



From the  
Headmaster

It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families to our Open Morning earlier today. Our Senior boys were excellent tour guides. We announced more roles of responsibility for these boys this week, which offer leadership opportunities and help to develop the confidence they need as they prepare to move to their senior schools. The Moor Park Fun Run was a joyful occasion last Sunday. St John's runners enjoyed connecting with our local community at Merchant Taylors', raising money for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. Year 5 have enjoyed another "Night Under Canvas" adventure in our grounds, while Year 4 travelled to the Chiltern Open Air Museum for their adventure. Our younger learners have been inspired by the colours of the rainbow, curious about their shadows and creativity was sparked by a Kathak dance class for Reception, kindly led by Leo's Mum. The football season is now well underway. Among the highlights this week were the first win of the season for the 1st XI, a fantastic performance from the U11A team at the MTP football tournament last weekend and the first home matches for Year 3.

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## Boys are inspired by Maths challenges around school







# Positions of responsibility

The Headmaster announced more roles of responsibility in assembly this week. Congratulations to our Peer Mentors; Votes for Schools, Charities, Sports, Drama, DT&E, and Reading Ambassadors; Librarians and Eco Council members.







# More positions of responsibility







# Enjoying a practical Maths lesson

The Year 5 boys worked in pairs to search for 3D shapes around the School grounds.





## Year 5 Microadventures







A great time was had by all



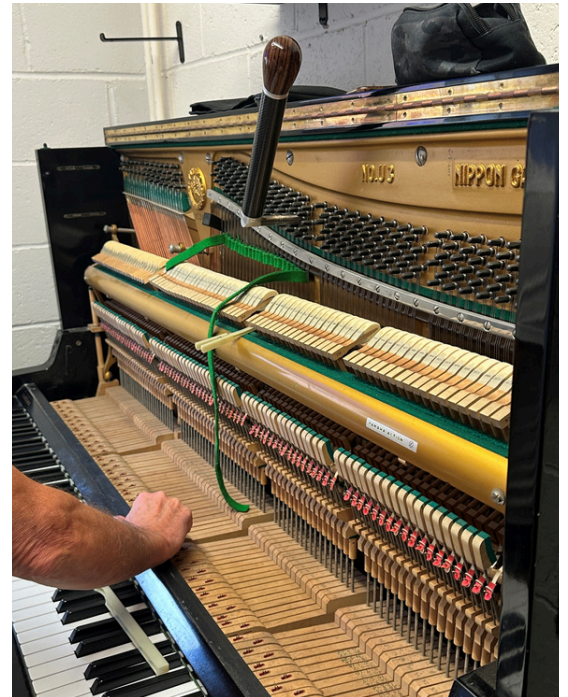
All smart and ready for school the next morning







Enjoying a break in the Wellbeing Garden



Our pianos were tuned last week



Deputy Head's Award for Excellence - Hari Yr 6



As part of our ongoing staff Inset Programme, this week we were lucky enough to welcome our guest speaker Aimee Cave. Aimee is an additional needs and Neurodiversity expert. She delivered a thoughtful, informative and inspiring presentation on ADHD.





The Headmaster celebrated Rosh Hashanah in Pre-Prep and Prep assemblies



Rev Fields' recent assembly was on the theme of ships and their journeys, with a focus on the significance of their flags and the positive power of flags.



There was a warm welcome at Open Morning today. Thank you to the SJA and our catering team for their support.





# All the colours of the rainbow

The Lambs had lots of fun finding objects from the classroom to help us build our very own enormous rainbow. We have been working on fine motor skills using our hands to make rainbows with clay. The boys have been busy painting with sponges and cotton buds to create beautiful rainbows, carefully selecting all the colours they need. It has been a very colourful week in Lambs!







