



From the
Headmaster

Welcome to this week's edition of The Lamb. It was great to see all of Year 3, including the staff, fully immersed in their Ancient Egyptian-themed day. They clearly enjoyed all their activities and the opportunity to watch "The Search of the Lost Tomb" performed by Aesop's Theatre Company, which Year 4 also enjoyed.

The 2021 National Poetry Day theme this year was "Choices" and in assembly we heard some excellent poems written by Year 8 boys on this theme. Continuing with the English theme, you can read about the imaginative approaches the Year 5 boys are taking in their English lessons on page 3. Also in assembly, Aaron, in Year 8, told us about the Myth of the Giant's Causeway.

It is lovely to hear all the music groups thriving as they rehearse at every opportunity. I am looking forward to hearing the Year 7 Band. Well done, boys for getting the band together. The Pre-Prep boys are very busy preparing for their Harvest Festival next Friday, full of anticipation for their first public performance and we can't wait to welcome parents to the first major school event in the new Centenary Sports Hall.

I was lucky enough to be fitted with some new glasses today at the Lamb's Opticians. Quite expensive though! I have read the Gardening Club's tips for the best winter vegetables to grow and I now have some new ideas for my family allotment. I hope you can all get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

S. R. A. in

Egyptian day in the Juniors



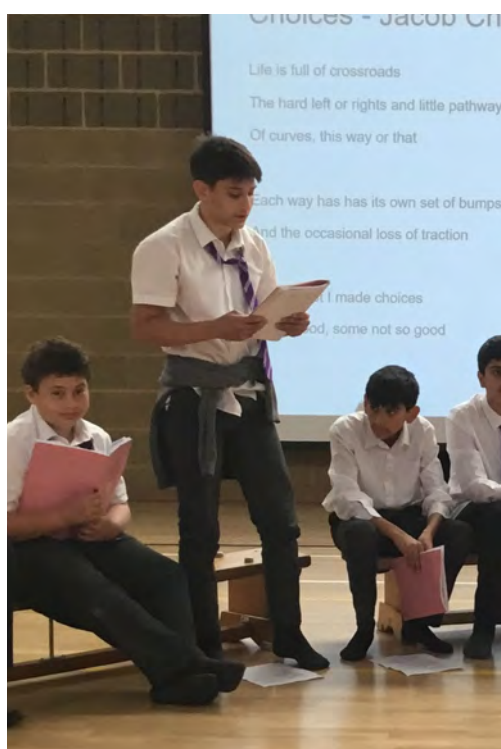
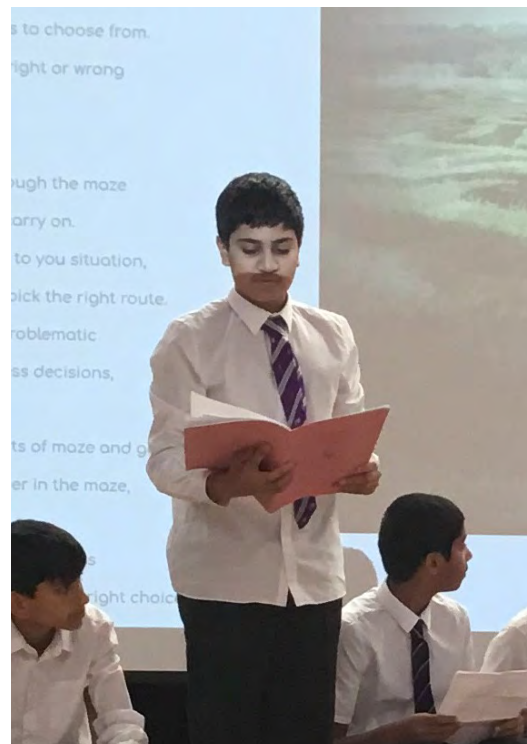
This week Year 3 took part in an Ancient Egyptian themed day. Everyone came to school dressed as pharaohs, gods or Cleopatras. They were invited into the Norman Hall for a special viewing of "The Search of the Lost Tomb" by Aesop's Theatre Company. Year 4 also came along and enjoyed reminiscing about their time in Year 3 when they studied the Egyptians. They were able to recall most of what they had learnt! After break-time, Year 3 continued with their history lessons by taking part in different activities. We made Egyptian necklaces out of paper plates, made up Egyptian dances, coloured in Tutankhamun's sarcophagus and ate fruity snacks. It was a wonderfully enjoyable day in all and thank you very much for all of your efforts. You can enjoy more photographs on page 9.





