



From the
Headmaster

A huge cast of talented and dedicated boys from Years 6, 7 and 8 transported us to the speakeasies and alleyways of 1920s New York in their sensational performance of Bugsy Malone this week. Ms Nayager's production brought the well-known story to life very powerfully. Musical Director, Mr Hopwood and our very own Mr Trisk supported the action and emotion with great musical energy and sensitivity. I would like to thank all the staff who have inspired the boys to create this production and say many congratulations to the boys for another epic St John's performance..

Outdoors, it has been an exciting week in sport. St John's staff took on Merchant Taylors' staff in the annual T20. The match went down to the last ball and ended in a tie. At home, Lincoln boys competed with respect and good sportsmanship to win the House Cricket. We enjoyed a thrilling finish to the tenth St John's Putter on Wednesday evening. The defending champions managed to clinch victory once again, despite some tough competition.

All the best to the boys practising for their ABRSM music exams on Wednesday – keep going, you're nearly there.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Fun Day on Sunday.

T Jenkin

Splurge-tastic success: Bugsy Malone



DRAMA

Bugsy Malone Steals the Show!

The boys of Years 6, 7 and 8 lit up the stage this week with their sensational performance of Bugsy Malone! With charm, confidence and a whole lot of pizzazz, they transported us straight to the speakeasies and alleyways of 1920s New York. From confidently stepping into female roles with flair, to mastering slick choreography and jazzy numbers, every boy gave it their all. They delivered their lines with smooth-talking, New York swagger, tackled complex harmonies with gusto, and didn't miss a beat - or a splurge! The dedication and enthusiasm shown in rehearsals truly paid off, culminating in a performance full of energy, humour and heart. Bravo, boys - you really knocked it outta the park!



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Aarav's amazing board game is ready to be played after many months of hard work. Mr Jenkin is first in line, learning all about how it was made. Well done Aarav, such a fantastic job!



Goldwater play in Nursery



Our Wellbeing Warriors getting arty and crafty



Ms Nayager welcomed the audience to the "Speakeasy"



St John's Under 11 boys played in the all day Hillingdon Chess Competition against 10 schools on Saturday 21st June at St Helen's School. Well done boys for coming 4th.



This year, three of our Year 3 boys made a generous and heartfelt decision for their birthdays. Instead of receiving presents, they asked friends to donate to Great Ormond Street Hospital – a cause close to their hearts. They raised an incredible £902. What a great idea, boys.



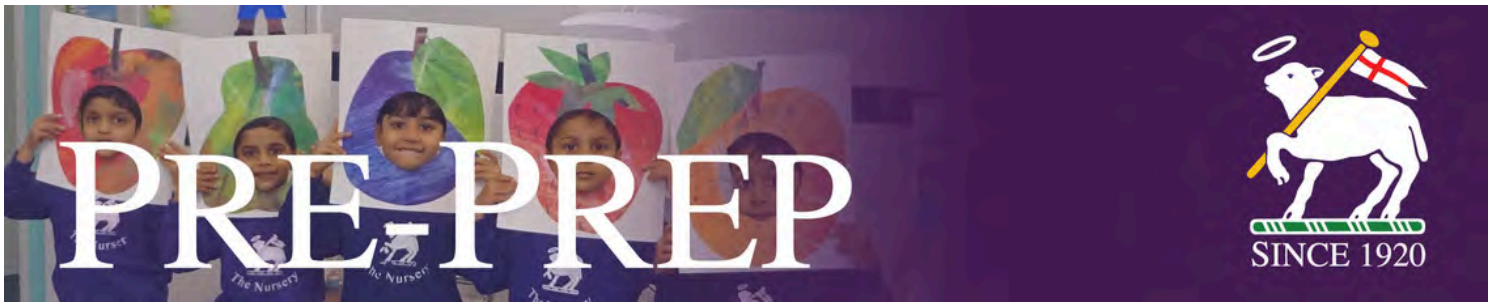
St John's staff (past and present) took on Merchant Taylors' staff in our annual T20 cricket match on Monday. St John's were set 170 to win. The match went down to the last ball and ended in a tie, with both sides scoring 169. St John's bowled first, taking 7 wickets. Mr Shah was the pick of the bowlers with 4 wickets. Mr Krüger & Mr Payne-Cook (former teacher) scored 31 each and retired. Mr Smith (25) and Mr Spackman (22) followed up with excellent batting performances. Needing 4 to win on the final ball, old boy Netanel slogged the ball which allowed us to get 3 runs for the draw. A fitting result for such a closely fought battle!



