

## Sparking curiosity in Science



St John's boys are fascinated by the world around them. Their curiosity takes many forms, and has included the opportunity for Year 5 to enjoy cycling and overnight camping activities. Children have been inspired in their Science lessons this week, in classrooms, our laboratory and in our outdoor learning area. In Pre-Prep we are working hard on our numbers across the curriculum; and on literacy and reading skills, amongst lots of creative and play opportunities.

There were fabulous cakes and company at the Macmillan coffee morning earlier today. Many thanks to all those who donated and to the St John's Association for facilitating the event.

We look forward to welcoming prospective families to School next Friday for our Open Morning. In the meantime, we wish all the best to our Under 11 A team players who are representing the School at the MTP Football festival on Saturday.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Moor Park on Sunday – good luck to all runners and supporters!

From the  
Headmaster







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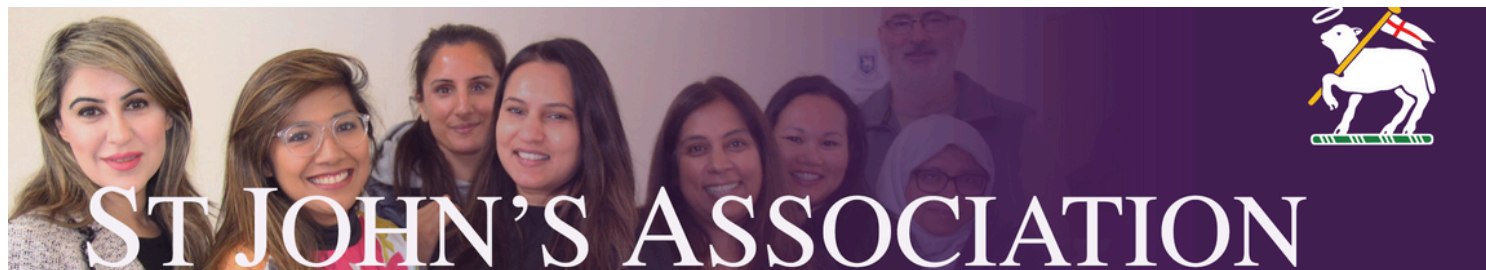
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Open Morning  
Friday 3 October 2025  
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## A delicious start to the day

This morning, parents gathered in the Norman Hall for tea, cakes and a catch-up with friends, all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising such an enjoyable occasion. The next SJA event is our legendary Fireworks Night on Thursday 7th November. Save the date - more information soon.

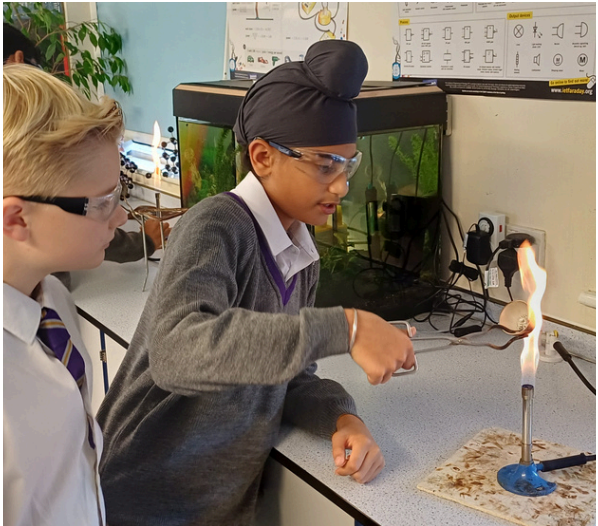






# A busy week in Science

Year 6 have been learning how to use the Bunsen Burner safely.







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Year five tested materials for stretchiness in the laboratory while Year 8 went outdoors to test the “speed equals distance divided by time” formula by running and throwing a ball.







The Year 4 boys took part in a 'trust walk' in their Outdoor Study Skills lesson to teach them the importance of integrity when guiding their blindfolded partner through the forest.



The Year 5 boys brought to life the magical moment from Tom's Midnight Garden when Tom discovers the enchanted garden after hearing the clock strike thirteen. Through drama, we explored how playwrights create time-shifts in playscripts and compared these techniques to the way time is presented in the novel.