National Poetry Day - Choices

On **Wednesday 6th** October, 8J presented poems they have written in their English lessons on the significance of 'Choices', this year's National Poetry Day theme. The boys also shared how important it is to research and explore poetry for Hunter Jones and beyond through a scripted sketch. The boys' reunion act was set after their GCSE English poetry exam, where they all thrived. Good luck to everyone for Hunter Jones 2021. *Mrs Rizava.*

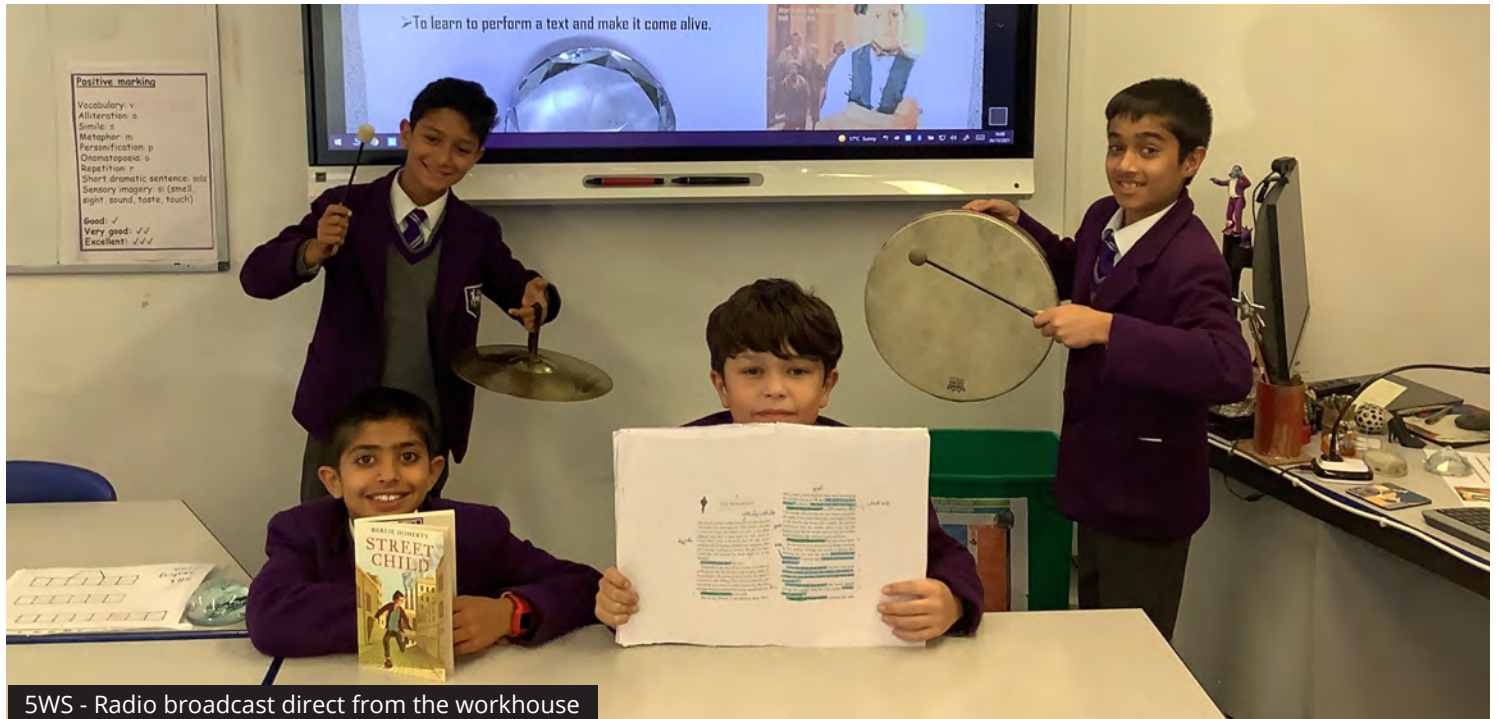




Year 5 bring their English text to life

Much fun has been had in recent lessons in Year 5, bringing our emotive class novel "Street Child" to life. Boys were asked to turn a dramatic extract into a short drama sketch of freeze frames of villains such as Mr Spink and the Matron and a radio show broadcast straight from the dreaded workhouse.

