

The morning after the night before.....



Year 5 enjoyed an outdoor adventure camp in the School grounds this week. Many thanks to the staff who made this possible. We are proud to offer these unique learning opportunities to our boys as they make friendships and create memories to last a lifetime.

Pre-Prep Sports Day was a truly enjoyable afternoon on Monday. I was very proud to see all the boys doing their best. Our Year 2 boys were delighted to discover which House they will be in next year and to receive their House ties in a special assembly. Meanwhile, curious Junior minds were challenged to power a light bulb using a cell, a bulb and two wires; the results were illuminating.

Bugsy rehearsals have been building to a climax as the boys prepare to entertain us next week. The rehearsal tomorrow morning will put the finishing touches to the show. In the meantime, there is a feast of cricket to celebrate in this edition. Well done St John's boys and sports staff on a very successful and enjoyable season so far.

I hope you manage to keep cool this weekend!

From the
Headmaster






A wonderful micro adventure for Year 5

What a wonderful experience for Year 5 this week, sleeping under the stars with our friends after an exhilarating whizz around the woods on our bikes! Some of us even found out that it is as bright as day at 4am!





Year 5 Micro adventures





Year 5 enjoying Stem Day at York House



Year 2 leavers with their St John's ties



Houses unite!



Letting off steam during morning break



Year 6 Wind in the Willows drama under the trees with Mr Russo



What a match!



Rehearsing for a saxophone exam



St John's Under 9A chess team came 4th in the National Primary Schools Chess Championship Semi-Finals. Well done boys.



Pre-Prep Sports Day

We were fortunate to have beautiful weather on Monday for Pre-Prep Sports Day. The crowd was full of energy, cheering on the boys as they gave their all, creating a truly enjoyable afternoon. The races were tightly contested, with positions shifting right up to the finish line. As always, the Year 2 relay provided a thrilling finale, and this year Eagles claimed the victory. The boys headed home with fluttering rosettes, flushed cheeks, sweaty brows, and big smiles. Well done to all!





Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon





Year 2 were proud to join their Houses

Assembly buzzed with excitement on Tuesday as the boys eagerly discovered which House they will be joining this September. Our four Houses, Lincoln, Lawrence, Oates, and Churchill, are at the heart of school spirit, and the friendly rivalry between them is fierce! House Activities and the coveted Burton Page Cup mean that every housepoint counts and all boys play their part. Judging by the enthusiasm of our newest recruits, it is clear that they are ready to bring energy, talent, and determination to their Houses.



Churchill



Lawrence



Lincoln



Oates



Don't worry, BEE happy!

The Reception boys were able to take a trip to the donkey field to visit the bee hives where Mr Lawrence and his beekeeper friends treated the boys to a bee talk. Look at all the bees they saw...





Minibeast Magic in the Nursery

Last week, Nursery was abuzz with excitement as a team of incredible minibeasts made a special visit to St John's, bringing along their handler, Lottie, to introduce the boys to some of nature's smallest wonders. The air filled with delighted shrieks and curious gasps as the children got up close and personal with Bullseye the African Snail, who gracefully glided across their hands, and Felipe the Cockroach, who surprisingly won over hesitant minds with his calm demeanor. Bella the Tarantula bravely challenged common fears, while Millie the Millipede mesmerized everyone with her rhythmic, countless legs. Finally, Tigerlily the Snake captivated the audience with her smooth scales and elegant movements. This engaging visit provided the Lambs and Cygnets with a unique opportunity to learn about biodiversity, overcome preconceived notions, and develop a newfound appreciation for the fascinating world of minibeasts. To cap off this incredible morning, the fun continued with a delightful picnic held under the grand old oak tree, making it a truly unforgettable day of discovery and outdoor enjoyment for all!





