

## Happy New Year from us all!



Staff and boys alike have enjoyed a strong start to the term, both in the classroom and in the broad range of extra-curricular clubs on offer. Working towards personal goals, seeking new challenges, and developing skills and knowledge are characteristics all St John's boys are encouraged to embrace. Friendships blossomed between very oldest and youngest boys when Year 8 read to the Nursery this morning. Outdoors, boys in our cross country teams from Years 3 to 8 showed lots of resilience in challenging and muddy cross country competitions at York House this week. In this edition of The Lamb, we introduce our new Chair of the SJA team, Sigita Ranger. I am very grateful to Sigita for taking on this role and I encourage you to consider volunteering to help your school community if you can. I wish you all a restful weekend.

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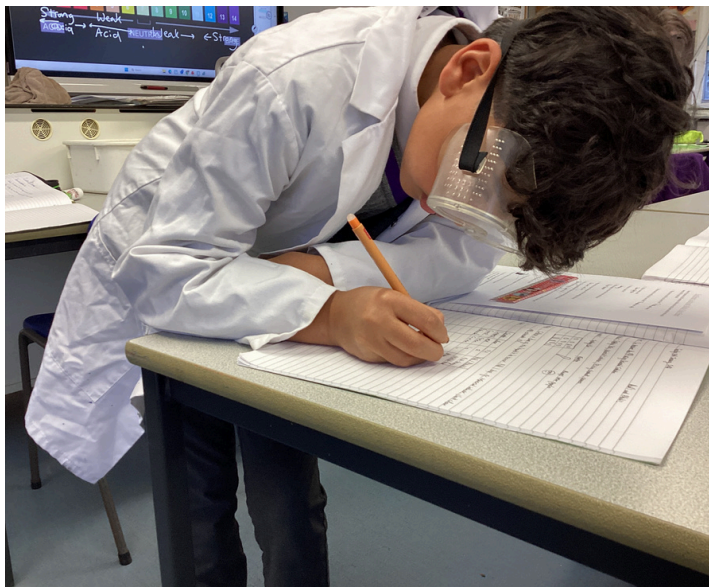
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# Year 6 have been enjoying science practicals

The boys in Year Six have been studying Acids and Alkalis in their science lessons. They have been using an indicator to measure the pH of liquids such as lemon juice and washing up liquid. They were surprised to find how acidic and alkaline some everyday liquids were!







Bebras Gold - these boys (and Aaron O) finished in the top 10 percent nationally in computer-based problem solving.



The first Silver House Point Awards of the Year



Our librarians presented an excellent assembly on all the library has to offer





# Welcoming a new member of staff

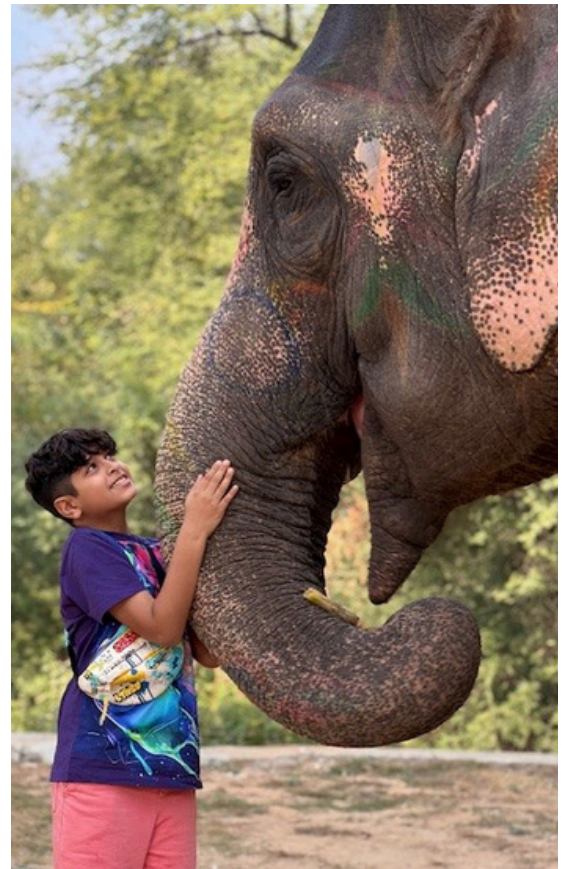


**Miss R. Hill - Nursery Teacher**

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Nursery Teacher at St John's School. I have ten years of teaching experience, six spent working overseas and three teaching in Pinner, specialising in the Early Years Foundation Stage. My six years in Vietnam helped me develop a broad skill set, a deep appreciation for diverse cultures, and a flexible, reflective approach to teaching that I bring to the classroom every day. My teaching style is rooted in a nurture-based approach. I believe children learn best when they feel safe, supported and curious, and I am passionate about creating joyful learning experiences that encourage confidence, independence and a love of discovery. I already feel incredibly welcome at St John's and truly feel part of the school family. An interesting fact about me: my dog travelled halfway around the world to join me in London - a big adventure that mirrors my own journey into this exciting new chapter.



