

## Celebrating World Book Day



We were delighted to welcome Channel 5 to St John's earlier this week, reporting on Benedict's Law, the new statutory guidance for schools in England on allergy management. Pupil safety is our highest priority. I am pleased that we have had robust allergy procedures, consistent, life-saving protections for our children, and extensive training for all staff in place for several years.

Children led assemblies on our Language of Learning focus for this half term: curiosity. It was a pleasure to see this characteristic borne out through storytelling opportunities, and our broader celebration of reading across the school, as part of World Book Day. Rugby fixtures have also been highlights, played in sunshine! Our Spring Astronomy evening was a super event, too, with large numbers in attendance. Year 1 also enjoyed the Great Fire of London workshop, supported by parents, which brought history to life.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Lamb, and wish all children and families a pleasant weekend.

From the  
Headmaster



# World Book Day

If you were at St John's today, you might have been run over by a UFO, dodged a broomstick or been arrested by Dog Man. From the whimsical heights of Wonka's elevator to the "Cheese Touch" in the playground, Book Day 2026 was one for the history books. The boys' creativity and enthusiasm for books are always so impressive. Mr Russo's Year 6 English class led the boys in a Prep School assembly that included quizzes, guess the book presentations and even included teachers' favourite books. The lead librarians judged the finalists of the prop competition and we all learnt about a range of new and classic books. Thank you, boys, and staff, (and I expect a few parents) for a thoroughly enjoyable day. Keep reading!





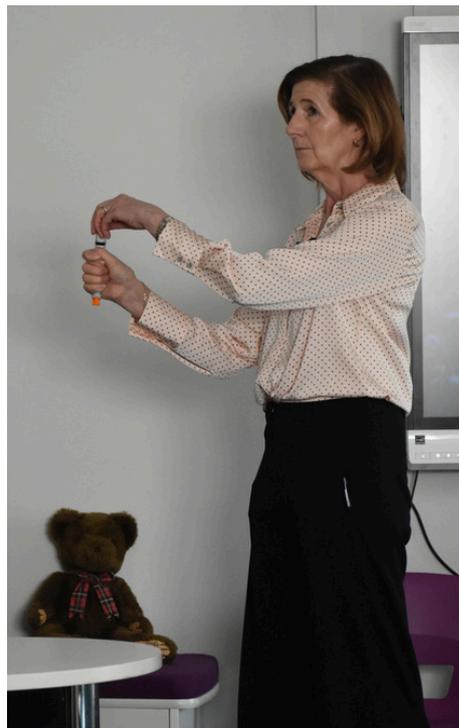
## World Book Day





## St John's Recognised for Established Allergy Safety Procedures Following National Guidance Update

We were pleased to welcome a Channel 5 News team yesterday following a national announcement from the Department for Education regarding updated guidance to support children with allergies in schools. We were asked to take part as we are already included on the Schools Allergy Register which requires standards which exceed those set by government for all schools in the new guidance. We continue to review our procedures and practice to ensure we adapt to the needs of each individual pupil, working with families and supporting boys to learn how to manage their allergies more independently, within a supported framework, as they move up the school.

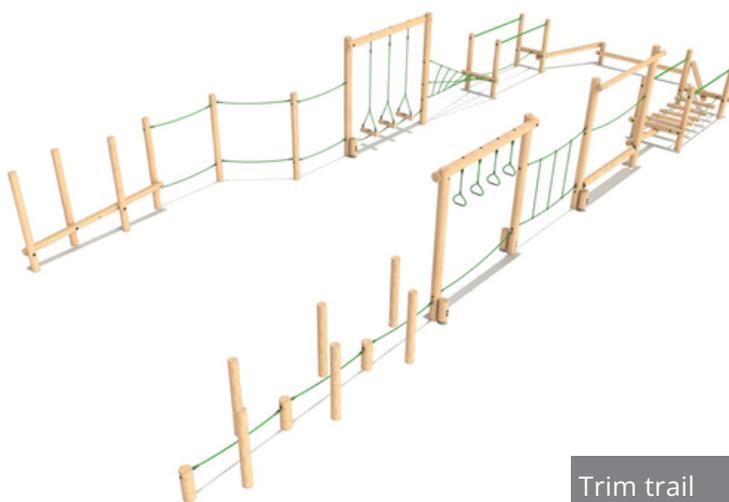




# ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

## Thank you St John's parents!

Your generosity and support is helping to fund the new play areas chosen by the School Council boys. Some of the equipment is already in place and there are future plans for a trim trail. We are looking forward with excitement to Quiz Night in little over a week. 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 with Mrs Sigita Ranger, or myself, Tom Jenkin.