Particular focus was given to understanding what it would be like to be in the main character's shoes and show empathy. The results were excellent, which proves that there are many approaches to English teaching and they help our boys access the novel's content and messages.



5WS - Radio broadcast direct from the workhouse



5C - The Matron - Director's Cut



5M Freeze frame - Chapter Two 'The Stick Man'.



Big day this week for our intrepid gardeners

Our **autumn vegetables** arrived this week, so Gardening Club got busy allocating beds and putting in our plants. Anay and Ananda were appointed “foremen” and allotted specific tasks to the other boys, who carried them out admirably. With rain forecast, the plants didn’t need to be watered. Our crops will include:

Sweetball turnips - easy to grow and we may be able to harvest before Christmas. Great for roasting or adding to casseroles and stews.

Winter green cabbage - a slightly smaller, firmer head than the spring variety and ready to harvest a little earlier too.

Land cress - similar taste to water cress.

Winter lettuce – bred especially for the winter. If mild, it will probably mature in the New Year ready for March harvest.

Curly kale - does well over winter, growing slowly then giving a healthy crop of leaves to harvest in late winter/early spring.

Green mizuna lettuce - you get lovely colour tones on this plant and of course it’s uber healthy too and easy to grow.

Rainbow chard - adds some vibrant colour to the veg plot and will hopefully be ready to harvest from December onwards.

Perpetual spinach - producing enough leaves to start picking from December, providing homegrown greens in early spring.

Wild rocket - a favourite vegetable to grow over the winter.

The taste is phenomenal compared to shop rocket and it keeps cropping for months.

Purple sprouting broccoli - this delicious variety will produce fantastic coloured spears during late winter and early spring.

Tom Newman





Aiden's stationery appeal

When Aiden, in Year 6, heard that men, women and children were having to flee their country of Afghanistan to seek safety as refugees here in the UK, he was saddened and wanted to do something to help them. With the assistance of his Mum, Aiden has found out that lots is being done to help clothe and support those living here, but now what is needed is some support for the teenagers who are soon to go to school. With nothing other than the clothes they came in, the young people desperately need stationery to help them with their studies.

This is where we come in. On Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October, Aiden will be waiting in the Quiet Area of the Car Park from 8am until 8.20am, collecting for pencil cases of new or 'as new' stationery for the 378 teenagers who need them.

Could you put together a paper bag of new equipment to help out one young person? Items which are needed are: **Pencil cases, pencils, pens, rulers, protractors, set squares, rubbers, calculators, coloured pencils, marking pens, glue sticks, scissors and notebooks.** For the many adults who are trying to learn English, Aiden is also collecting easy to read books. These can be second hand. He will be presenting an assembly to the Prep School on Friday 15th October to explain more. He looks forward to seeing you in the mornings of those three special days when we will be collecting.



St John's Astronomy Evening

Norman Hall 6.30 -8pm 14th October 2021

Come see the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn with the school's telescopes or bring your own. Please email Mr Lawrence at clawrence@st-johns.org.uk if you plan to attend.

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS



Votes for Schools climate change and refugees

It is fantastic to see so many boys taking part in Votes for Schools making sure that their student voice is heard. Join the Votes for Schools Google Classroom. To take part you need to post your vote and add your comment for the school community to read. Read what others have written and start a debate. You could have a go at a video comment?

Any queries, please contact Mrs McSween vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk

Our new question is related to Black History Month and helps us think about our differences. Listen and discuss at home this [Poem by Benjamin Zephaniah](#)



Last week's question

Should more children get free school meals?

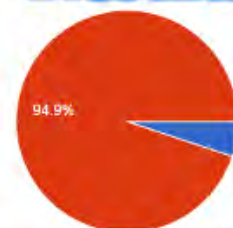


See these video comments from our Year 5 boys
[Click here to see what Sebastian says](#)
[Click here to see what Om says](#)
[Click here to see what Svanik thinks](#)

Your thoughts

'If children are healthier and are fed better, they are a lot more likely to be successful later on in their lives, which could decrease the amount of people who suffer from poverty. Overall, I think that all children should be given school meals for free'. Joshua Year 6

Results



Yes
 No

Rian in Year 6 says

I think that it is important to have free school meals for children who can't afford it. Before the pandemic, 4.5 million families couldn't afford 3 meals a day for everyone. Education is one of most important thing in childhood, and people are distracted in class because they are hungry. Britain is the 6th richest country in the world, yet we can't seem to resolve this problem. Poverty is awful for everyone living in it and something needs to happen. Protester Marcus Rashford campaigned for free school meals during lockdown, and it shows that it is an important matter.

