfest 50-65! The A team showed excellent passing skills, pace and resilience to come back from 2 tries down to deservedly win 30-20. The boys were warmly congratulated by opposition coaches and parents who thought our boys played exceptionally well and conducted themselves in the correct spirit of the game.





Year 5 House Rugby

The warriors from Year 5 represented their tribes with passion, skill and tenacity in the Year 5 House matches: 1st Oates; 2nd Lawrence; 3rd Lincoln; 4th Churchill.





Year 3 House Rugby

Year 3 had so much fun playing in their first ever House rugby. Smiles and tries followed and all boys simply loved it! 1st Oates; 2nd Lawrence; 3rd Churchill; 4th Lincoln.





Junior House Cross Country

Year 3 & 4 took part in the first House Cross Country of the year this week. They showed grit, team spirit and tremendous fitness to take on the challenging St John's hilly course.





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CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP

MON to WED, 18th to 20th December

MON & TUE = FOOTBALL

WED = COURT SPORTS





Important dates & contacts

Monday 11th December: Carol Service at Emmanuel Church (6.30pm)

Tuesday 12th December: Pre-Prep Christmas Party (1.30pm)
Junior Christmas Party (2.00pm)

Wednesday 13th December: ABRSM examinations
Last swim at MTS

Year 7 & 8 House Rugby

Thursday 14th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Senior House Cross Country (11.15am)

Christmas Lunch & House Quiz

Friday 15th December: End of Term

Nursery & Reception (11.30am)

Years 1 & 2 (11.40am)

Years 3 & 4 (12.00pm)

Years 5 & 6 (12.10pm)

Years 7 & 8 (12.20pm)

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

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Notices and reminders

Carol Service at Emmanuel Church: Monday 11th December at 6.30pm. This is a compulsory event for boys in Years 3-8 unless written permission is obtained from the Headmaster. We look forward to seeing you there.

Votes for Schools: Last week's question: "Is technology the answer to improving accessibility?" 67.3% said yes.

Next week's question: "Should school holidays be spread out?"

House Points: 1st Lawrence 59.70, 2nd Churchill 58.88, 3rd Oates 57.64, 4th Lincoln 56.67.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 14th December: Wear your normal school uniform and a Christmas themed jumper to raise money for Save the Children. No blazers are required. [Click to donate](#) to St John's School fundraising for Save the Children Christmas Jumper fund.

