

Our boys are loving their rugby



There have been some brilliant rugby performances this week, despite the weather. Boys of all ages are loving the challenge and rewards of this exciting team sport. It has been a pleasure to welcome parents to School, whether supporting our rugby players, celebrating the boys' creative work at the Art and DT&E Open Houses, or travelling to Wembley Arena to hear our Year 5 perform at the Young Voices event. Thank you, too, to parents Mrs Pau, Dr Jacob and Dr Khan for visiting the Pre-Prep to give our Reception boys a hands-on look at the world of healthcare. We have also launched an exciting creative competition for Years 6 & 8. The Leonardo Project gives children the opportunity to work independently towards a project or performance on the theme of 'Planet Earth'. We are looking forward to sharing their enthusiasm and to witnessing their unique ideas come to life. I look forward to welcoming you to our 'Digital Learning and Artificial Intelligence' event, next Thursday evening. All parents are welcome. Here's to a dry week end!

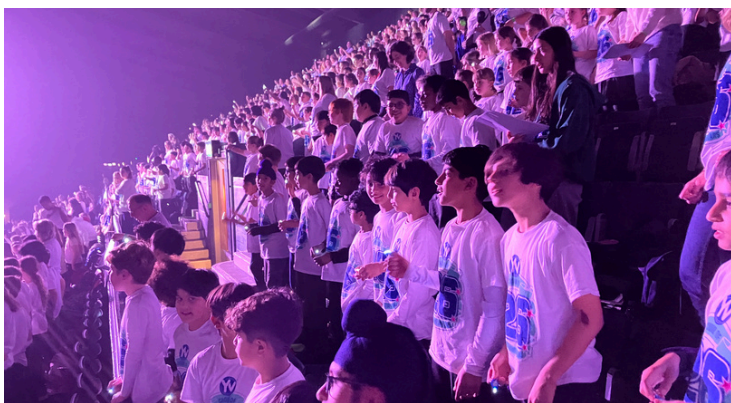


From the
Headmaster



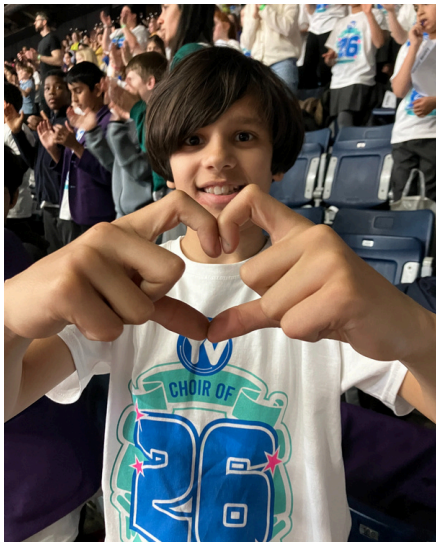
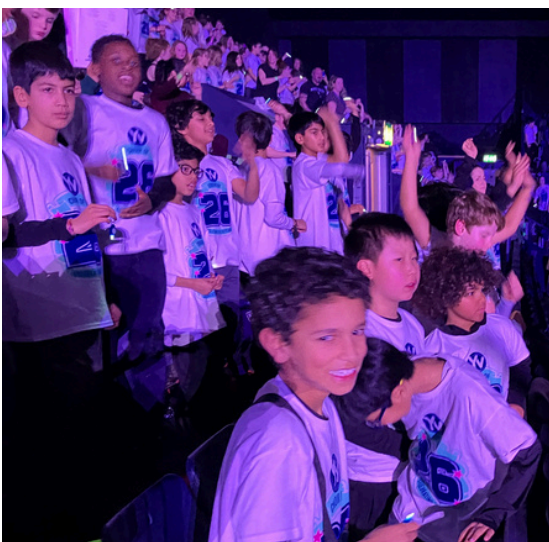
Year 5 sang their hearts out at Young Voices

The boys had a wonderful time singing in the Young Voices 30th Anniversary Concert at Wembley Arena this week. They sang an assortment of genres from disco to a Wicked medley and everything in between. With British Sign Language and dance moves added into the mix, the boys immersed themselves fully in the day and had a truly wonderful experience. They had worked hard in their class music lessons to learn the songs and working with a live band on stage and several professional singers from across the industry, rehearsing for two hours in the afternoon before performing in a full concert in the evening, gave them an idea of what goes into producing such an event.