Next week's question

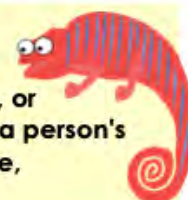
Do we celebrate our differences enough?



Racism:

Vocab

Harmful or unfair treatment by people, or disadvantage in organisations due to a person's race (ethnicity, skin colour, hair texture, background)



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.



Did you know?

This flag has several names, including the **Pan-African** flag. This flag can often be seen at celebrations or anti-racism protests.



Learning about eyes in the Pre-Prep

The Otters and Owls have been learning about their eyes and sense of sight. They learnt about the different parts of their eye and watched a video about visiting the optician. Then they created their own designer glasses, using coloured cellophane for the glass and decorated them with jewels, feathers, felt tip patterns and gems. Which pair of glasses would you choose?





Tasting and smelling in the Lambs

The Lambs have been finding out about their senses. They tasted and smelt a variety of items. Some were very nice and some were not!!!!





Aesop's theatre brought old Cairo to the Juniors

The Year 3 boys and their teachers threw themselves into costume making for an Egyptian-themed day in the Juniors.





Egyptian-themed day in the Juniors cont...





Musical high notes this week

Highlights from music this week include hearing our cello ensemble and brass band continuing to go from strength to strength. A group of keen musicians in Year 7 have worked with a strong sense of independence and collaboration this week. Mihir, Kabir, George and Krish have formed their own band and have begun to make their own arrangements of famous popular songs.





A hive of activity in DT

The D&T workshop has been a hive of activity again this week. Year 6 boys are very proud of their finished cushions. Aren't they looking amazing! Ethan is learning the technique of appliqué. Tristan was delighted when his hydraulics model started to work the way he had planned. Nathan and Aarav are working well together to solve a problem. Super work boys. Mrs McSween

would love to be able to show off the work you are doing at home on her 'Wall of Fame' so whether you are helping with some flat pack furniture at home, or you have a Lego kit you'd like to show, maybe you like to knit or sew, send your photos in to her by email and you may be lucky enough to have your photo put on display. vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk





Food inspiration and big patterns in art

1. Alexander in Year 4 has painted a beautiful, abstract cityscape picture. 2. These yummy cookies, by Daniel in Year 8, look good enough to eat! 3. Nayan in Year 8 has drawn a colourful ice-cream picture. 4. Year 5 have been experimenting with BIG patterns. Josh has finished his big picture. 5. Aary in Year 5 has also completed his patterned person. 6. Raphael in Year 5 is pictured with his detailed Klimt portrait.





PHOTO 2021 GRAPHY

C O M P E T I T I O N

Entries are now welcome from pupils and staff across the school for the Merchant Taylors' Company Photography Competition. This year's theme is **POWER** and photographs should be accompanied by a title and, if you wish, a short description (of 12 words maximum).

Our school's selected photographs will be exhibited at Merchant Taylors' Hall in the City of London in December and early next year, with cash prizes awarded to the winners and runners-up in each category of Junior (Years 1-8), Senior (Years 9-13) and Staff.

For further information and to submit your entries – by **Friday 15th October 2021** – please contact

Ms Gillen

All entries should be emailed to Ms Gillen by Wednesday 13th October

ggillen@st-johns.org.uk





Colts rugby against Merchant Taylors' Prep

Colts A Friday 1st October, Win 40 – 35 scorers Bailey x 4, Leo x 2, Alex x 1, Daanish x 1

A tough fixture in which the team had to be patient and resilient to finally see through a victory. After the first third, MTP were leading by three tries. MTP had some fast runners with great footwork that made it difficult for St John's to defend. This problem was intensified by us being too slow to move off our defensive line. In the second and last third the team worked hard to close the space for their fast runners and this paid dividends. Passing down the line in attack is an area that keeps getting better match by match. Congratulations to the whole team and a special mention to Bailey for scoring 4 tries on the day, showcasing strong and fast running with great footwork to find the gaps. *Mr Kruger*