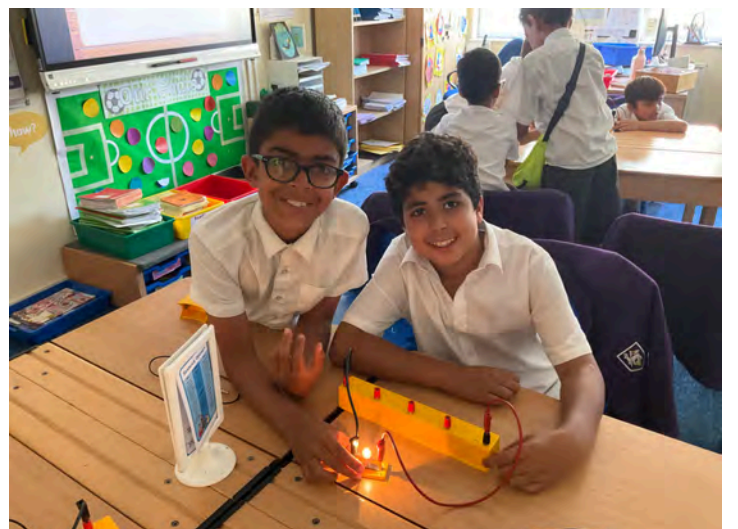
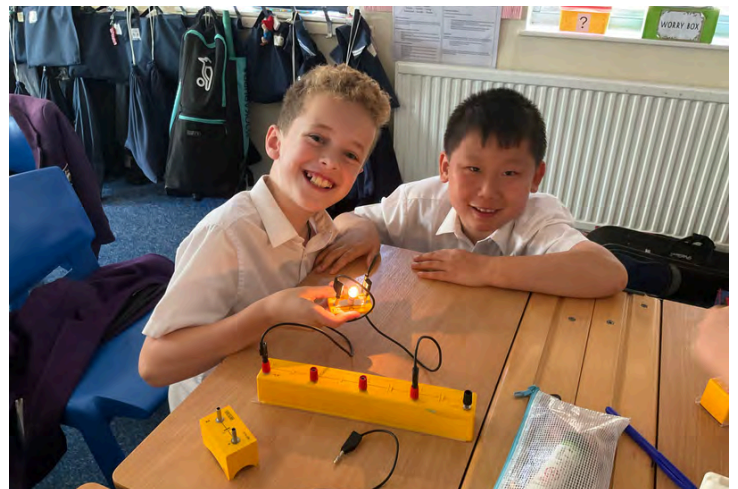
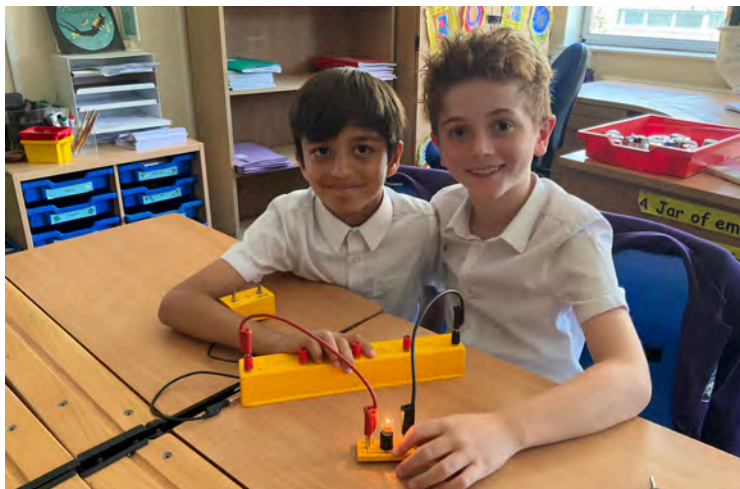
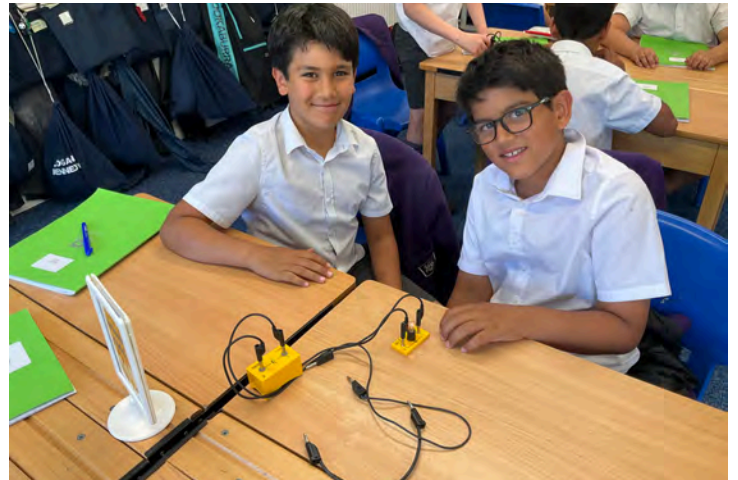
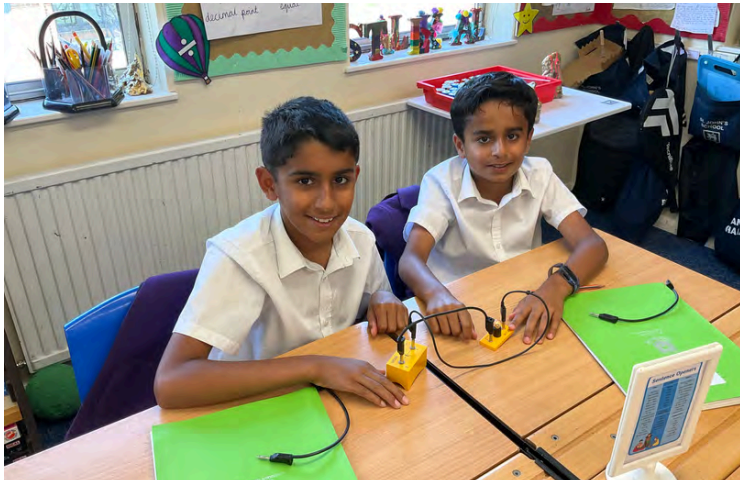
A delightful picnic on Minibeast day