Year 8 enjoyed their Secret Santa before Christmas



Veer meets the elephant of resilience at a sanctuary in Rajasthan





Aarav in Year 5 was a finalist in the Merchant Taylors' Photography competition. The theme was "Strength."



Hudson in Year 3 was also a finalist in the extremely competitive photography competition. Very well done!

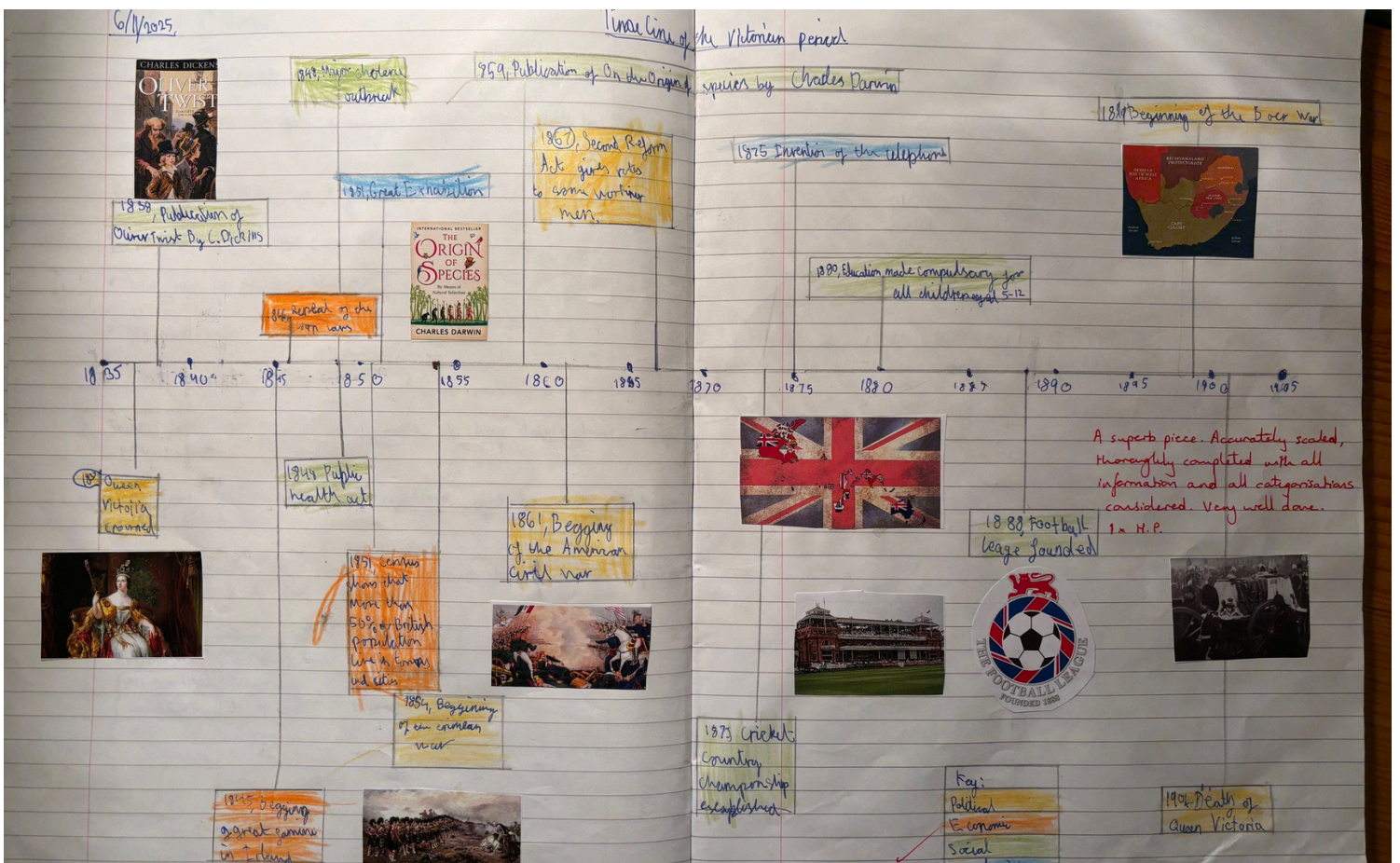




Older boys formed an impromptu band and created some good music using the outdoor instruments