Colts B Friday 1st October, Try Scorers: Joshua, Thomas 2, Freddie 2, Khyan 3, Owen 3

Friday was a local derby against Merchant Taylors' Prep. St John's opened the scoring early, piling the pressure on MTP from the start. Our passing and our accuracy in attack was faultless and we spread the ball to the wings quickly, creating the overlap out wide. Thomas and Freddie created space for the others to run into. Owen carried extremely well into contact making it easier for the support to run into the space. Defensively we started slowly and held back from making big tackles which gave MTP confidence. Thomas made some outstanding tackles giving the team confidence to make the tackles and stay connected as a defensive wall. Our defensive line was superb forcing MTP errors which we capitalised on. Superb effort from everyone involved. Well Done! Man of the match, Thomas.





Success for Matthew and the Chess Valley U11 team

On Sunday 3rd October, Matthew and the Under-11 team of the Chess Valley Rugby Club competed at the Barnet 2021 Festival. The U11s fielded two teams who were undefeated across six matches and won the U11's trophy. In addition, the entire Chess Valley team (U7-U12) were overall tournament winners!





U10s rugby against Merchant Taylors' Prep

Under 10 A Friday 1st October, St Johns 19-9 MTP

St John's A team achieved match glory against Merchant Taylors' Prep School, with an incredible score of 19 - 9 to St John's. The team worked together, with great runs and fast passes throughout the match. For the next game we need to work on driving in our tackles.

Try scorers were: Zachariah 7, Liam 5, Max 2, Rafay 1, Aariz 1, Yuvraj 1, Noah 1, Arnav 1

There were two people named Man of the Match, Zachariah and myself, Liam.

Match report by Liam, Team Captain.



Under 10 A Friday 1st October

This was a tough game and St John's took a little while to adjust to the pace and hard tackling of the opposition players. Using their experience from last week's game against UCS, the St John's players worked well as a team and played to their strengths. Aarush read the game extremely well and put in some fabulous tackles and the team as a whole was prepared to attack at every opportunity. Caiden was the top scorer with 4 superb tries. Other fantastic tries were scored by Raphael Cunliffe (3) and Neer, Niam, Tanay and Abbas all scored one. Theo was Man of the Match for his incredible bravery and the way he slotted perfectly into his new team.

Match report by Tanay and Niam





Sportsmanship at St John's

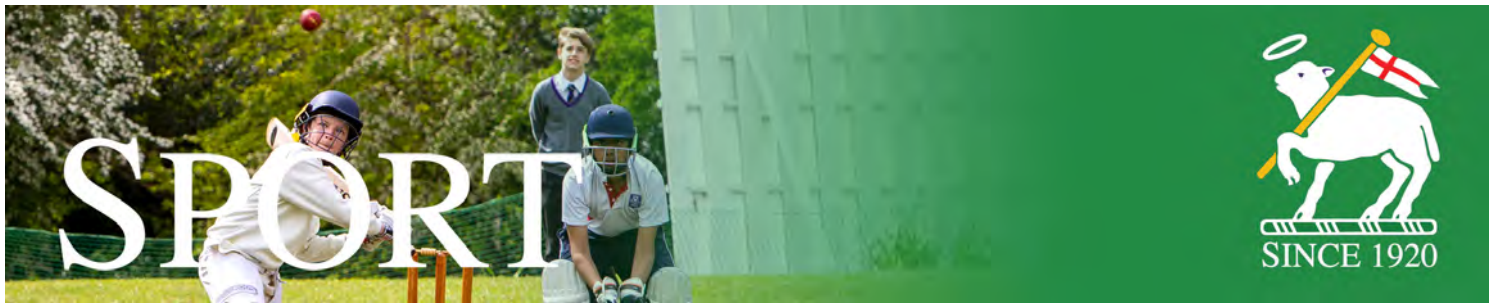
Sport at St John's has finally been underway in full flow for a few weeks now, with after-school, lunchtime, break-time and morning sports clubs, all in the Centenary Sports Hall. Year 3 enjoyed some Friday afternoon four-way dodgeball in the CSH last week. The boys were exhausted by the end of the session, having all enjoyed playing against each other in a fair manner. Years 7 and 8 have been enjoying their allocated lunchtime slots for badminton and football, during which they show great maturity, organising themselves into teams, setting up the equipment and most importantly playing sports fairly against their friends with a smile on their faces, which is what sport is all about.