Trim trail



Buddy bench



Anyone seen the Headmaster or Mr Russo?



# Pupil voice at St John's

Our March to July School Council committee met for the first time this week. They visited the new games area to see the work which had been done by the previous committee and were impressed. Miss Morgan invited the boys to come up with more suggestions for this area. They then returned to the library to discuss other business.





# Language of Learning - Curiosity

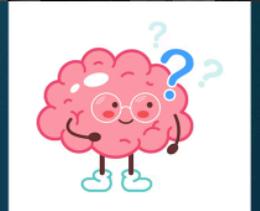
5C (Curiosity!) introduced the assembly on all things curiosity and we then explored what it means to be truly curious. We thought about the opportunities that are all around us at St John's and beyond, and pondered why we tend to ask fewer questions as we get older. Mrs Bourne brought along a mystery box, and boys have been challenged to guess what is inside by the end of the week, by asking Mrs Bourne 5 questions only. The answer will be revealed in our next assembly!



## CURIOSITY

Remember to...

1. Be attentive and show active listening.
2. Ask good questions - dig deep!
3. Explore beyond what we learn in lessons.
4. Experiment and investigate the world around you.
5. Take ownership & be enthusiastic about learning.
6. Reflect and follow up.



**What is in  
the mystery  
box?**



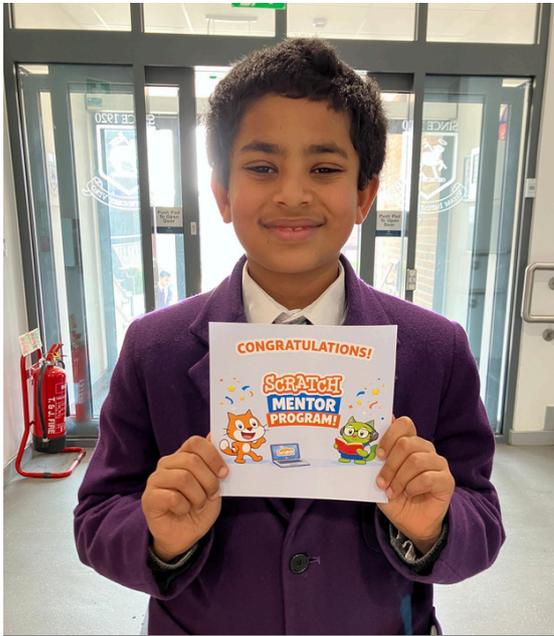
Peer mentoring



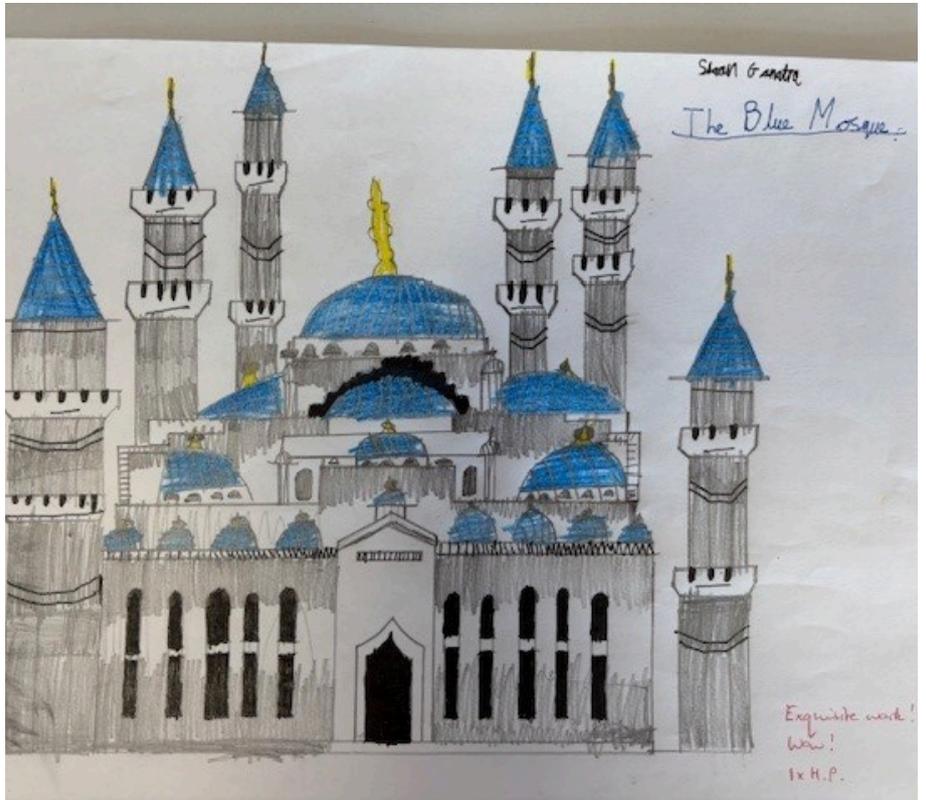
Year 6 practising keyboard skills in preparation for KS3 work when they move to their new schools



