



From the
Headmaster

Celebrating Chinese New Year



We considered challenges and goal-setting in the early weeks of term. But of equal importance to boys at St John's is inspiration: a joyous feeling that often accompanies new and creative ideas.

This edition of The Lamb gives a snapshot into some of the moments of inspiration that the children have enjoyed in the classroom, on the sports pitch, and in their extra-curricular activities. In assemblies, we considered Chinese New Year, and the Prep-Prep have been designing lanterns, dragons and... bear hunts. Chess, fencing and running clubs have all had excellent weeks, and our older boys had some impressive performances in competitive hockey fixtures.

We wish all the inspiration in the world to those sitting assessments next week, whether inside or outside of School. Don't forget the importance of sleep, and a good breakfast! Good luck to all.

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THIS WEEK

Celebrating Chinese New Year cont...





Year 5 Fencing Club

Our fencing programme aims to help the boys develop transferable skills they can use throughout their lives. Christopher, Hugo, Nathan, Oliver and Om have been practising their footwork and developing personal and social skills through fencing.





More things going on around the School



Dhruv leads his PSHE lesson by reading the mindfulness script for his class



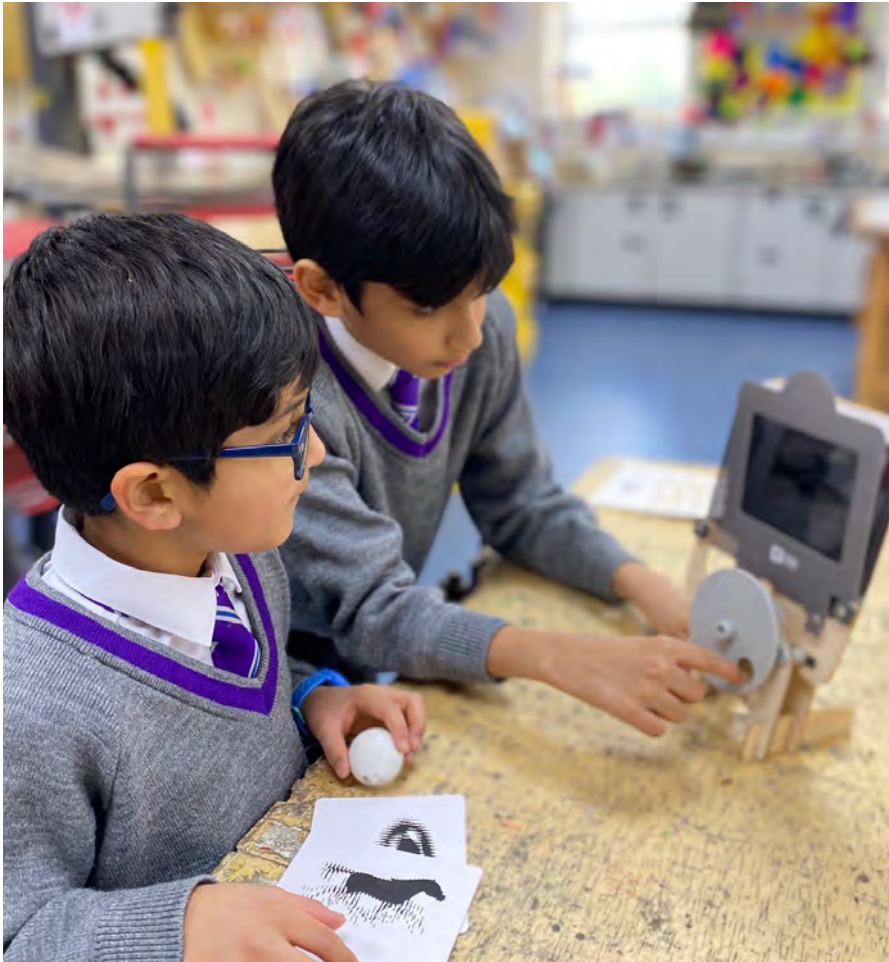
Running Club braved the icy conditions this week with some hill sprints. Milan was the runner of the week!