Our Year 8s have started helping to referee the break-time charity football league matches, doing so extremely effectively and ensuring a fair fixture is played. A big thank you to all who

have helped so far, ensuring the smooth running of the league despite some last-minute fixture changes. A huge thank you also needs to go to our Head Boy Ansh S for organising the Year 8 refereeing rota and ensuring that each match has a referee arriving on time.

Continuing this theme of values within sport, throughout St John's we encourage all boys to play sport embracing key values such as fair play, teamwork and respect, all of which have been evident when watching the rugby fixtures this term. One boy in particular has been upholding the RFU rugby values of 'TREDs' since September; showing teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship in everything that he does on the pitch. So, a big congratulations to Aarush who has received the first of our 'RFU Green Laces' this term in recognition for upholding these values.





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OUTLOOK



Pumpkin Competition
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Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate Stalls

ST JOHN'S FIREWORKS NIGHT Tuesday 9th November 2021

Food served from 5:15pm

Fireworks display starts at 7pm

Ticket includes

Chicken Hotdog (Halal) or Vegan Hotdog
with chips and a drink

ADULT £12 **CHILD £10**

Tickets On Sale in the School car park
at drop off and pick up from 11th Oct

Tickets also available to buy online at

<https://stjohnsassociationportal.square.site/>

Email: enquiriessja@gmail.com for any queries



OUTLOOK




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Hampers by Merchant Taylors' returns for 2021 with a sumptuous selection of sweet and savoury goods, cakes, chutneys and jams, all created in our own kitchen and complemented by carefully selected wines.

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Calendar & important dates Contact details

Monday 11th October: Year 3 Parents' Meeting (6.00pm)

Tuesday 12th October: Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Wednesday 13th October: Rugby Festival at Cokethorpe: U13 A, U12 A (2.00pm)

Year 3 Parents' Evening (6.00pm)

Thursday 14th October: Year 3 Pedestrian Training (9.00am)
Pre-Prep Parents' Meeting (3.30pm-5.30pm)

Astronomy Evening, 6.30pm - 8pm

Friday 15th October: Pre-Prep Harvest Festival (9.30am)

Rugby v St Paul's: U10 A, B, C, D (a) (2.15pm)



Photo of the week: Ieuan and Reuben in the Owls had great fun making a School Council suggestion box for their class.

Updates: Please continue to visit www.st-johns.org.uk for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.



You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

Mailings: If you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: Lamb Editor. Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

Photographs: We cannot always be on hand every event with a camera and rely on photographs from parents and supporters. Do please continue to send in pictures to lambeditor@st-johns.org.uk for inclusion in The Lamb. Many thanks.

Notices and reminders

Astronomy Evening, 14th October: St John's popular astronomy evening with Mr Lawrence in the Norman Hall 6.30pm-8.00pm

MTS photography competition 2021: The theme this year is Power. See the poster on page 14. The boys have been told about the competition in their Art lesson. (It is not compulsory.) All entries must be emailed to Ms Gillen by Wednesday 13th Oct.

Fireworks Night on Tuesday 9th November: One of the most popular events in the School calendar returns. Make sure you put the date in your diary. Tickets will be available in the car park before and after school from Monday 11th October (card payments accepted.) They will also be available on-line: <https://stjohnsassociationportal.square.site/>

Aiden's stationery appeal: Aiden is collecting stationery for teenagers from Afghanistan. Please see page 5 and bring any donations to the Quiet Area when you arrive in the morning on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th or Wednesday 13th October.

The Lamb: The next edition of The Lamb will be published on Wednesday 20th October. Have a great weekend.



An active learning program for children aged between 5 and 13 years through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Our educational, challenging and highly engaging classes give young people of today the knowledge and skills they will use in the future.

Stem Den: Stem Den bookings are open for October and December. We look forward to welcoming children from age 5 to 13 to learn about STEM through a theme-based day at St John's School. Take a look at the website to see the programme of events. We take childcare vouchers!

Saracens October Half Term camps: Booking now. See page 20 and book using this link: www.saracens.com/rugbycamps

Kruger Sport Camps: Booking is now open for October half-term. For more information go to www.krugercamps.co.uk

House Points: 1st Lincoln 18.25, 2nd Lawrence 17.43, 3rd Churchill 17.42, 4th Oates 16.59