



Outstanding secondary school results!



Congratulations to all our Year 6 boys who have performed superbly in their secondary school assessments. We are delighted with the large number of successes and scholarship awards, and the fantastic range of choices that families have. These outstanding outcomes are testament to the boys' hard work and the support and teaching expertise of staff. We are very proud of every single boy. The boys celebrated by organising an entrepreneurial charity sale for the Juniors, as part of their PSHE studies.

There is plenty more to celebrate across the School at the end of this half term. The Lunar New Year has been marked in assemblies, vibrant music and colourful artwork; boys have explored ways to support their emotional wellbeing during Children's Mental Health Week; Pre-Prep parents enjoyed the inspiring final of the Pre-Prep poetry competition, and our rugby players have excelled in competitive matches, including at the Stone X stadium. I hope all boys, families and staff have a restful break.

From the
Headmaster





Year 6 PSHE Charity Sale

Year 6 showed awesome collaboration skills this week as they hosted a charity event for boys of Year 3 and 4. Our younger boys loved taking part in the sporting challenges, novelty activities and craft sale. We hope to have raised a good amount of money for our chosen charities which are: TeamSeas, Oddballs and The Dog's Trust.





Year 6 PSHE Charity Sale





THIS WEEK

This is My Place

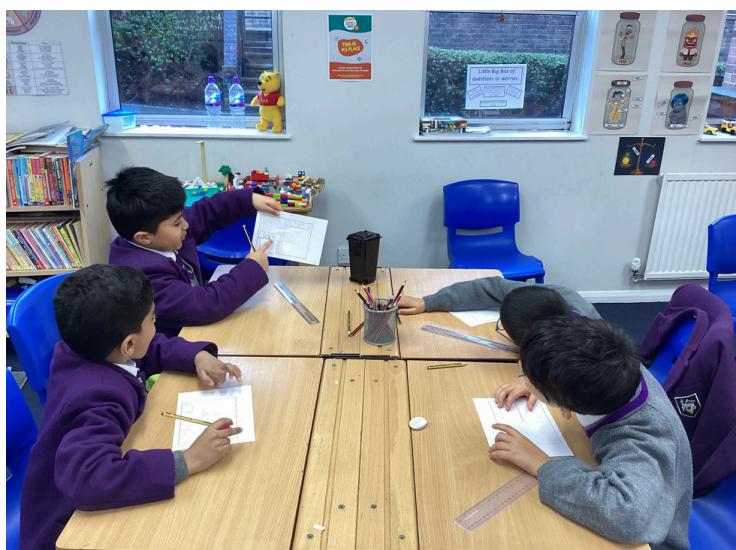
This week, we marked Children's Mental Health Week under the theme This Is My Place, focusing on the importance of belonging in school and the wider community. Through daily form-time activities, assemblies, stories and mindfulness, the boys explored ways to support their emotional wellbeing. There was also a lot of fun and laughter as the boys explored their new class wellbeing toolboxes, which are filled with practical strategies to help them feel calm and grounded. These shared experiences help to normalise discussions around mental health, ensuring the boys view emotional check-ins as a natural, everyday habit. By breaking down these barriers, we are empowering them to understand, express and manage their feelings with confidence and openness.





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Celebrating Lunar New Year

In assembly on Monday, Year 5 sang a Young Voices song for everyone and then 5C led the assembly on Chinese New Year. Boys showed off the colourful masks they have been making in Art.





THE **LEONARDO** *2026* CREATIVE COMPETITION

For boys in **Years 6 & 8**

Your challenge is to produce an original creative work in one of the following categories:

- 1) Creative Writing
- 2) Art & Design
- 3) Music, Dance, & Drama
- 4) Film, Animation, & Computing



This year's theme is

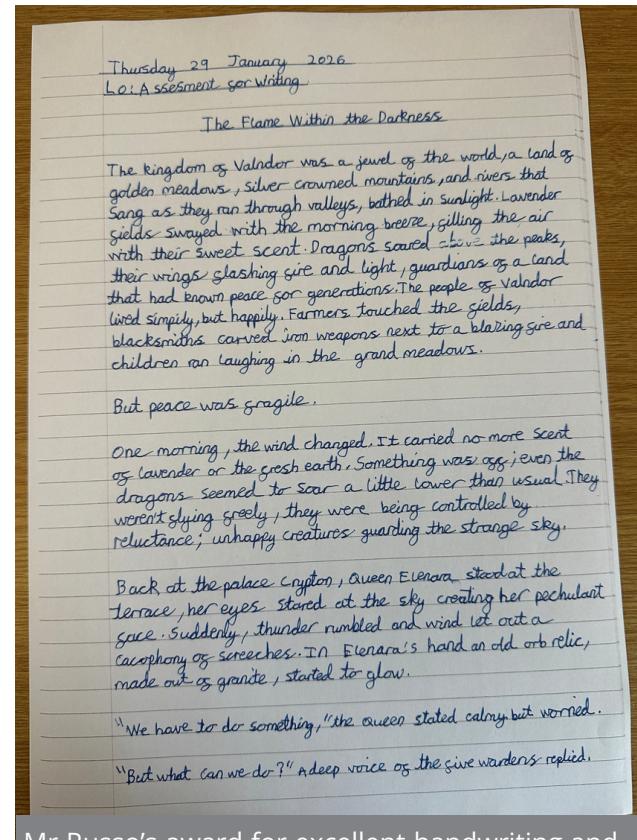
“Planet Earth”