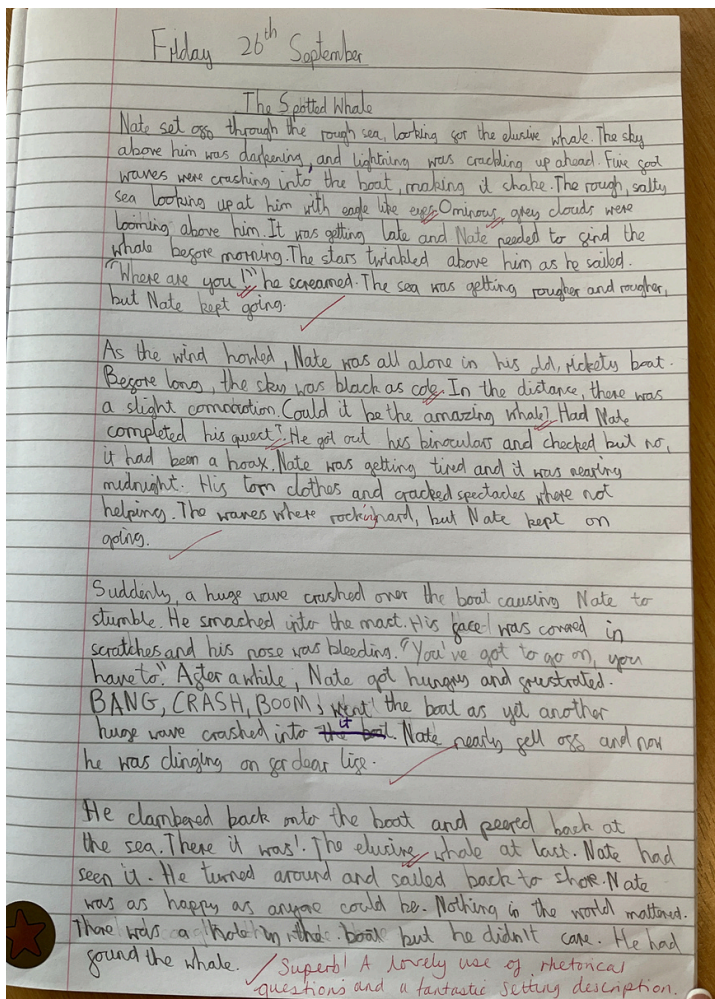




The sun sets over Year 5 camping



Jeans for Genes in the Eagles last week



Deputy Head's Award for Excellence - Presentation - Kayaan in Year 4



Science experiments with Mr Lawrence in Nature's Classroom - our Outdoor Learning area



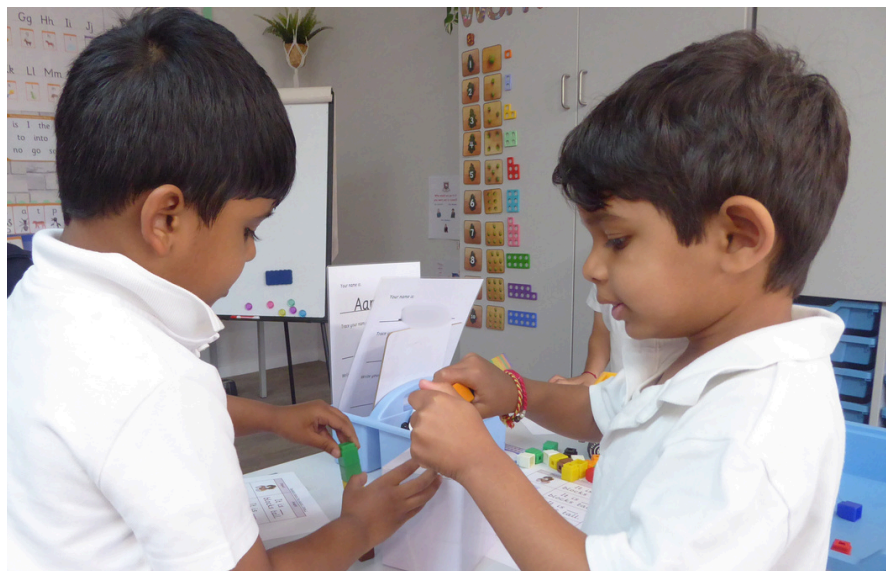
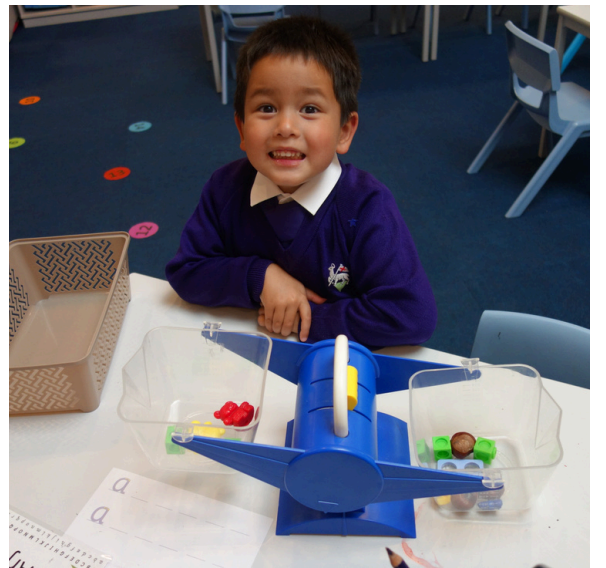
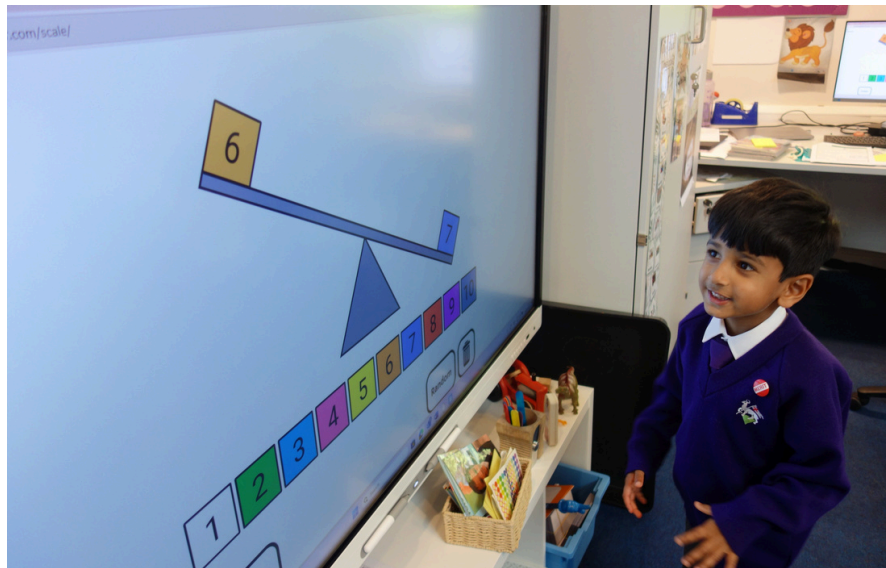