Year 3 have been researching their own magical potions as part of their study of Shakespeare



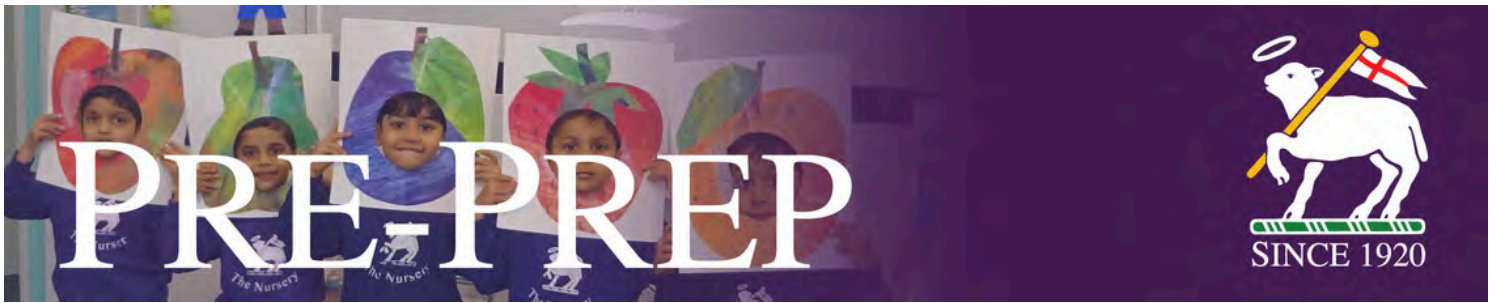
Dandy Dan's Gang - "It's gotta be good; it's gotta be neat; it's gotta be quick."



Green fingers in Pre-Prep

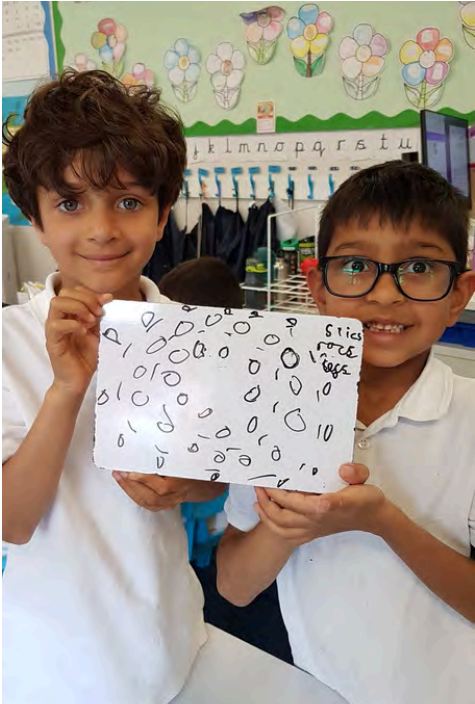
Our Pre-Prep showed off their green fingers by planting a dazzling array of hanging baskets for display at Northwood Hills underground station. St John's was thrilled to join the TFL initiative 'In Bloom' at the invitation of local residents, who are gearing up for the competition. Judging is just around the corner. Well done to the boys for creating such a vibrant display!





Year 1 Art inspired by their environment

Children created land art sculptures in the forest using natural materials such as sticks, leaves and stones. They worked together to design and build their sculptures on the forest floor, arranging the elements into patterns, shapes and forms inspired by their surroundings. The activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, and a stronger connection to nature as they explored the environment and used its resources respectfully.





Year 3 investigated shadows

This week, Year 3 have been investigating shadows. They discovered how the size of a shadow changes depending on the distance between the light source and the object.