Closing date:
Thursday 19th March 2026

There are prizes to be won, and every entry counts for your House – which House will show the most creativity?



Rain? What rain?



Mr Russo's award for excellent handwriting and wonderful creative writing - Avik in Year 6



Pre-Prep Poetry Competition 2026

February half-term once again saw the return of our much-anticipated Pre-Prep Poetry Competition. Every boy took part, memorising and performing a poem on a wide variety of topics, from jelly to homework. The standard in the preliminary rounds was exceptionally high, making it a real challenge to narrow down the finalists. In the end, three boys from each class were chosen to compete in the final. Mrs Cavanagh faced the tough task of selecting the class winners as well as the overall champion. Each finalist performed with confidence and clear expression. After much deliberation Mrs Cavanagh was unable to choose just one winner and eventually settled on Yohann from Eagles and Arjun from Robins as joint winners. Well done to all the boys for their dedication and outstanding performances!





"Spreading the love" in Nursery

This week, we have embraced the colours red, pink, and gold as the Lambs celebrate both Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day. We practised our chopstick skills, made paper lanterns, wrote Valentine's Day cards, and cut out paper hearts to share with our friends across the school. This was all part of our effort to 'spread the love' in support of Children's Mental Health Week.





Working with friends to learn about ourselves

Otters and Owls were given a selection of bones to cut out. They then had to work together to build their skeletons by sticking each bone in the correct place. Labelling the bones took time but teamwork paid off and soon a wonderful corridor of skeletons were on display in the Pre-Prep.





Learning about Lunar New Year

Pre-Prep learned about Lunar New Year and why it is celebrated. The children talked about the animal race alongside the different ways families celebrate. They watched lion and dragon dances and enjoyed making colourful dragon crafts together.

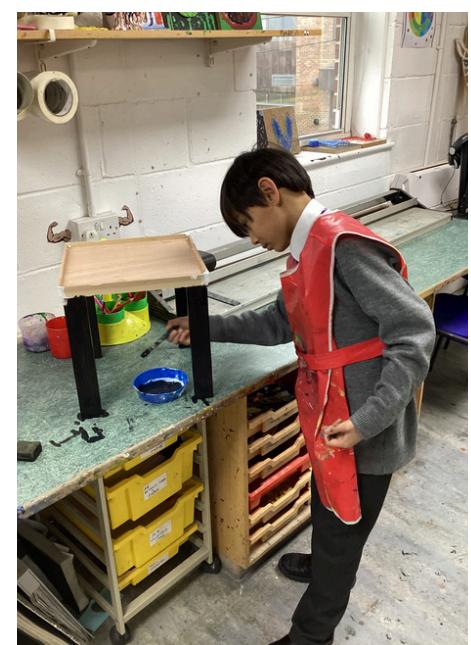
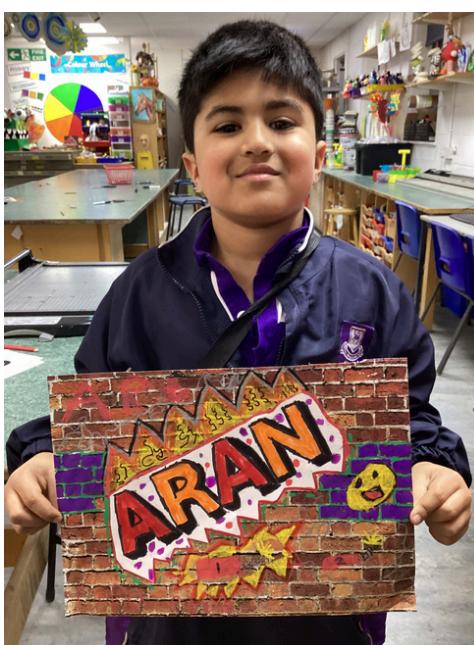