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Year 2 African djembe drumming with Mr Hopwood. The boys' listening and teamwork skills are improving all the time.



Mastering the art of fire-making under the watchful eye of Mrs McSween.



More Clubhouse fun!



Yesterday, eight Year 6 boys took part in the first round of this year's Maths Quiz Club, a National online competition. Both teams have made it through to the semi-final which is happening next Thursday.



Exciting Perform drama workshops for Pre-Prep



Reception love playing the musical instruments in their band!



Mrs Bourne launches the exciting new Leonardo project for Years 6 and 8. Get those creative thinking caps on boys!



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?



Rev James Fields explored the concept of miracles with the boys on Monday.

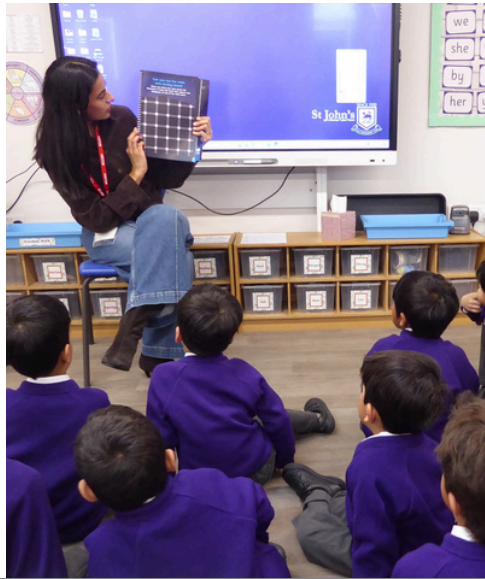
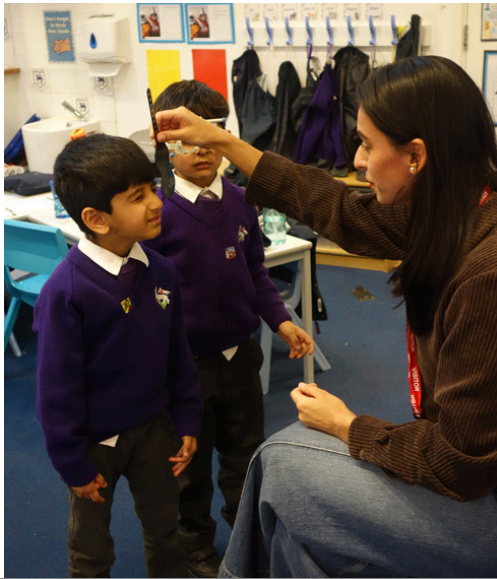


Mrs Fletcher and our String Group treated us to a confident performance of Pachelbel's Canon in assembly.

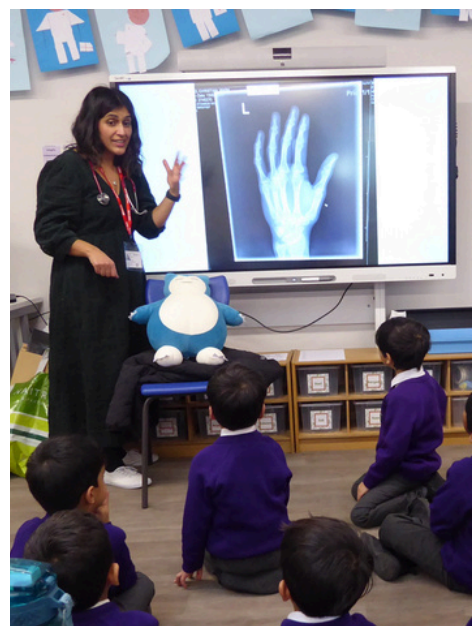
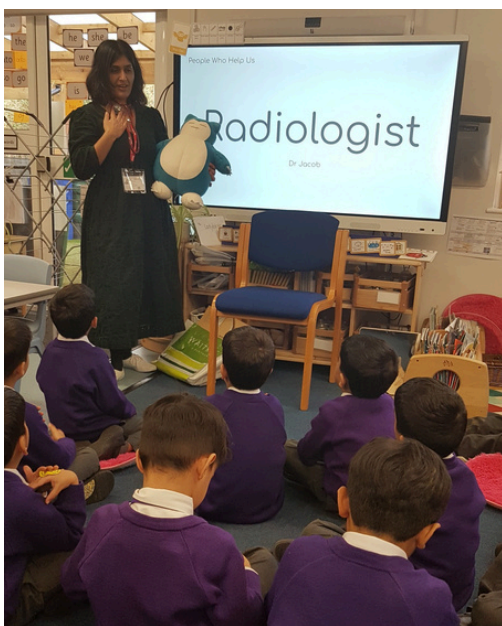