Chamber choir singing along with Mihir on keyboard



More things going on around the School



Aarav and Arjun exploring moving pictures through a Tinker Crate



Hoping and star shapes in Pre-Prep PE



Dancing to Chinese music



St John's fielded a strong team at the MTS quiz



Art inspiration drawn from a journey

The Robins and Squirrels read Michael Rosen's book *We're going on a bear hunt* and used the story to inspire painting and collage creations in Art.





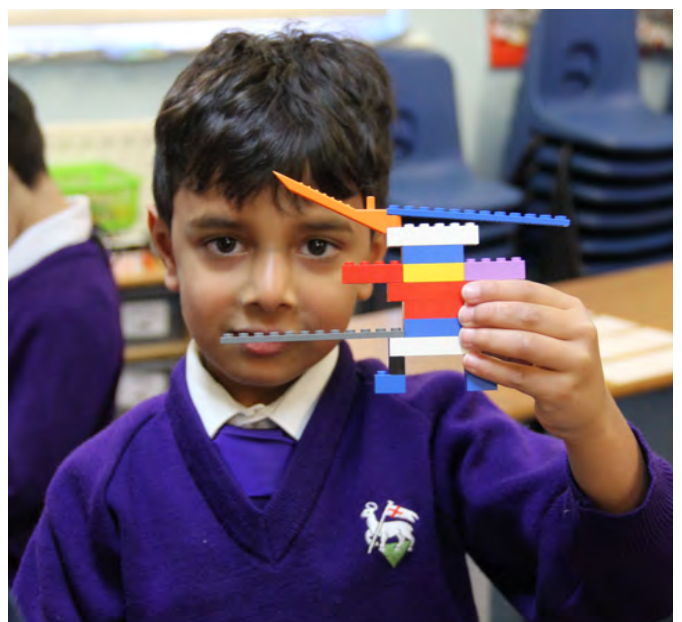
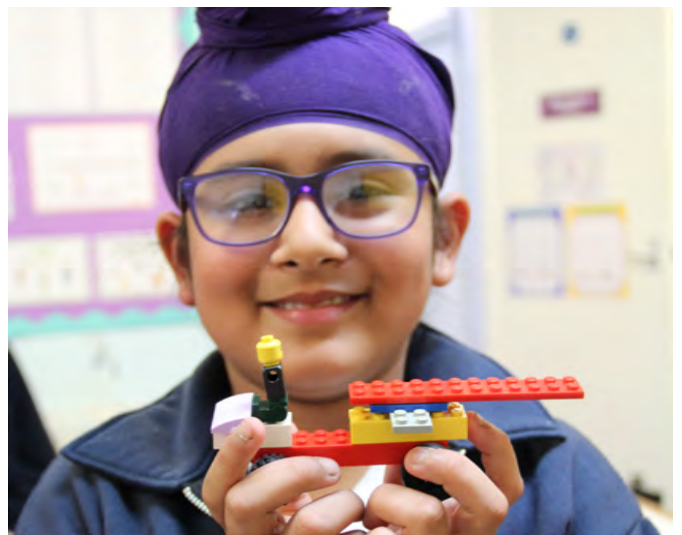
The Year of the Rabbit

