

Hark the Herald Angels Sing



Welcome to the final 2025 edition of The Lamb, at the end of what has been a busy and successful term. It was a pleasure to welcome large numbers of parents, and the broader community to our wonderful Carol Service at Emmanuel Church on Monday evening. In addition to Christmas lunches, House quizzes, parties and trips to the Panto, there has been much to celebrate in the sporting arena. Boys in Year 3-8 competed in our annual Cross Country races; and our U11s put in a series of fantastic performances in the Gayhurst Rugby Tournament over the weekend, amongst other super performances. Our Year 6 boys have also navigated the overwhelming majority of their secondary school tests, and have been really well-focused and highly driven throughout the term, whilst also being supportive of each other, good-humoured, and balanced in their approach to School life.

The next Lamb will be published on Friday 16th January. I would like to wish all St John's families, teachers and support staff a happy, healthy and restful Christmas and also 'Hanukkah Sameach' to those celebrating.

From the
Headmaster





A wonderful Carol Service

On Monday evening we held our annual Carol Service at Emmanuel Church. Boys from Years 3 to 8 narrated the Christmas story in bible passages and poems. Chamber Choir and Senior Choir led the singing and the Year 3 and 4 choirs sang beautifully. Many thanks to the clarinetists, our oboist, flautist and pianists who performed seasonal musical interludes.





THIS WEEK





Year 8 travelled back in time to 1940

Last Friday, Year 8 took part in an enrichment day studying the Battle of Britain and the reasons for the success of the Royal Air Force. As part of this they visited the 11 Group Operations Bunker in Uxbridge, which gave great insights into how the Luftwaffe was intercepted effectively in the summer of 1940. The tour was a real highlight and the boys were a credit to the School.



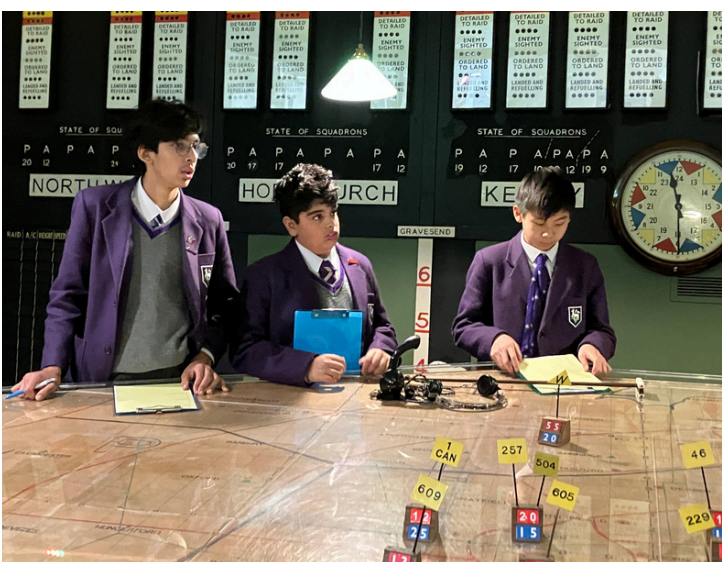


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THIS WEEK



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Making crystal Christmas trees in Science

Year 6 have been getting festive by making crystal Christmas trees! We used a supersaturated solution from recycled cold packs to form the icicles and used blotting paper and food colouring to make the trees and the designs. It's a fun science project that you can easily do at home.





Christmas Jumper Day was great fun!

Christmas Jumper Day is an annual treat at St John's. Yesterday the jumpers were colourful and cosy; Senior cross-country was both challenging and invigorating; Christmas lunch was delicious and we all learnt lots of new facts during the traditional House Quiz, which was won by Oates. We had a fabulous day and raised £221.13 for Save the Children. Merry Christmas everyone!



Thank you for a delicious lunch and for looking after us all throughout the year.







Thanks to the SJA for the ever popular tuck shop!

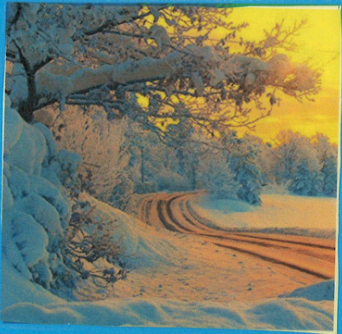


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Mr Russo would like to celebrate work completed by boys in Year 6. In Humanities, Aaron has produced an excellent cartoon version explaining the story of Ramayana, and Reuben has written a creative poem describing a wintry scene. Although presented very differently, both boys have presented their work brilliantly and, even in the thick of 11+ assessments, are producing excellent work in non-examination areas. Well done boys.

