

A memorable Junior Speech Day

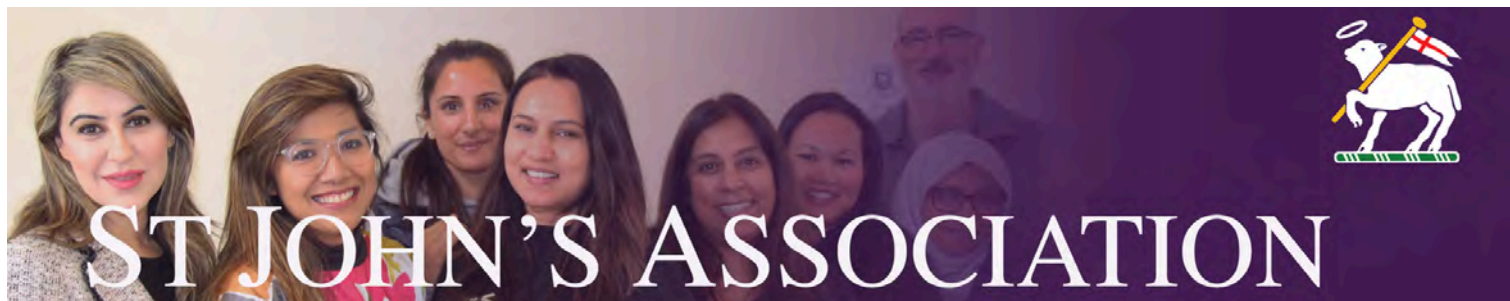


Junior boys, parents and staff enjoyed Speech Day and Sports Morning on Tuesday. I would like to thank School Governor and Head of Lyonsdown School, Mrs Hall, for presenting the Awards and delivering an inspirational speech. Our Junior Choir, conducted by Mrs Savage, performed brilliantly to bring proceedings to a close. We amended our Sports Day activities to ensure that children, supporters and staff all stayed safe in the scorching heat. Our young athletes ran, jumped and threw, showing great sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

Another great success in the past week was the St John's Association Fun Day. It was wonderful to see so many families catching up and having fun together at the end of a busy year while raising money for the SJA. Many thanks to all involved in making the day run so smoothly.

As ever, there is much to enjoy in this photographic record of our busy week in the following pages. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Senior Prize-Giving tomorrow morning, and at our main Sports Day on Monday, with guest parking on the lower field at both events.

From the Headmaster

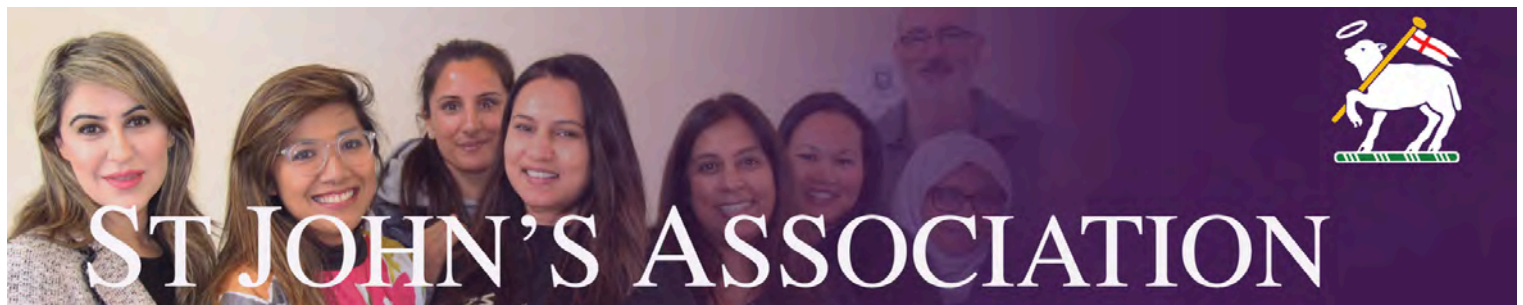


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A super sunny SJA Fun Day

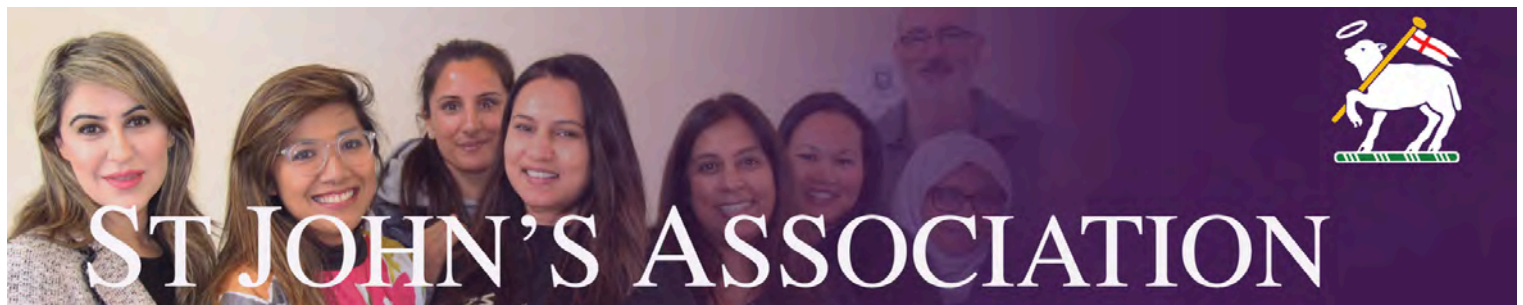
The St John's Association Fun Day was a huge success. The sun shone brightly and it was wonderful to see so many families enjoying our beautiful grounds together. Many thanks to Mr Coxhill and all the members of the SJA team, to St John's grounds, maintenance and kitchen teams, parents and staff for all their hard work.