# Marvellous measuring in Reception

Reception have been getting hands-on in maths lessons, focusing on the marvellous world of measurement. Boys have become little mathematicians, using different tools and methods to explore concepts of size, mass, and capacity. They have had so much fun measuring various classroom objects, from books and building blocks to water bottles and teddy bears. They have been busy comparing which object is the longest or shortest, the heaviest or lightest, and which container holds the most or least water. What fun!





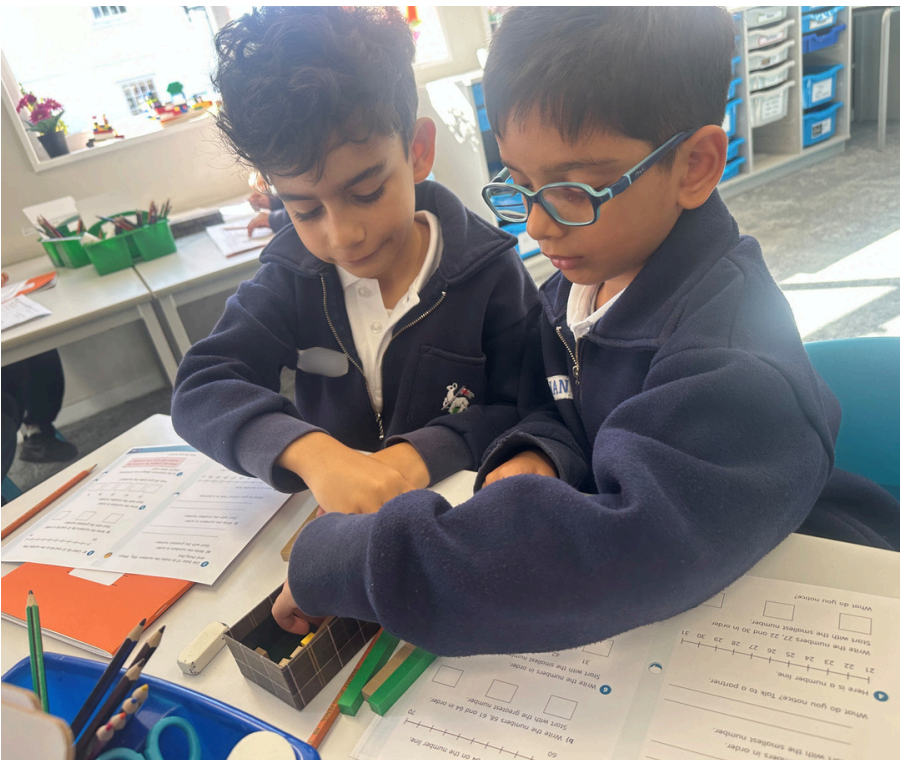
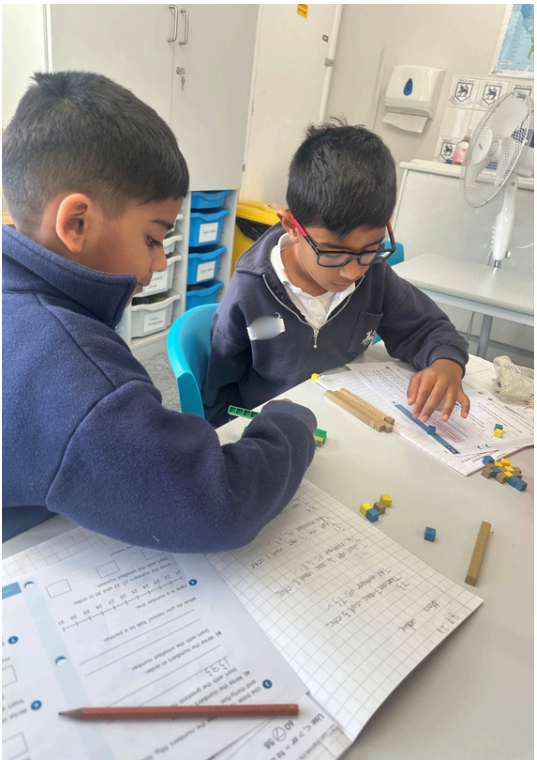