# Leo's Mum leads a dance class

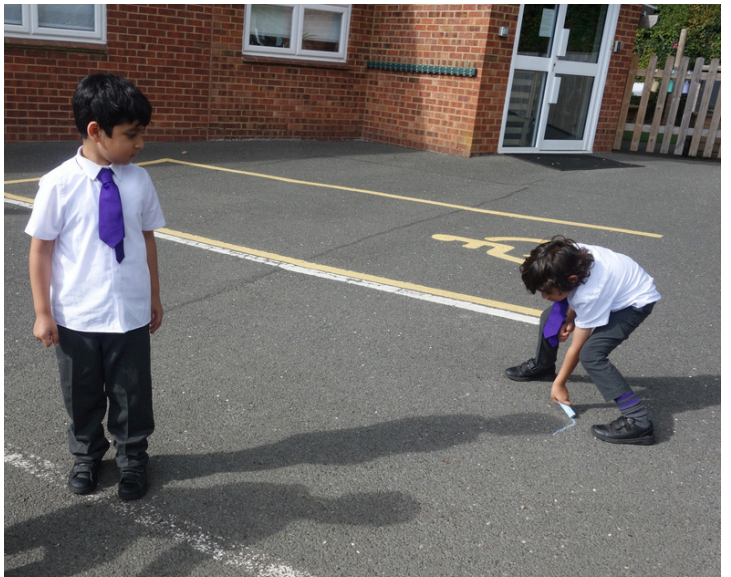
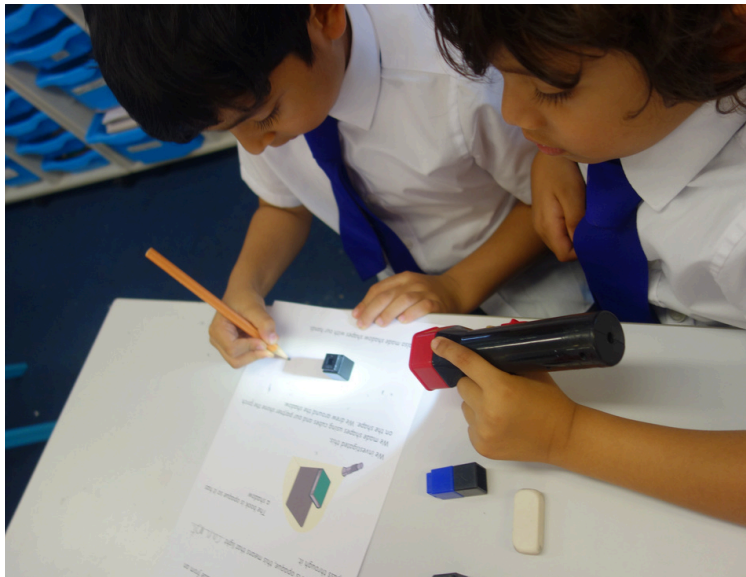
Reception were delighted to have a visit from Leo's mum on Monday. Mrs Tillu ran a Kathak workshop for the boys. Kathak is a classical dance style from India and Pakistan, so it fitted perfectly with our International Studies. Mrs Tillu explained what her dance movements meant and we all had a go at making rhythms with our hands and feet. A fun afternoon!





## Me and my shadow

In Science, Year 1 have been exploring shadows as part of their 'Light and Dark' topic.







# Time travel for our Year 4 boys

Our Year 4 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum was a thrilling, hands-on journey back in time. Our day began when we met a Celtic tribe leader, who wasted no time putting our boys to work! They eagerly embraced traditional skills: making clay pots, churning butter, milling flour and making flatbreads. In the afternoon, the boys travelled back to the modern day and became archaeologists, where they carefully dug for and meticulously pieced together broken artefacts. These photos capture the muddy hands, concentration and fun of our journey through time.







# Class music-making in Juniors

Year 3 have begun their recorder lessons and Year 4 are learning the Ukelele. You can look forward to hearing them all play in their first public performance at the Carol Service in December.



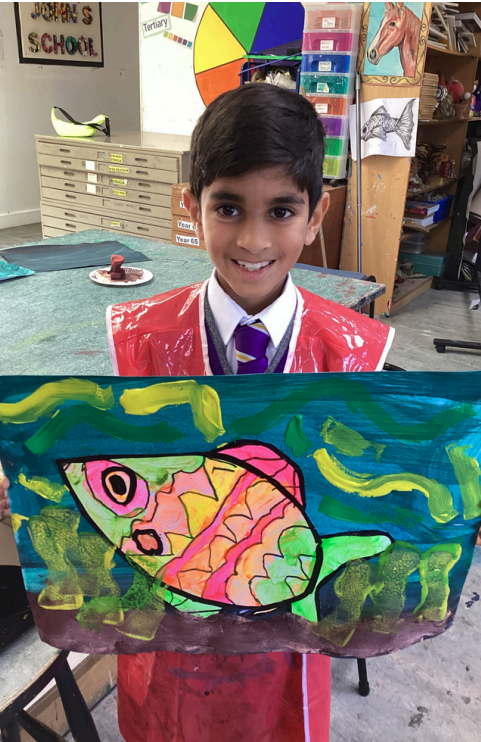




# ART

## A watery week in Art

Year 3 students have been adding the finishing touches to their glow-in-the-dark fish paintings. Year 4 have been creating sea life creatures to place on their tinted and shaded backgrounds, while Year 6 have been varnishing their clay lily sculptures.







# Moor Park Fun Run success

St John's Pre-Prep and Juniors turned out in tremendous numbers with their families to enjoy the Sunday morning charity run. We were delighted to see some familiar faces returning to continue the fine tradition they started here. Every runner showed huge determination – and plenty of smiles – while the PE Department (Mr Spackman, Mr Kruger, and Mr Smith) led by example, tackling the 10k course themselves!







# Siblings enjoyed the event together ...



Old Boy Luca won the Under 15 race. Well done Luca!