Fun in the sun





Logan sold pre-loved Sports books and magazines and raised an amazing £250 for SJA at Fun Day. His friends supported the stall and some helped out - great teamwork boys! Very well done for all your hard work, Logan.



Sleeping under the stars with friends at the end of a busy term





Junior Speech Day was truly memorable

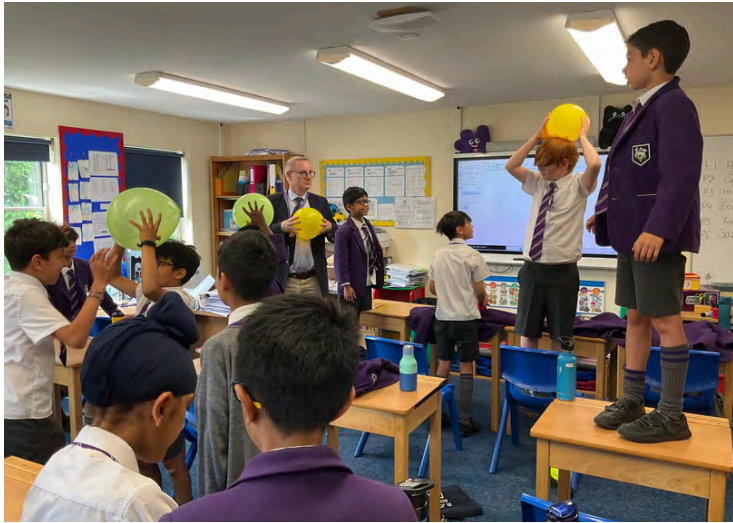
Junior Speech Day was a truly memorable occasion, celebrating a year of remarkable growth and achievement for our Junior boys. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement and pride as the boys, their parents and staff gathered to acknowledge the hard work and dedication demonstrated throughout this academic year. A highlight of the ceremony was the presence of our special guest, Mrs Hall, a school governor and Head of Lyonsdown School. Mrs Hall delivered an inspiring speech that resonated deeply with everyone in attendance. She spoke about resilience, drawing a captivating parallel to how boys persevere even when their Minecraft characters are unsuccessful or encounter setbacks. She encouraged them to apply the same determination and spirit to their daily lives and bring it with them to school every morning.





Year 4 Science was hair-raising this week

Year 4 had a hair-raising experience when they persuaded Miss Little to attach herself to the Van der Graaf generator. Proving that life is never static in the Juniors is never easy and several boys were suitably shocked when learning all about how static electricity builds up and can be discharged. Miss Little herself survived the ordeal with her usual aplomb. The lesson was amusing, educative and memorable. A great way to end our science topic as the end of term approaches.





Northwood Hills Residents Association collected our beautiful hanging baskets to be displayed at Northwood Hills station



Building a mud kitchen for the woods



Set painting with Ms Gillen



Year 4 doing some teamwork challenges and problem solving in the early morning sunshine



Eruptions in Reception

Reception took part in a STEM activity this week to find out how a volcano erupts! Using lemons, food colouring and bicarbonate of soda, it was a colourful, hands-on way to explore early chemistry concepts.





Eruptions in Reception





Year 1 to Hertfordshire Zoo

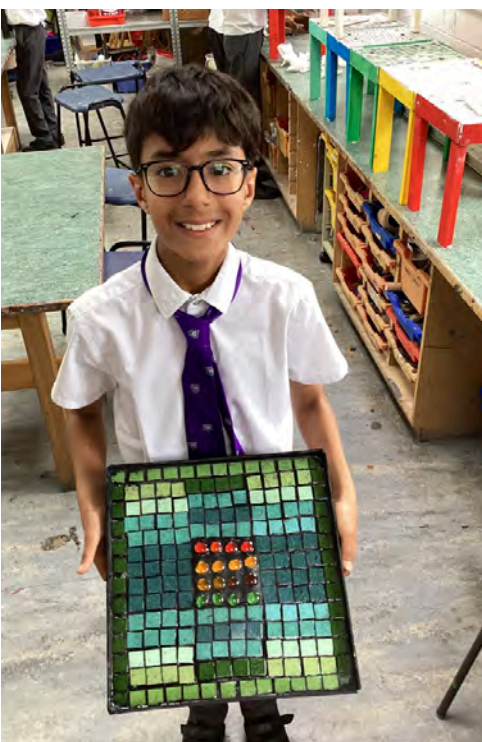
Otters and Owls had a fantastic day at the zoo consolidating their learning in both Science and International Studies.
On Thursday we went to Hertfordshire Zoo. In Hertfordshire Zoo near the end we saw a barn owl. A barn owl is a white owl and it is in the bird group. By Rian Patel, Otters





A colourful week in the Art Room

Year 3 have been putting the finishing touches to their amazing pop art portraits. Year 4 have enjoyed creating vibrant, chalky beetle drawings. Year 6 are excited to showcase their mosaic tables next week at the Leavers' Evening. Meanwhile, some Year 8 boys have been having a blast experimenting with spray paint!





Year 5 are very proud of their fairground rides

We loved welcoming families of Year 5 to come and see the boys' finished fairground rides.





Junior Sports Day 2025

We enjoyed a fantastic Junior Sports Day on Tuesday. We had tweaked the events to make sure all the children had a really positive experience and stayed safe in the scorching summer heat, and it paid off beautifully. It was great to see so many proud parents cheering their boys on. The atmosphere was both supportive and fun, with just the right amount of good-natured competition. Huge congratulations to Churchill, who were the overall winners! Special shout-outs to Rohan S, who put in a truly notable performance, coming within just 20cm of the Javelin record for Year 3; Kian D and Gabriel who competed extremely strongly in the 80m sprint and were just outside the record. Well done to all our young athletes!





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