

Introducing our Head Boy team



I would like to welcome all our boys and their families back to St John's for the new academic year. A special welcome to our Lambs and Cygnets and the boys who have joined us this September. We hope all boys feel inspired and excited by the learning opportunities around them. Many congratulations to our Head Boy, Aariz and his deputies, Maximilian, Aary and Ronnie. We wish them every success as they take on these responsibility roles, assisting the smooth running of the School. We have been busy over the summer. Our Pre-Prep has been re-configured to accommodate the additional nursery class and we have a spacious new reception office near the playground. Parent information evenings have offered a lovely opportunity to meet new teachers; we look forward to welcoming Year 6 (Monday) and Year 7 (Thursday.) In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend.

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Welcome back boys - have a great year!





THIS WEEK

Welcome to our new staff



Mrs Davies – Reception Teacher (Robins)

Hello, I am originally from North-East Lincolnshire but have lived in the south for the last nine years, with my husband and our dog, Ralph. Our 18 month old son has recently joined the family. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at St John's and I am excited for the year to come. I really look forward to exploring the forest area each week and getting my wellies muddy. I would like to say a huge "thank you" to the boys, parents, and staff for welcoming me so warmly.

Miss Masterson – Year 3 Teaching Assistant

I have been working within education for 12 years. After completing my degree in Psychology with Criminology, I became intrigued by the way in which our brains work differently, and this led me to study Counselling and Neurodiversity. I utilised this knowledge in a mainstream secondary school, gaining invaluable experience in the classroom and obtaining my Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week in Year 3 and I look forward to experiencing much more of what St John's has to offer in the coming months!



Miss Mattson – Teaching Assistant (Cygnets)

I have received a very warm welcome to St John's this week. It has been a pleasure to be surrounded by happy Cygnets and to watch them grow in confidence day by day. In my spare time I love to play the piano. I'm passionate about music and would love to promote a love for music in the children at St John's. I also have an interest in Fine Art and Photography. I have a five year old son, and we love to ride our bikes, go for long walks and play football together. I look forward to watching the children flourish over the coming academic year.



Welcome to our new staff continued



Miss William – Teaching Assistant (Lambs)

I was born in the Seychelles and moved to England at the age of five. My partner and I share our home with a lively six-month-old Miniature Dachshund named Artie. In my spare time, I am passionate about drawing, particularly Japanese-style anime art, and practising calligraphy. I also enjoy learning languages, currently focusing on Korean and Tagalog, and exploring coding as a tech enthusiast. With 12 years of experience in the education sector, working with children from 6 months to 6 years old, I find great joy in nurturing young minds. It is a pleasure to join St John's.

Ms Nayager, English Teacher and Head of Drama

With 24 years of teaching experience, I bring a wealth of ideas and knowledge to my classroom. I am firm yet kind, and I have high expectations for each of my students! As an English teacher, I place great value on reading. I am passionate about bringing stories to life. During our English lessons, get ready to immerse yourself in different characters and explore the wonders of storytelling. You will find that books are magical gateways that transport us to fantastical realms. I look forward to teaching you all.



Mr Hodes – Gap Year Student

I am delighted to be coming back to St John's after five years, having just finished my A-levels at Habs. It's great to see so many familiar faces in the staff room, although I'm still getting used to greeting them on a first name basis! I'm off to study mechanical engineering at Imperial next September, and I hope to share my love for maths and physics with the boys, challenging them beyond the curriculum. I'm most excited to get to know all the boys, whether I'm coaching them on the sports pitch or playing with them in an ensemble.