ART

Observing life carefully in the Art Room

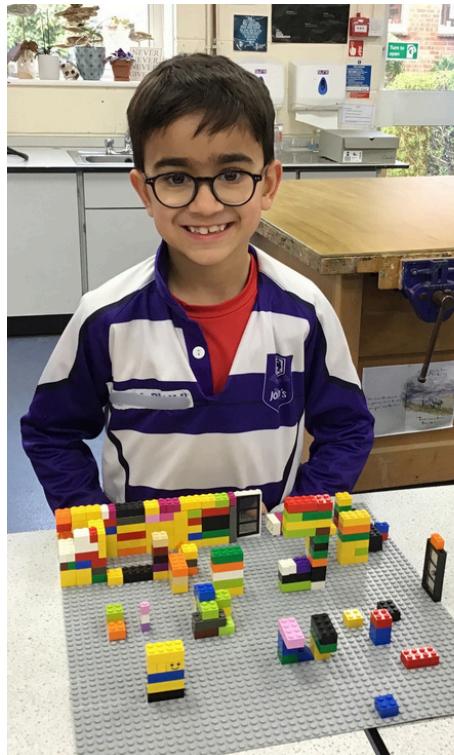
The boys in Junior Art Club have been learning about shadows. Year 4 have been drawing furry rabbits using biro, focusing on texture and shading. Year 5 have been finishing off their colourful cherry blossom prints, carefully developing their use of colour and composition. Year 6 have been working hard on designing and making their small coffee tables.