Illuminating results in Junior science

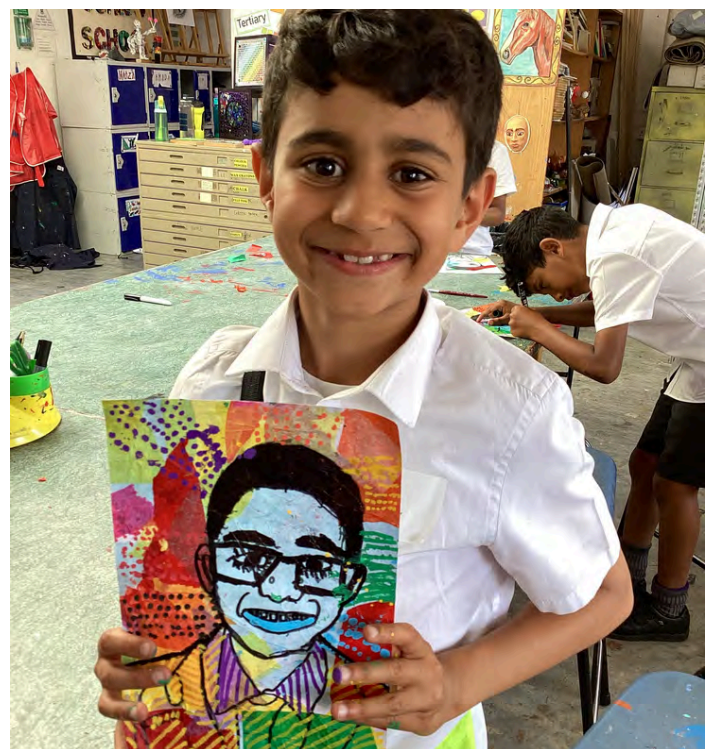
What happens when you combine curious young minds, a tangle of wires and a whole lot of enthusiasm? Pure magic! Year 4 were challenged to power a light bulb using only a cell, the bulb and two wires. The boys then experimented with what would happen if they added extra parts to their circuits and the results were illuminating!





Year 3 have been creating Pop Art portraits

Year 3 boys have been exploring the vibrant Pop Art portrait style of Andy Warhol. They created their own Pop Art portraits using paint pens, permanent markers, and tissue paper.