A new year in the Pre-Prep



Cygnets



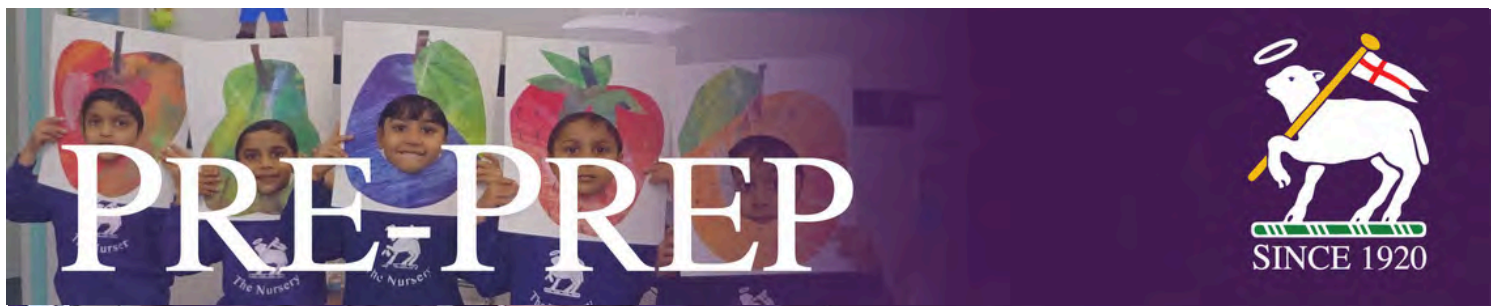
Lambs



Robins



Squirrels



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Otters



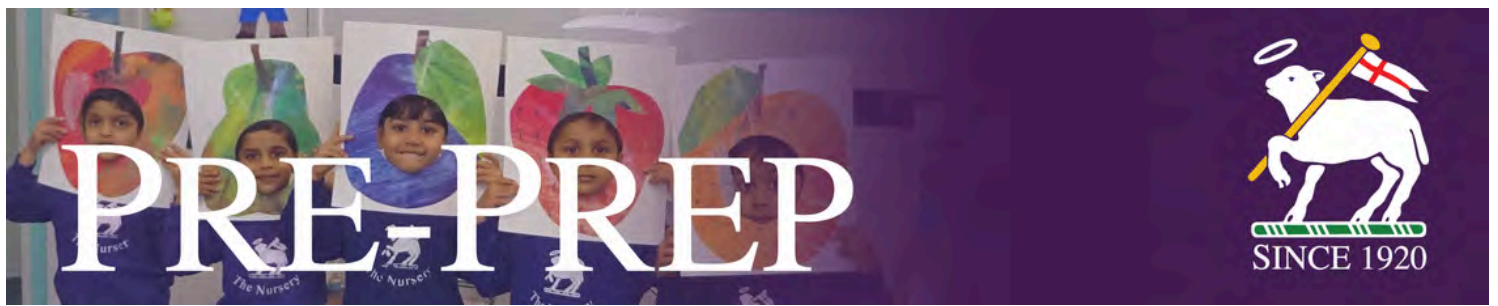
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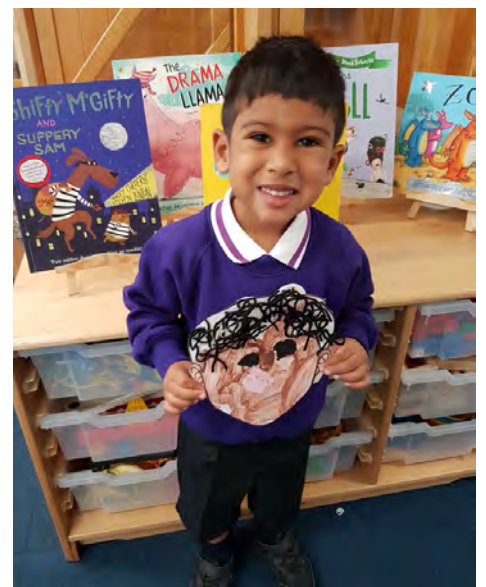
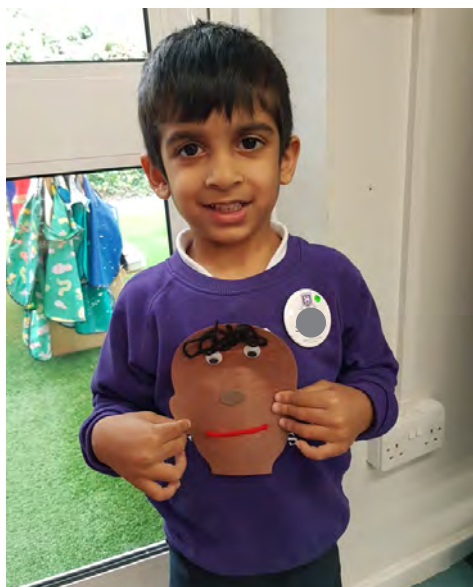
Owls



Eagles



A big welcome to all our Cygnets and Lambs



PRE-PREP

Having fun in Nursery





Welcoming back our Juniors

We have made a wonderful start to the new school year in the Juniors. The Year 3 boys are wearing their new uniforms with pride and they are settling into their routines smoothly. In Year 4, we are studying 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow, which is an unusual book as it doesn't have any words! We have also begun learning about The Celts and Living Things, which have sparked the boys' curiosity. All the boys are enthusiastic and ready for their new learning adventures.





Our young musicians

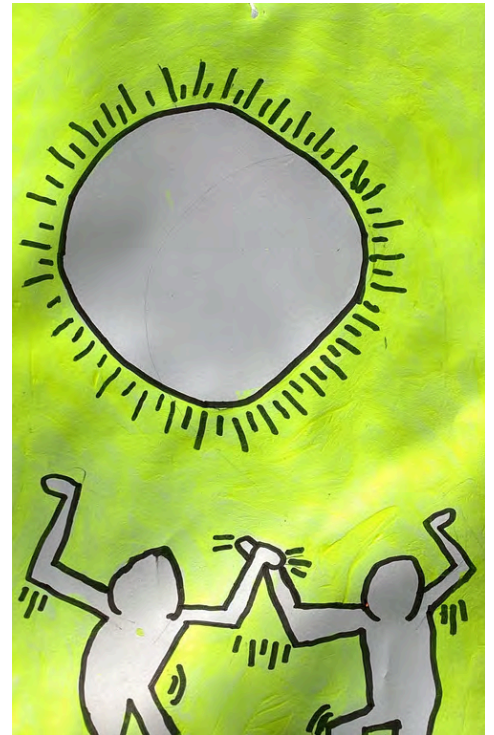
Our Year 3 boys have been excited to start their instrumental lessons this week. Year 4 musicians have had great fun playing in music groups with their friends. They were fascinated to learn that the piano is a percussion instrument and enjoyed investigating the Norman Hall grand piano.





Learning about an American artist

Year 4 have been learning about the American artist Keith Harding. Here are some images of the boys' work to brighten up your day.





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Getting started in DT&E





Football Season is here

We would like to introduce our 1st Team Football Captain, Zachariah and Vice Captain, Noah and Colts Football Captain Aikam and Vice Captain Aarav. The Under 13s and Under 11s enjoyed very successful pre-season football sessions and are eagerly awaiting their first fixtures. In Sport this week, all the boys have had lots of fun getting back into the flow and spending time outdoors with their friends.. The excitement was almost tangible as Year 3 set out for their first Games session.





Year 3 enjoying their first Games session



Sunday 22 September 2024
Merchant Taylors' School



- Junior fun runs £12
- 5k 'March for Mount Vernon' walk £15
- 10k closed road, chip-timed run £20



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