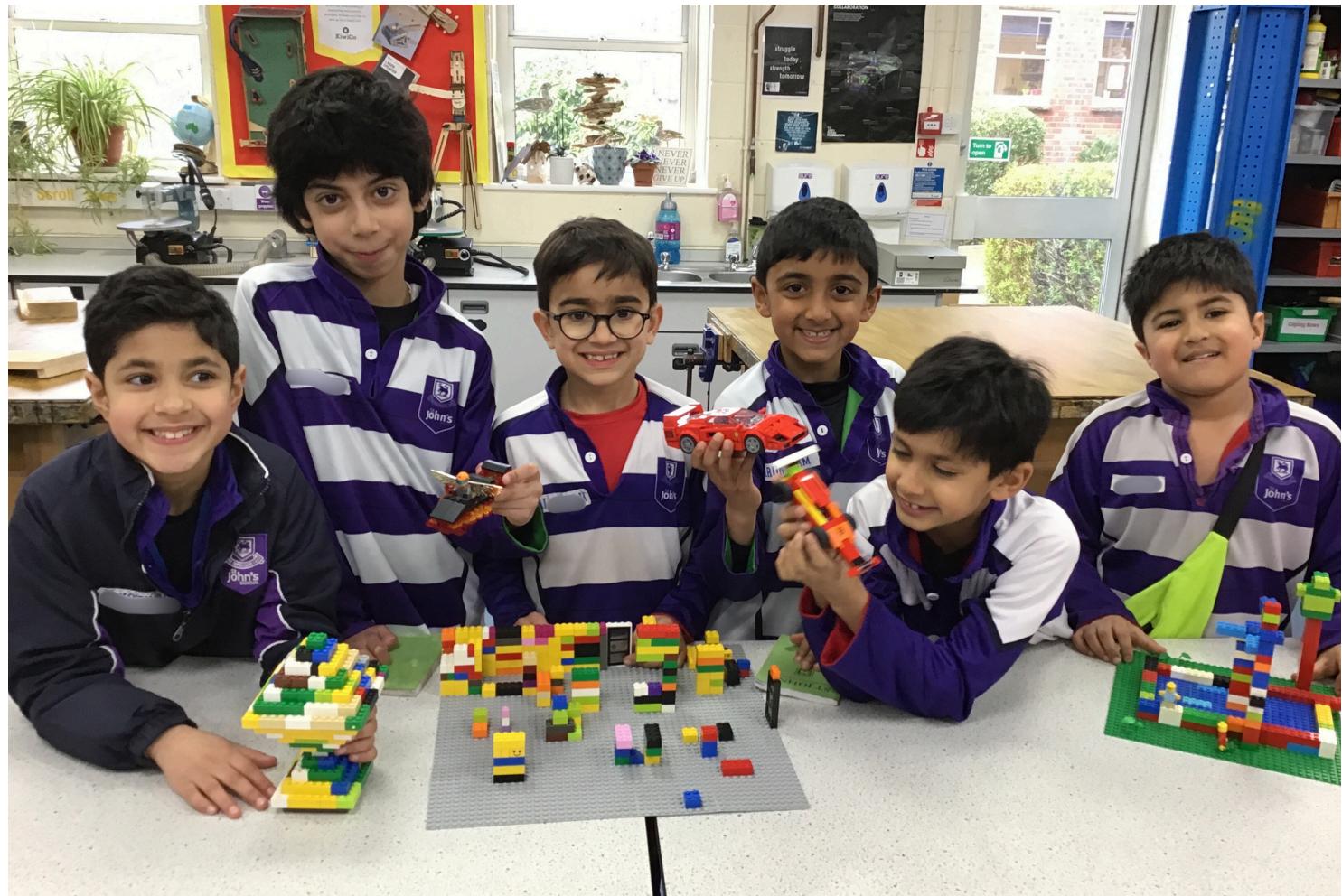




DT&E STEM Club

Our DT&E STEM Hero challenge this week was to become a Master Builder and design a kit of your own. Mrs McSween was delighted with the work which was submitted.





HANDS ON! MINDS ON! EDUCATIONAL CAMP FOR 5-13 YEAR OLDS

- Monday - a fun study of buildings and architecture
- Tuesday - Tune into the Winter Olympics while programming Sphero Bolt
- Wednesday - find out about Heath Robinson and his eccentric inventions. Make a chain reaction
- Thursday - Football related STEM
- Friday - Take a look at HS2 and build your own electric train to take home.
- Book early to avoid disappointment!

FEBRUARY 16TH - 20TH 2026, 9AM UNTIL 4PM

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, NORTHWOOD, HA5 3ZY

See our program and book on www.stemden.co.uk

Childcare Vouchers Accepted



Another busy week in the Sport Department



Four very successful matches against Orley Farm. A flood of tries and very worthwhile games against our excellent hosts, Orley Farm.

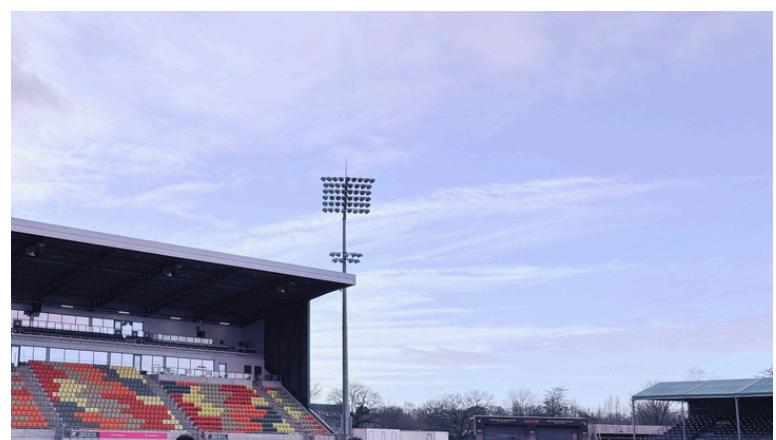


Year 3 played a lovely, if wet, triangular touch rugby fixture away against Lockers Park and Westbrook Hay. A thrilling set of games with all boys getting to run, pass and be a part of a team.



StoneX Stadium

This week, our U9 and U13 rugby players were treated to an unforgettable experience as they took to the field at StoneX Stadium, home of Saracens. With immaculate facilities and the thrill of walking through the tunnel onto the pitch as part of the match build-up, it was a truly special occasion and, most importantly, it was fantastic to see so many boys absolutely loving their rugby, which is what it is all about.





FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY –
FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

• FOR GIRLS •

Monday – Netball
Tuesday – Hockey
Wednesday – Football
Thursday – Football
Friday – Court Sports

• FOR BOYS •

Monday – Rugby
Tuesday – Hockey
Wednesday – Football
Thursday – Football
Friday – Court Sports

• DISCOUNTS:

- ★ 10% sibling discount
- ★ 3 DAYS: £7.50 OFF
- ★ 4 DAYS: £12.50 OFF
- ★ 5 DAYS: £25 OFF

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st John's Clubhouse Adventures

Fun friendly holiday care this February half term
 16-19 February 2026

Few places remaining!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dinosaur decorating Fishpond visit Ping-pong play Footy frenzy Ride, run & climb	Rocket crafting Garden Storytime Ping-pong play Tennis & racket skills Ride, run & climb	Valentine keyring Teepee Storytime Ping-pong play Forest exploring Ride, run & climb Play time	Valentine heart printing Oak tree adventures Ping-pong play Kick & Play Ride, run & climb



Booking for current parents via the booking tab in Involve:
<https://app.involveeducation.com>



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 and new
 enquiries
 booking form

SJA
PRESENTS

90'S QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday
14TH
March

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 ▪