This term's value - Independence



Deputy Head's Award for Excellence - Hargun in 6D for his wonderful Victorian timeline





Clubhouse Breakfast and Clubhouse Tea has been a lovely experience for children of all ages who have enjoyed the games, snacks and staff company before and after school.



We all love to read!



Beautiful winter morning scenes







## Otters and Owls PE

Otters and Owls have enjoyed learning new skills during PE. Working with a partner in gymnastic lessons meant some strong balances were achieved.







# Wintery exploration for The Lambs







# Roman presentations

During the holiday, the boys conducted in-depth research into the fascinating world of the Romans, culminating in a series of impressive presentations this week. Their reports covered the discipline of the Roman Army, the rigors of ancient schooling and the vibrant social scenes found in public baths and entertainment venues like the Colosseum. To round off the project, they explored the Roman palate, contrasting everyday staples with the more unusual delicacies of Roman cuisine.

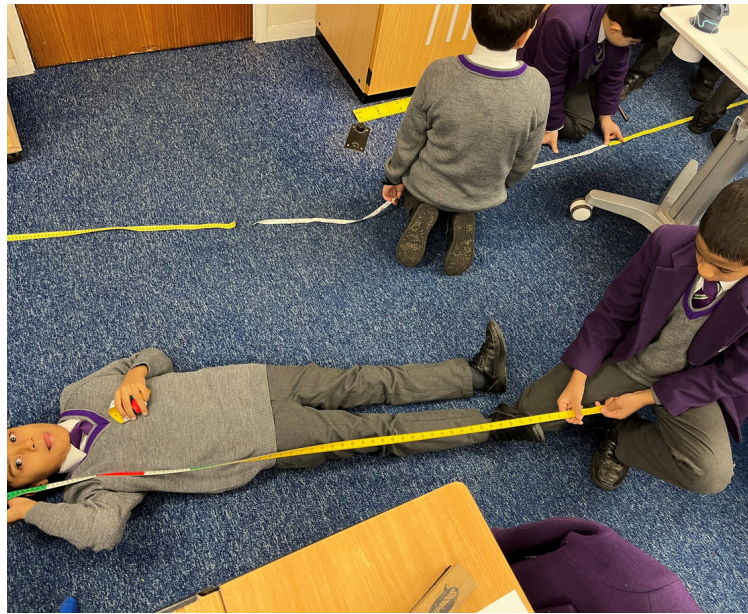






# Surveying the screen in Maths...

Year 4 enjoyed practical work in Maths, measuring perimeters, including themselves, the board and even the classroom.







# A busy week in the Art Room

Year 3 have been learning about abstract art; Year 4 have started creating their Roman shields; Year 5 are getting ready for Chinese New Year; Year 6 are building tables and Year 8 are finishing off their hand-sewn logo cushions.







# Cross country

Our Year 5, 6 & Year 8 cross country teams had a great afternoon at York House where we took part in a challenging and competitive course. Reuben had our best finish position of both races, with all boys digging deep and representing their school admirably.







# Under 9 cross-country debut

Our Under 9 (Years 3 & 4) cross-country team took part in their first match this week in very wet and muddy conditions. The boys showed great determination and resilience throughout. Millen finished an excellent 3rd overall, with Dylan (Year 3) placing 8th and Aiden finishing 11th out of a field of around 60 runners. A fantastic display of character — we are very proud of all the boys.



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

FOR GIRLS	FOR BOYS
Monday – Netball	Monday – Rugby
Tuesday – Hockey	Tuesday – Hockey
Wednesday – Football	Wednesday – Football
Thursday – Football	Thursday – Football
Friday – Court Sports	Friday – Court Sports

**DISCOUNTS:**

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St John's  
Y6 Football League

*GAMENEWEEK 2*

**NEXT**

**FIXTURES**



VS



**MONDAY 10:52**



VS



**TUESDAY 10:52**



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**WEDNESDAY 10:52**

**GAMES WILL END  
AT 11:10**



The Year 6 Breaktime Football League is now underway, with some competitive matches to kick off the season. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the term for the overall winning team, top scorer, most assists and most clean sheets. Good luck to all boys involved.