Under 8 v St Martin's 12th June

A fantastic afternoon of cricket! The Under 8A team lost a close match by 8 runs, while the B team won by 15 runs.





Under 9 v Habs 17th June

Year 4 had a very successful final block of matches to end the cricket season, with a full set of victories against Habs. Our boys carried themselves excellently across the afternoon, making the most of the short boundaries and keeping our bowling tight. The Under 9As have had an especially successful season having not lost a game. Well done boys!





Under 11 v York House 18th June

Another cracking match from our regional runners up against York House on Wednesday 18th June. A close game which came down to the very final over. St John's needing 3 of 5 to win. Up stepped Deven S with a beautiful straight bat through the covers for four runs on what was a scorcher of a summer's day for cricket. Very well done indeed. Mr K





Outstanding tournament results



Under 11A runners up Orley Farm 14th June



Under 12A runners up St Albans 13th June

St John's Presents **Bugsy Malone**

Tuesday, 24th June at 7:00pm
Thursday, 26th June at 7:00pm

What's the Story?

Set during Prohibition in America, Bugsy Malone takes us into a world where drinking is strictly illegal - and where Fat Sam Stacetto's secret club, or "speakeasy", is hidden behind a humble bookstore. Inside, it is all glitz and glamour: music, dancing, and a little mischief on the side.

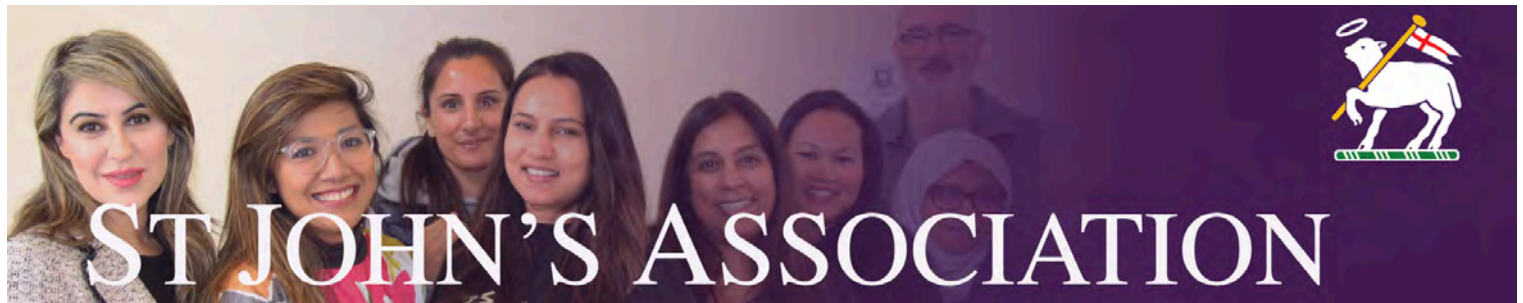
But trouble is brewing. Fat Sam's rival, the slick and ruthless Dandy Dan, is determined to take over. Armed with the latest and most feared weapon in town - **SPLURGE GUNS - he's ready to splatter anyone who stands in his way.**

Fat Sam needs help. Enter Bugsy Malone: smooth-talking, kind-hearted, and always in the wrong place at the wrong time. Along the way, Bugsy meets Blousey Brown, a hopeful singer with dreams of Hollywood stardom. But things get complicated when Bugsy also catches the eye of Tallulah, Fat Sam's glamorous (and jealous!) girlfriend.

With the help of Leroy, a gentle giant with a fighter's heart, and wise old boxing coach Cagey Joe, Bugsy rallies a ragtag group of "Down and Outs" to turn the tide. In a final splurge-filled showdown at Fat Sam's club, pies fly, alliances shift, and chaos reigns.

Who will come out on top? You'll have to wait and see...





St John's Association Summer Fun Day

Our next exciting event is the St John's Association Summer Fun Day. We all have our fingers crossed for a sunny day and look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to Hari in Year 5 for designing this eye-catching poster for us.