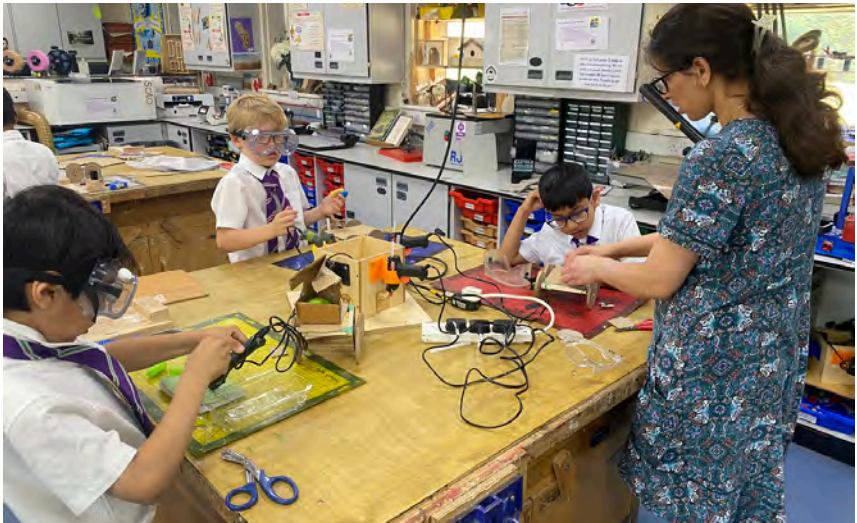
Celebrating Year 8 Artists

Year 8 boys have been creating vibrant, eye-catching Ben-Day dot self-portraits, while others are putting the finishing touches to their detailed mosaic coffee tables.





Great concentration in DT&E





Year 3 boys focused on their tasks





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St John's Putter Golf Competition 2025

On a warm summer afternoon, we marked a special milestone: ten years of the St John's Putter Golf Competition. This year's dry and firm conditions made the course particularly challenging, with tricky greens and fast-paced chips testing every player's skill. Despite the tough conditions, there were some truly impressive moments, with several boys producing brilliant birdies and pars. The Year 6 team, along with Tanay and Rafay, put up a spirited challenge and kept last year's champions, Aary and James, under pressure right to the final hole. In a thrilling finish, the defending champions managed to hold their nerve and clinch victory once again – congratulations. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout from our parent community – your support means so much. A heartfelt thank you as well to our brilliant grounds team and catering staff for helping make the event such a success.





Year 5 & 6 House Cricket





Senior House Cricket

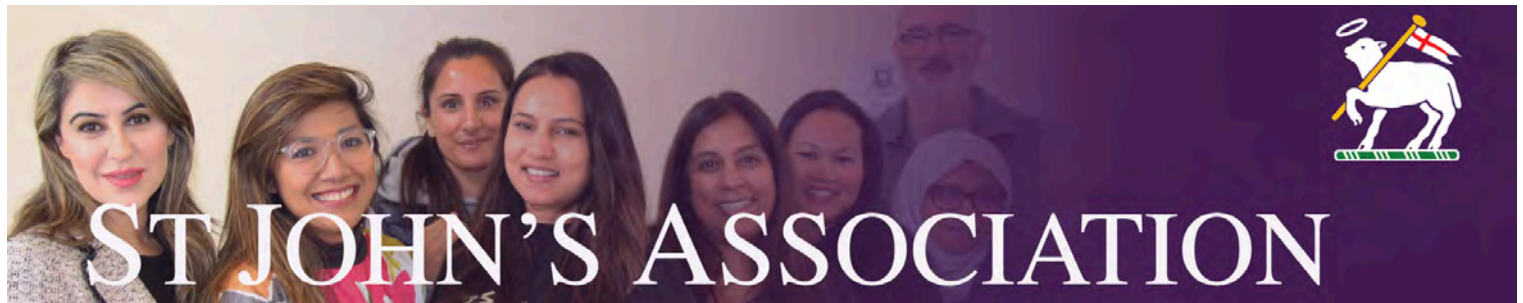




Under 8 v Habs 26th June

The Under 8 teams enjoyed their last matches of the season and all came away victorious!





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.