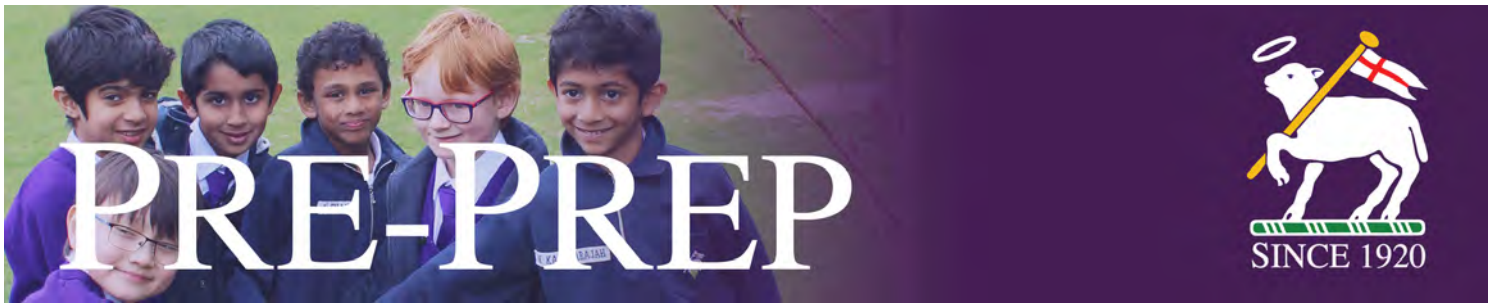
In music this week we celebrated the Chinese New Year playing cymbals and drums and enjoying dragon dancing with coloured scarves.





Enjoying Lego Club with our friends after school





The Year 1 and 2 Chess Club is very popular





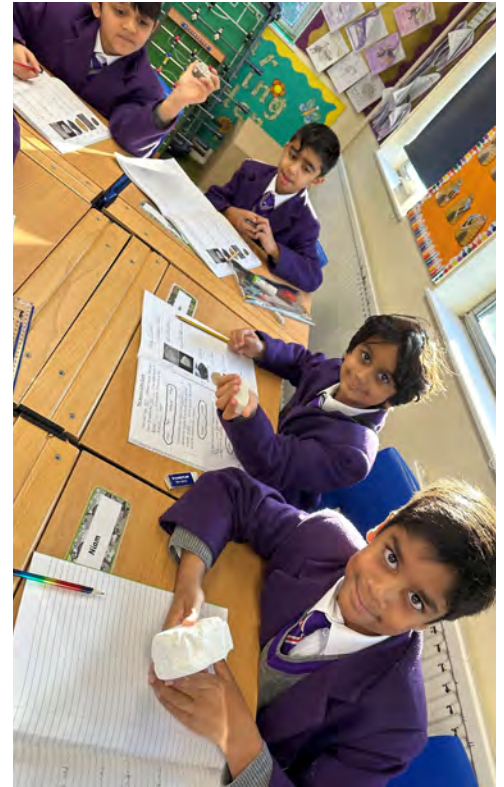
Music time in the Junior Department





Science gets practical as Year 3 rocks

Year 3 have been learning about rocks in their science lessons. We had a practical lesson where they felt different types of rocks and described their properties. They then had to guess which rock they thought it was.





Pre-Prep artists have been learning about Victorians

This week in art, Year 2 used watercolour paints to create a landscape picture in a similar way to Queen Victoria.





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Focus on Hockey

Our hockey Captain Kabir and Vice-Captain Rehaan would like to introduce the 2023 season. “The hockey season has now officially kicked off with U11 and U10 fixtures against Highgate on 13th January (pictures on the following pages). Our hockey teams achieved great results, with the U11A team

winning 5-1, the U11Bs winning 2-1, the U10As winning 8-0 and the U10B team losing 2-1 in a very close match. We have many exciting fixtures and tournaments coming up, including the Merchant Taylors’ School Hockey tournament for the U13A team.”





Focus on Hockey cont...

Kabir hopes his story about how his hockey career began will inspire our younger boys. “My love for hockey started in Year 2 at St John’s. I remember a hockey session in a P.E. lesson when I immediately fell in love with the game. I told my parents, and by the end of the year, two other boys (one of whom was Rehaan) and I started playing club hockey for Eastcote Hockey Club. I have trained there ever since and in Year 5, I was awarded Player of the Season. This boost of self-confidence turned my hobby into an obsession. I worked hard whilst enjoying the game, and I am honoured to have been chosen as St John’s Hockey Captain. I also play for the U14 and Mens’ Sixes team at Eastcote and Rehaan and I both County Hockey for North London.”

