

## At St John's we work hard and play hard



Year 8 enjoyed an outdoor adventure camp in the School grounds last Friday. 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 memories to last a lifetime. In this edition of The Lamb, we are delighted to introduce the Year 6 and 8 boys who have been awarded with roles of responsibility. Congratulations boys, your hard work and talents will assist the smooth running of the School. Our Senior School Transfer Event on Wednesday was a wonderful afternoon of advice and inspiration. Many thanks to all the schools who attended for their support in making the event such a success.

Today we have focused on caring for others, wearing our jeans to support the charity "Jeans for Genes." We will continue our charity work on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September when many of us will take part in the Moor Park Fun Run in aid of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. I look forward to seeing as many children and families as possible. Good luck with the training!

From the Headmaster



# Introducing our House Prefects

Last Friday, our Houses met for the first time this term, welcoming their new Year 3 members. Well done to these boys who have been awarded with extra responsibility for their Houses.



Churchill Head of House George



Lawrence Head of House Rahul



Oates Head of House Christopher



Lincoln Head of House Sebastian





# Announcing more roles of responsibility ...

In Year 8, Armaan - Digital Leader and Charities; Dev - Charities; Yuva Veer - Digital Leader and Votes for Schools Ambassador; Arnav - Digital Leader; Aren - Chief Librarian; Eco Council Leader - Aditya; Micah - Sports Ambassador and Eliot, Om and Kaiyan - Peer Mentors. In Year 6, Mathavan is our Music Lead, with Alex his Deputy and Barnaby, Ivan and Aaran are Digital Leaders. Congratulations, boys. We look forward to working with you.





# THIS WEEK

**Senior School Transfer Evening**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Secondary School Transfer Event on Wednesday. We are so grateful to the fantastic schools who came to meet our families including Berkhamsted, St Albans School, John Lyon, Haberdashers' Boys' School, Belmont Mill Hill, Merchant Taylors' School, St Margaret's School and Wetherby School. It was a wonderful afternoon full of advice, inspiration and exciting conversations about the next steps in our boys' educational journey. Thank you to our families for coming along and to all the senior schools for their support in making the event such a success.





Year 8 make memories at Night Under Canvas





Mrs Patel encouraged us to take part in the Moor Park run.



The turtles enjoyed their summer holiday!

Monday 8th September 2025  
My Trip to Greenwich

In the summer holidays I went to Greenwich to visit The Royal Prime Meridian line and the O2. One thing I really enjoyed was the walk to the Royal Observatory.

My Mum, Sister and I were walking through the blistering heat of Greenwich trying to reach The Royal Observatory, and now I am going to write about it!

The climb to The Royal Observatory in Greenwich is a pilgrimage of sorts, a journey from the earthly bustle of Greenwich Park to a point where time itself seems to be born. The path climbs with a gentle but persistent will, as the air grows thinner and the city sounds fading everything turns into a soft hum.

At the summit, the view unfolds like a love letter to London, a magnificent panorama of history and modernity. The serpentine Thames weaves like a silver thread through the urban tapestry. To one side, the gleaming spires of Canary Wharf stand as monuments to ambition. To the other, the stone dome of St Paul's Cathedral whispers tales of centuries past.

Everybody was suspended between the grand old city and the audacious new on standing on the Prime Meridian line. This is not just a physical line on the ground; it's an invisible boundary that divides into the eastern and western halves. Standing here, with one foot in each hemisphere is like a symbolic act that connects you to the entire globe. It is the birthplace of the Greenwich Mean Time and the reference point for all global longitudes. It's a moment of stillness, in the endless flow of time, a place where you can feel the weight of history while standing at the very centre of the world's timekeeping.

What a wonderful description - Well Done!



Deputy Head's Award for excellence

Keen to start a new day ...



# We loved wearing our Jeans for Genes on Friday



Squirrels



Robins



Badgers



Ladybirds



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Lambs



Otters



Owls



# Year 1 STEM club built natural shelters

Our Year 1 STEM club had a fantastic time this week as they became structural engineers for a super session outdoors. The boys worked in pairs to design and build shelters for small characters, exploring how different materials and shapes can create a strong, stable structure. They used a variety of natural resources, from sticks and leaves found in Nature's Classroom, to wood chips, charred logs and pits in the ground. The boys were very proud to showcase their shelters.