A peek behind the white coats

Our "People Who Help Us" topic took an exciting turn this week as our Reception classes were treated to a hands-on look at the world of healthcare. We were incredibly fortunate to welcome three of our very own parents into school to share the secrets of their professions. From eyes to teeth and everything in between, the children were captivated by the real-world magic of medical science. A big thank you to our fantastic parents, Mrs Pau, Dr Jacob, and Dr Khan, for taking time out of their busy schedules to inspire our young learners. These visits bring our curriculum to life and help the children understand the vital roles these professionals play in keeping our community healthy and happy.



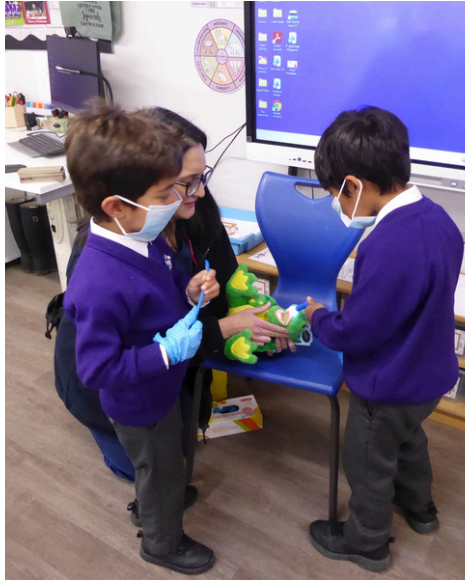
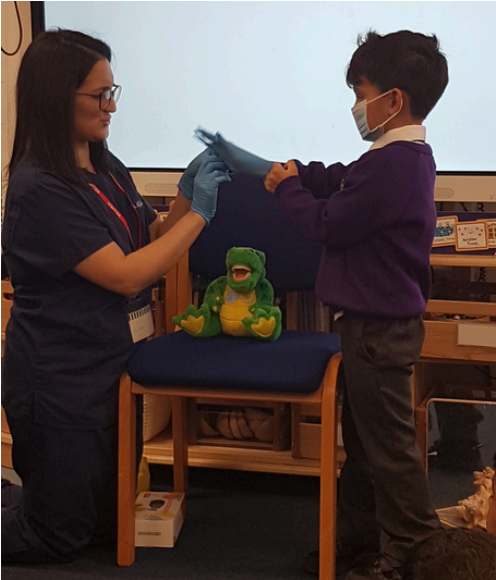
Seeing is Believing with Mrs Pau the Optometrist: we explored the world of vision and eye health, capped off with some mind-bending optical illusions that showed us how our brains can play tricks on us!



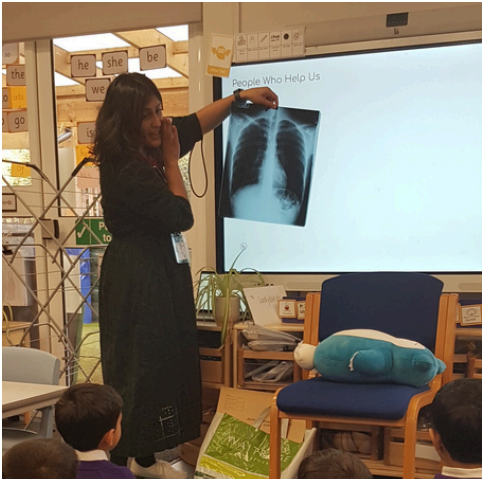
X-Ray Vision with Dr Jacob: giving us superhero x-ray vision, Dr Jacob showed us how radiologists look inside our bodies to check our bones and help us heal.