# U11A resilience at MTP Football Festival

The U11A team delivered a fantastic performance at the Merchant Taylors' Prep School Football Tournament, competing with determination and grit against a series of strong opponents. Throughout the day, the boys displayed impressive resilience, teamwork, and a never-give-up attitude. A special mention goes to Darsh, who was named Man of the Match for his outstanding goalkeeping across multiple games—his heroic saves kept the team in contention time and time again.



A happy reunion with Logan at Aldenham!





# Other news in Sport



We recently conducted an in-depth post-match analysis session with our Year 6 team, giving the players a valuable opportunity to review their game footage and reflect on their performances.



Moor Park medals



These Year 4 classmates, enjoyed a tennis tournament at the weekend, but were a little sad to miss the Moor Park run.



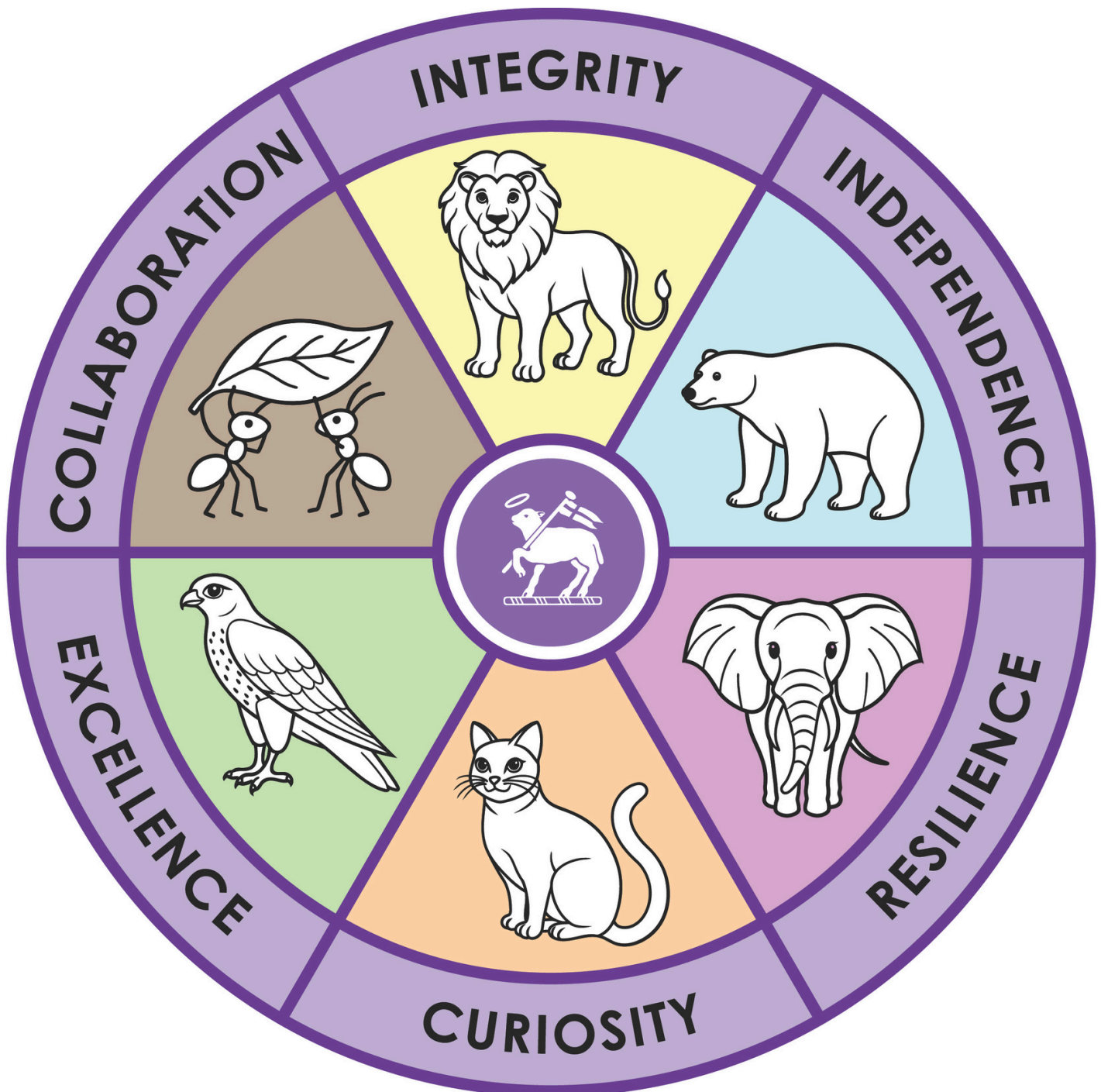
Year 4 PE lesson





# Language of Learning at St John's

Our new Language of Learning at St John's is an integral part of our teaching and learning across the School as we aim to develop well-rounded, happy, compassionate, and successful boys. We will focus on one of our core values each half term, starting with Integrity.







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NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

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