# The Badgers compared numbers

Year 2 have been learning how to order and compare numbers. We took it in turns to make different amounts and decided what was greater than or less than.







# Night and Day simulation in Year 2

The Eagles had fun exploring why we have day and night and investigating how the Earth moves.

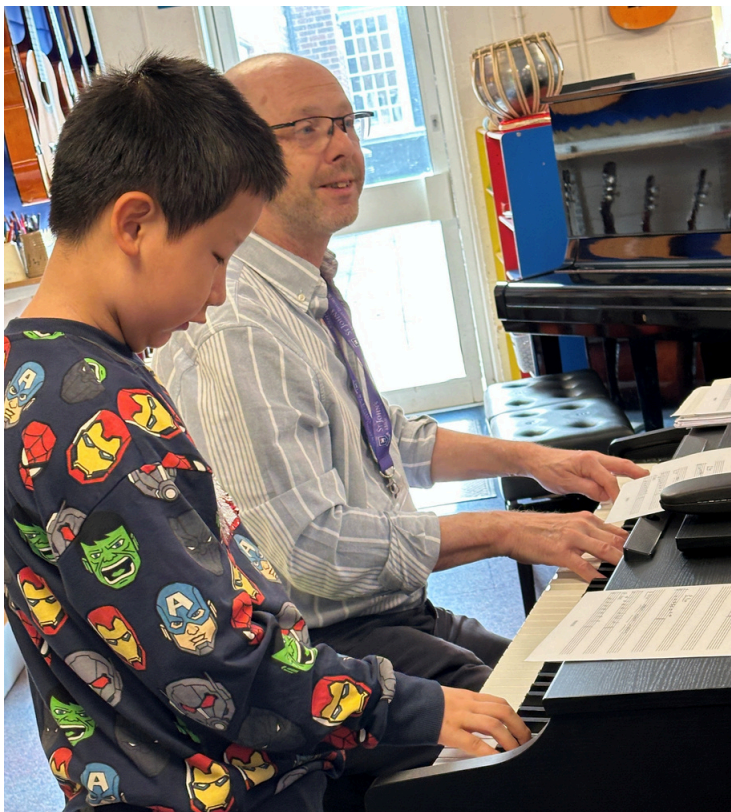






# St John's Big Band

Last Friday Mr Gathercole held the first rehearsal of our brand new Big Band. The boys were amazing, quickly getting the idea how to improvise and play together. Well done boys, we look forward to hearing you soon.







# Year 6 have been inspired by Monet

Year 6 have been creating lily pad clay sculptures as part of their art studies. They have been learning about Claude Monet, focusing in particular on his famous paintings of the water lilies and the Japanese bridge in his garden at Giverny. Ms Gillen can't wait to see the finished pieces. Well done boys!







# Well done to our Year 4 footballers

On Tuesday 23rd September, our Year 4 footballers took part in a triangular fixture at York House. It was a real pleasure to watch them in action and to see the fantastic progress they have made since last year. Their teamwork, skills, and confidence on the pitch have grown noticeably, and they played with great spirit throughout. A huge well done to the whole team!



Year 4 B & C teams



Year 4 D team



Year 4 A team





# ***Moor Park***

## ***Fun Run***

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



Save the Date - More  
Information in Monday  
Assembly

Merchant Taylors'  
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Mount Vernon  
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**SJA PRESENTS**

**2025**

**FIREWORKS  
NIGHT**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

 Food |  Drinks |  Fun

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

This Event is Managed and Supported by  
**St John's Association**