# Supporting Jeans for Genes

We all came to school wearing jeans today to support the charity “Jeans for Genes” who raise money to support people affected by a genetic condition. The monies raised provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and for hosting events where children and families who have been affected by these conditions can come together and make friends.



Oak



Willow



Beech

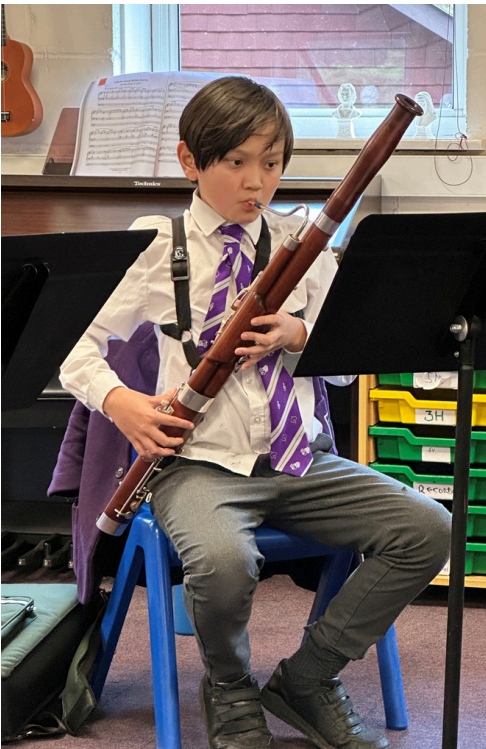


Pine



# Our brand new Wind Quartet

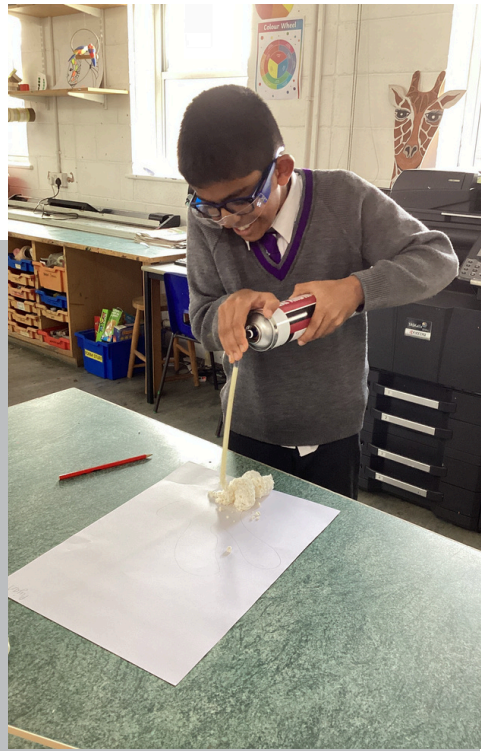
On Thursday, the St John's Wind Quartet enjoyed their first rehearsal. Playing ensemble music requires special listening and counting skills. Our talented musicians made great progress during this first session. You will be able to hear them play together in the autumn concert.





# Imaginative creative opportunities in Art

Year 3 had fun experimenting with glow-in-the-dark paints under UV light. Year 5 have been learning about the artist Gustav Klimt and also enjoyed using spray foam to create seaweed sculptures. Year 6 have been working with clay to create their own sculptures this week.





# Enjoying badminton after school

Year 1 and 2 boys had a wonderful time learning the basics of badminton with coach Darbar from Gala Academy. Using colourful balloons to make the game fun and friendly, our youngest pupils developed their coordination and confidence while enjoying lots of laughter along the way. This engaging session is part of our extensive co-curricular programme, giving children the chance to explore new skills in a playful and supportive environment.





# Introducing our 1<sup>st</sup> team footballers

Our talented 1st X1 footballers kicked off their season with a strong performance in their opening match against MTP, led by Captain Micah and Vice Captain Dev. Starting and finishing with great energy against a skilled side, the squad showed plenty of promise and determination. We are excited for the season ahead and eager to see how far the team can grow and develop together.



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Year 4



Football and fitness training for Year 4





# ST JOHN'S

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Open Morning  
Friday 3 October 2025  
[www.st-johns.org.uk](http://www.st-johns.org.uk)





# ***Moor Park***

## ***Fun Run***

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
2025 11:45am



Save the Date - More  
Information in Monday  
Assembly

Merchant Taylors'  
School Rickmansworth  
HA6 2HT



Mount Vernon  
Cancer Centre  
Charity 