Mr Russo

Tuesday, 11 November
 Lo: To understand the story of the Ramayana



Air as freezing as ice brushes our cheeks.
 Fresh air smelling like roasted chestnuts and vanilla candles.
 Dense snow mounds camping on the trees' arms.
 Gentle chirps cutting through the silent winter's day.
 In the distance, trees as bare as skeletons covered in crunchy, powdery and drifts snow.
 Walking down the pathway, eating marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate.
 Black tyre marks marking their place.
 Fluffy snow blanketed the green grass.
 I want to sprint onto the fresh, fluffy and freezing snow.

Rajawali



Listening carefully to a microphone briefing from Mr Russo



I did my best award



We will miss you Theo



Mrs Roberts leaves us today after 12 years teaching at St John's . We wish you all the best for the future and thank you for everything



Christmas Jumpers







Christmas Party time in the Pre-Prep





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Learning about Hanukkah

Pre-Prep boys loved learning about Hanukkah. They explored the story of the miracle of the oil, discovering how one day's supply burned for eight nights. They also enjoyed making their own colourful menorahs, proudly sharing their creations while gaining an understanding of this special festival of light and hope.





Learning about Hanukkah

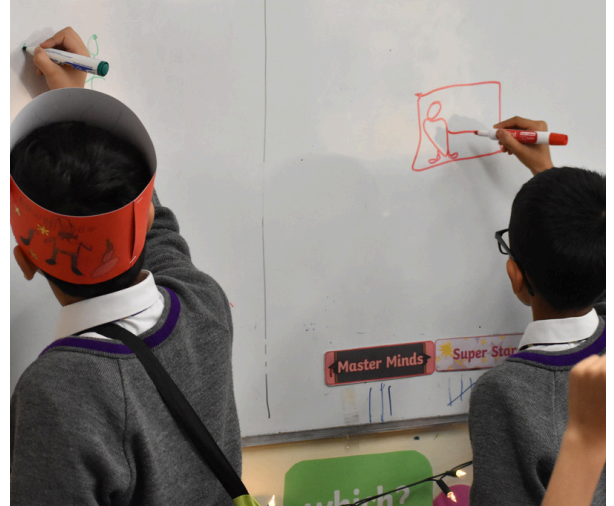




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Party time in the Juniors

The festive season arrived in style in the Junior block earlier this week with our much anticipated annual Christmas party. The Juniors have worked incredibly hard throughout the term and this festive celebration was a perfect reward for their efforts - a fun-filled and well- deserved end to a fantastic term. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!





Christmas fun in the Juniors





Carols in the car park

Thanks to the efforts of our choirs and your generosity, we raised £230.52 for our School Charity, Therapy Dogs Nationwide, by carol singing in the car park after school on Wednesday. Thank you for supporting us.





Merry Christmas from the Art Room

Lots of festive activities have taken place in the art room this week: 3D reindeer, elf jack-in-the-boxes, delicious candy cane drawings, chalky snowmen, and wintry rooftop collages.





Splendid work boys!



Testing our suspension bridges to see if they will support a load is a nail biting moment

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Junior House cross-country

On Tuesday, the boys in Years 3 and 4 took part in the much-anticipated House cross-country competition. The boys showed determination and camaraderie throughout the event, with wet ground underfoot but clear, refreshing conditions to run in. In the Year 4 competition, Millen ran superbly to take a dominant win. In the Year 3 race, Dylan Kemp was the standout performer, finishing as the top Year 3 runner, with several other Year 3 boys impressively pushing our strong Year 4 runners. Well done to all the participants for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship!





Junior House cross-country



Still smiling



Leading from the front



All houses in action



Every score counts



Senior House cross-country

The Senior cross-country rounded off 2025 in fantastic style. With the course wet underfoot but the weather clear, the boys tackled the route with determination and good humour, making it a memorable event. In the Year 5 & 6 race, Reuben was exceptionally dominant, taking control of the race early and finishing with real authority. In the Year 8 race, Micah led the way brilliantly, setting a strong pace and running with great composure to secure the win. Many thanks to the ground staff for preparing the course and to all staff for running the event so smoothly. Well done for a fantastic term of sport.





Senior cross-country





Thank you Mrs Bourne for leading the way as the hare



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