Year 2 Art Club boys in their hot air balloons



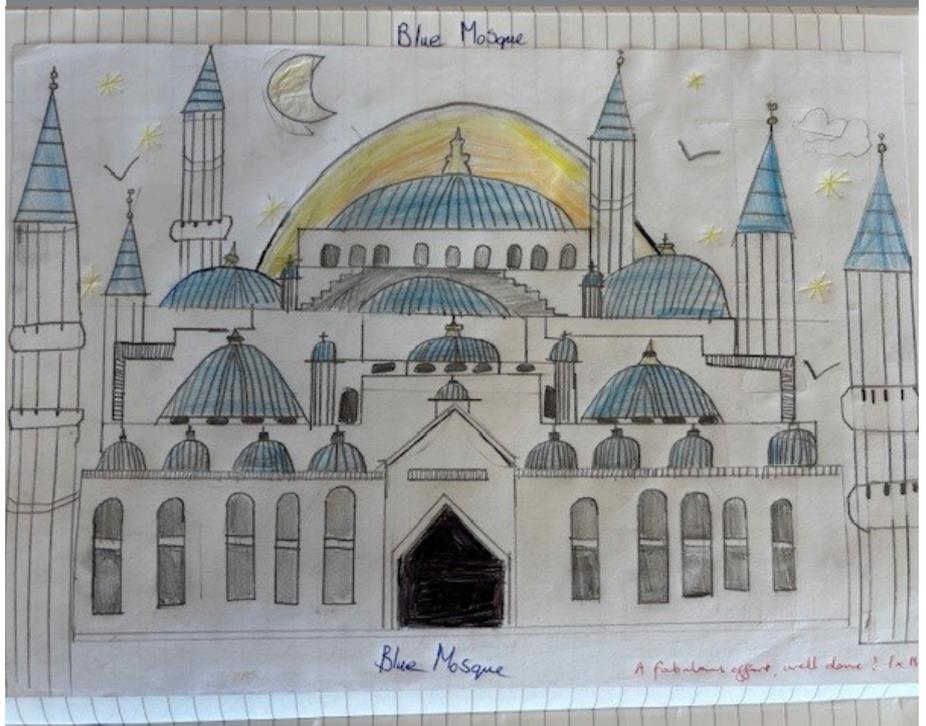
We are delighted to congratulate Ayad on being selected for the Scratch Mentor Program, a fantastic achievement that recognises both his creativity and skill in coding. This opportunity will allow him to further develop his programming knowledge while helping inspire and support other young coders in the Scratch community.



Mr Russo's Award for excellence this week goes to Shaan and Veer in Year 5 for their beautiful drawings of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul



House Rugby





# Making Mr Wolf's Pancakes

This week, the Lambs have been focusing on sequencing and following instructions in Maths. In celebration of World Book Day, we read "Mr Wolf's Pancakes" and talked about the ingredients we would need to make our own delicious mini pancakes. The boys used sequencing cards to help them remember each step in the cooking process and did a fantastic job finishing their pancakes with a light squeeze of lemon.





# The Great Fire of London

Year 1 time-travelled to 1666 to explore life during the time of the Great Fire of London. The boys took part in hands-on activities including making scent bags, clay button moulds, bread rolls, candles, leather bookmarks and weaving. They also investigated artefacts to identify different jobs and types of houses from the past. The day helped the boys understand the important lessons learned from the Great Fire of London and how these shaped the rebuilding of London.