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MERCHANT TAYLORS'  
SCHOOL

# St John's Clubhouse Adventures

Fun friendly holiday care this February half term

Clubhouse Adventures is a relaxed, activity filled holiday club in a familiar school setting. Children will enjoy a range of fun activities, games and creative play with the experienced Clubhouse team.

✓ **Monday 16 – Thursday 19 February (inclusive)**

✓ **9am – 4pm**

✓ **Welcomes children from all schools**

✓ **Breakfast available, subject to demand**

✓ **Bring a nut free packed lunch**

✓ **Limited places available**

*Book by 23 January to secure your space.*

Join the  
fun for  
£65 per  
day



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## A message from the new Chair of the SJA

My name is Sigita, and I am absolutely delighted to be writing to you as the new Chair of the SJA. As we begin a new term, I would like to say a big welcome back to all our St John's families — it's wonderful to have everyone together again. I also want to say a huge thank you for the fantastic support and brilliant turnout at Fireworks Night. It was such a fun evening and a real celebration of the strong, happy community we share at St John's.



### WHO WE ARE

For those who may be new, the SJA is the St John's Association — a team of parents, just like you, who volunteer their time alongside work and family life to help bring our school community together. We organise much-loved events such as Fireworks Night, Quiz Night, Charity Day and the Summer Fun Day. The funds raised cover the cost of these events and allow us to invest in exciting projects that enrich school life for the boys.

### WHAT WE DO FOR THE BOYS

A few years ago, thanks to your generosity, the Tree House was created for the the younger boys. Last year, we were also able to create Nature's Classroom — a fantastic outdoor learning space that is already being enjoyed regularly. This year, we're excited to focus on improving outdoor play experiences for our older children.



### OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

At its heart, the SJA is about connection — bringing parents, staff and pupils together, strengthening friendships, and making St John's a place where every family feels welcome, involved and proud to belong. We know how special this sense of community is, and we're committed to keeping it thriving through inclusive events, shared ideas and teamwork.





# ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

## We would love your support!

We would love your support — whether that's joining the SJA team, helping out at events, or sharing new ideas and suggestions. We're especially keen to invite parents from the younger year groups, but everyone is warmly welcomed. Every little bit of involvement makes a real difference. If you'd like to get involved, please do get in touch [Sigita\\_sja@hotmail.com](mailto:Sigita_sja@hotmail.com)



Looking ahead, we have a uniform sale planned on the 27th of February and we're already buzzing with excitement about our next event — the ever-popular St John's Quiz Night — so please save the date: 14 March 2026. We are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in sponsoring one of our events, including the upcoming Quiz Night. Please get in touch with us [Sigita\\_sja@hotmail.com](mailto:Sigita_sja@hotmail.com) if interested.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. There's lots more to come, and we can't wait to share it with you. I'm really looking forward to an exciting year ahead and all that we'll achieve together. Warmest wishes, Sigita Ranger, Chair, SJA Team





**SJA  
PRESENTS**

**Saturday  
14TH  
March**

# **90'S QUIZ NIGHT**

**GET YOUR BUCKET HATS ON!**



**B4 WIFI  
WE HAD WISDOM!**

**GET YOUR TEAMS  
TOGETHER TO TRY AND  
BEAT THE HEADMASTER'S  
TABLE!**

**TICKET DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW**

**▪ SPORTS HALL ▪  
▪ BAR OPEN FROM 7PM ▪  
▪ FOOD INCLUDED WITH TICKET ▪**





# Language of Learning at St John's

Our 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 focus on one of our core values each half term. We launched this half term's core value (Independence) in assembly. Lawrence House boys talked to us about what Independence is and gave us strategies to develop our independence. Mrs Bourne gave the boys a bingo card challenge (below), with nine independent tasks to try either in school or at home throughout this half term.

Try a new hobby/ practise a new skill	Work hard to meet your targets and improve in a subject you find difficult	Share a passion/ hobby with your class in a form time
Visit a UK landmark that you haven't been to before	Go to a local Park Run	Prepare a 2 minute speech on a topic that is important to you
Research a topic that interests you and share your findings with your teacher	Sign up to a competition or event	Read a book by an author you have not read before