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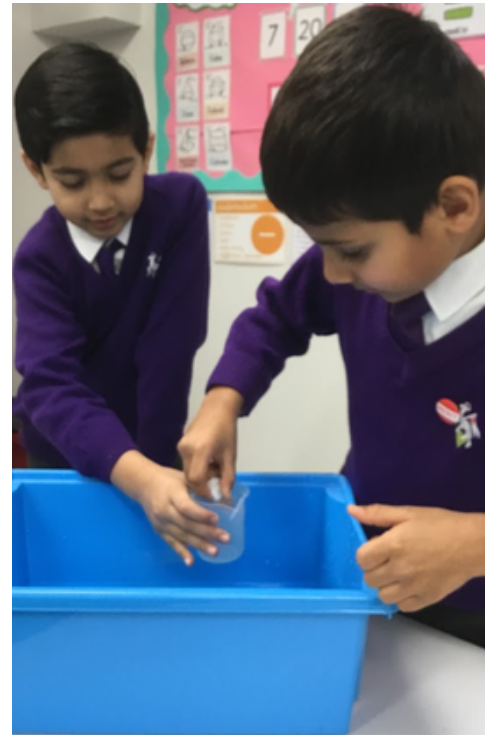
Sparkling Smiles with Dr Khan the dentist: we learnt all about chasing away "sugar bugs" with a great brushing routine to keep our smiles sparkling and healthy.





Testing the absorbency of materials

In their Science lessons, Year 2 boys tested the absorbency of different materials. They made excellent predictions and demonstrated turn-taking and mature behaviour when testing a variety of materials. It was lovely to see all those resilient lions and independent polar bears!





Testing the absorbency of materials



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Testing absorbent materials

We are going to investigate which materials are absorbent.
I predict that the sponge will be most absorbent.

Material	how much water? (ml)	absorbent or not?
Cling film	0 ml	no
Aluminium foil	0 ml	no
Paper	2 ml	no
Sponge	15 ml	yes
Cotton wool pad	11 ml	yes
Kitchen roll	5 ml	yes

The most absorbent material was a sponge!

Mr Russo's award for excellent presentation - Neev in the Badgers





Pre-Prep let their imaginations run wild

Reception to Year 2 boys enjoyed creative workshops with Perform drama this week. It was wonderful to see the boys really getting involved in the story, both individually and collaboratively, becoming more confident to express themselves as the sessions progressed. Well done boys.





PE skills and fun



Stomp and catch



Wheely good fun



Balance game



Rolling with it



Year 4 investigated life in Roman Britain

Our visit to the Verulamium Museum offered a fascinating glimpse into life in Roman Britain. We enjoyed a hands-on workshop with artefacts excavated directly from the site. Using the "Look, Think, Wonder" approach, the boys investigated items linked to cooking, building, and leisure. We then toured the museum, where the skeletons and coin displays emerged as particular highlights. We returned to school for the afternoon to channel our inspiration into making mosaics, favouring the intricate patterns we had admired earlier in the day.

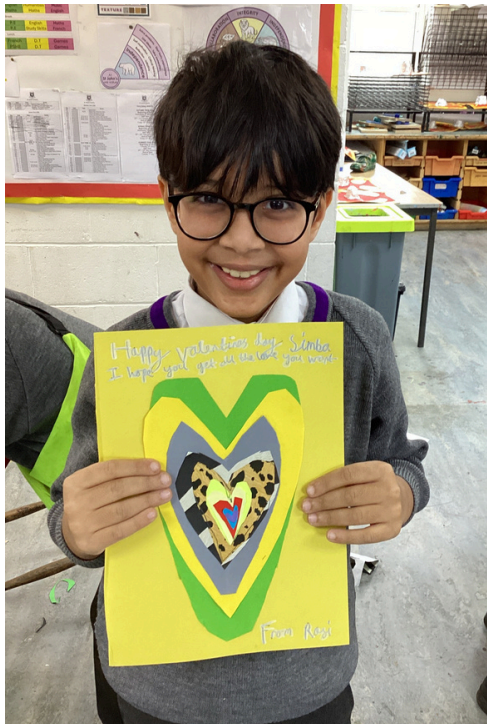




ART

A colourful Art room

Year 3 have been creating lovely abstract prints this week. Year 4 have been finishing off their Roman shields and designing concentric hearts for Valentine's Day. Year 5 are printing beautiful cherry blossoms, while Year 6 have been busy hammering lots of nails in their latest project.





Look what we've made!