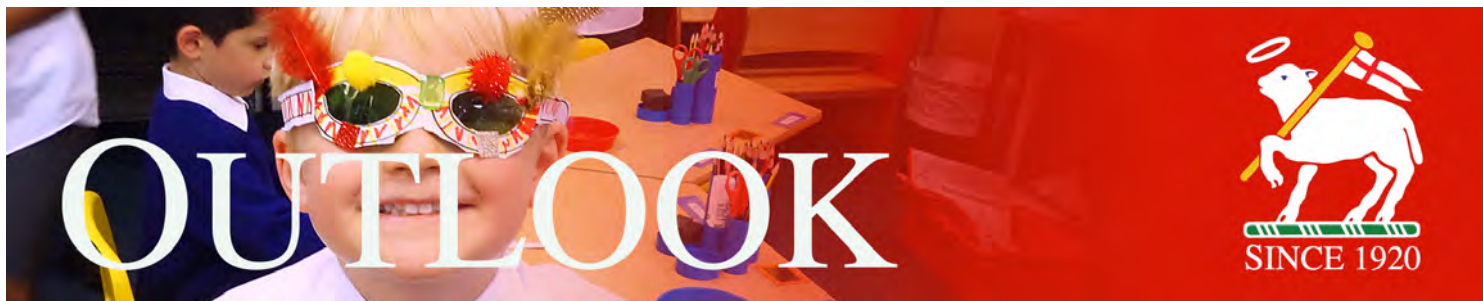


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Focus on Hockey cont...





Important dates

Monday 23rd Jan: School Assessments Years 5 & 7
St Albans 13+ Entrance Examinations this week

Year 8 Common Entrance Examinations this week

Hockey v John Lyon: U12 A, B (h) (3.00pm)

Tuesday 24th Jan: School Assessments Years 5 & 7

Wednesday 25th Jan: School Assessments Year 7

Science Quiz Club Semi-Final (10.00am)

Football v Belmont: 1st, 2nd, X1 (a) 3rd, 4th 5th X1 (h) (2.30pm)

Thursday 26th Jan: Football v St Martin's: U8 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)

Friday 27th Jan: Big Garden Birdwatch (until 29th)
House Meetings

Football v Highgate: U10A, B, C (h) (2.30pm)

Football v UCS: Colts A, B, C, D (a) (2.30pm)

Contacts

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

Year 7&8 Phab Masquerade Disco: 9th February 2023 at St Helen's School 6.30pm-8.30pm. Hold the date. Ticket information will be in next week's Lamb

Flu nasal spray vaccination for Years 7&8: Tuesday 31st January

Bikeability 30th January to 3rd February: Year 8 will have the opportunity to learn the life-skill of cycling safely. This is a reminder, boys, to make sure that your bikes are in full working order especially brakes and tyres. Any questions please contact Mr Lawrence.

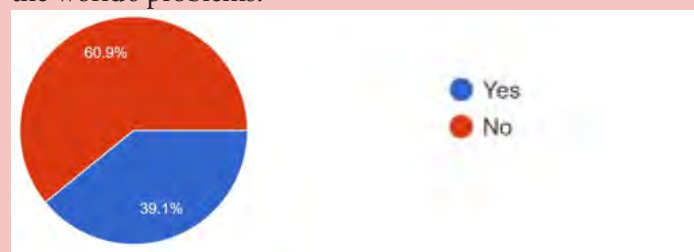
RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 27th to 29th January: Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone and you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Follow the link below to find out more information.

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/

MTS Choral Society: This community choir is open to alumnae, staff, parents, neighbours and friends of

Merchant Taylors', St Helen's and St John's Schools. Rehearsals for the Joint Concert on 20th March take place on Tuesday evenings from 8.00-9.30pm at MTS. Please contact Sam Hill SJM@mtsn.org.uk for further information.

Votes for Schools: This week's question: Will science solve the world's problems?



Next week's question: Is it ok for the Government to change its mind?

House Points: 1st Churchill 70.95, 2nd Oates 68.45
3rd Lincoln 66.77, 4th Lawrence 64.88

Have a great weekend