We've worked independently, with resilience when faced with challenges, to complete our cushions, bringing our ideas to life.

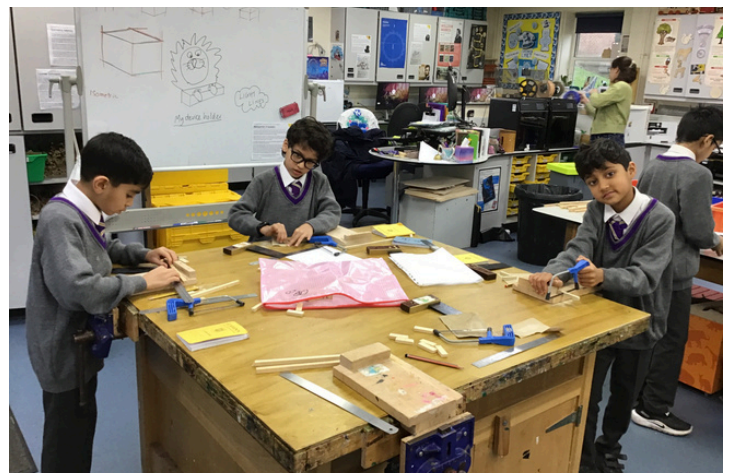
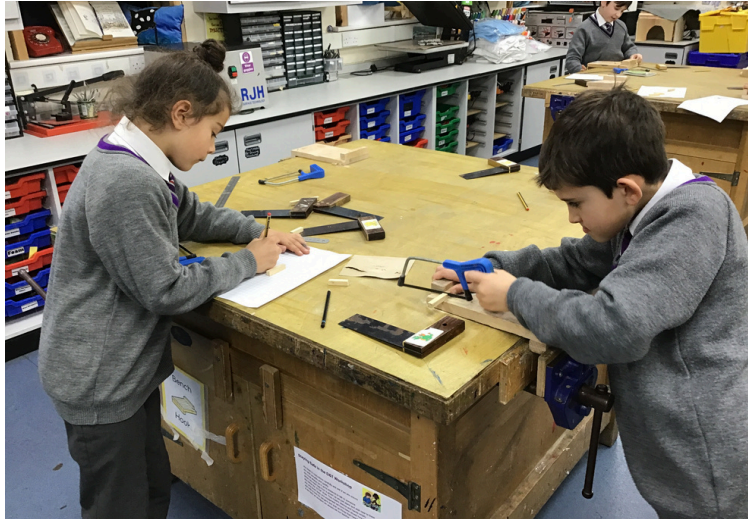




DT&E Open House

The boys were proud to show you their work at DT Open House - thank you for coming.





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

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We love our rugby!

The Year 4 matches were hugely successful over at St Martin's. All matches were very competitive, with St John's coming out on top on the whole. Our Under 11s and Under 13s played some very good matches against Lockers Park. Year 8 did particularly well after they had shaken the bus journey out of their systems - they scored more tries in the second half. Our Under 11 A, B and C teams were all successful with all teams putting in good, dominant displays. Our boys are simply loving their rugby and showing strongly in every match.



Catch and go



Scrum time



On the run



U11C in full action



U9 rugby at MTS



U9 rugby at MTS



Hockey v MTS



U10 v MTS



U10 v MTS



U11A v MTS



Some brilliant rugby performances from all the teams in challenging conditions at times. Well played boys!



3-1 win vs MTP for Year 3 B team



Under 8 D team

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Tuesday – Hockey	Tuesday – Hockey
Wednesday – Football	Wednesday – Football
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Friday – Court Sports	Friday – Court Sports

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st John's Clubhouse Adventures

Fun friendly holiday care this February half term

Clubhouse Adventures is a relaxed, activity filled holiday club set onsite at St John's. Children will enjoy a range of fun activities, arts & crafts and woodland adventures (weather depending) with our experienced Clubhouse team.

- ✓ **Monday 16 – Thursday 19 February 2026 (inclusive)**
- ✓ **Children from all schools are welcome**
- ✓ **15 hours free childcare available for under 5s**
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**Saturday
14TH
March**

90'S QUIZ NIGHT

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

**TICKET DETAILS TO
FOLLOW**

**▪ SPORTS HALL ▪
▪ BAR OPEN FROM 7PM ▪
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