# Year 1 travelled back to 1666 this week

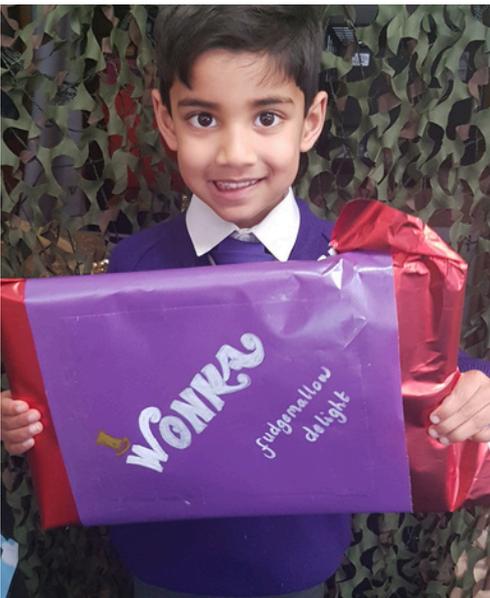




# World Book Day in Pre-Prep



Otters



Owls



Story-telling with Liz Fraser





# We can't wait for you to see our shows

Year 3 and Year 4 are hard at work preparing for their shared performance at the end of March. From the pirate-filled adventures of Year 3's Hubble Bubble Pirate Trouble to the sharp comic timing of Year 4's Horrible Histories, our Junior performers are proving to be stars in the making! The date for your diary is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm.





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Year 3 are rehearsing Hubble Bubble Pirate Trouble adventures to perform for you on Tuesday 24th March at 5pm.





# Year 8 boys have been enjoying mosaic work

Year 8 have all been working very hard on their mosaic tables- sanding, painting and sticking. They are coming along nicely.





# Another busy week in the workshop

40 have been enjoying using VEX GO kits to make their own working drawbridge with a motor. Year 5 have been finishing off the designs for their fairground rides and starting the construction stages. Year 3 have had their first experience using the drills to make holes in wood.

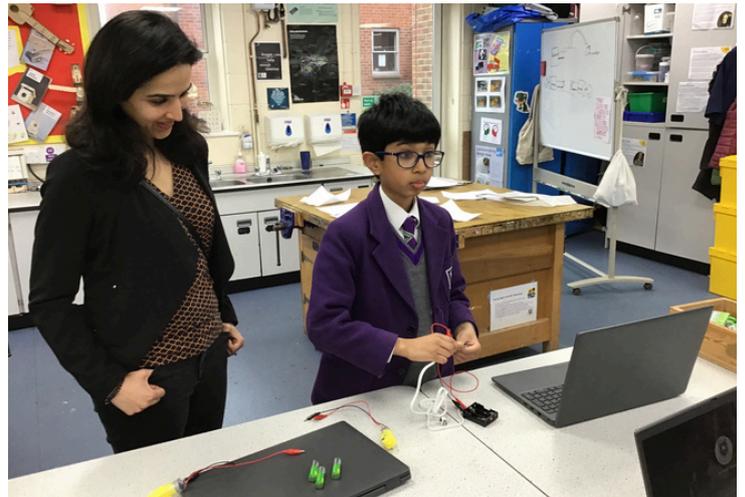




# DT & E

## Thank you for coming to our Open House

We have enjoyed welcoming Year 4 and Year 5 families to the workshop this week to see our designing and making.





# Year 3 and 4 House Rugby

This week the boys played the Year 3 and 4 House Rugby matches with excellent behaviour and sporting skill on display. The ethos of team work and high integrity were very evident and boys loved playing in the great rugby weather!





# Year 3 House Rugby





## U13 7s team v Orley Farm

The Under 13 7s team played a series of practice matches against Orley Farm to prepare themselves for the National 7s competition at the end of term. The matches were very close. The boys made great strides in game play and the understanding of how different this game is compared to the larger version of the game.





# Goal setting for the U11A team

With our 7s competition season coming up, Mr Perrotta (who has a degree and a masters in Sports Psychology) took the boys for a goal setting session. The boys learnt about how being aware of your mindset can help with sports performance and how sport can help with your well-being. The boys set themselves one long term and one short term target and reported feeling very motivated for the upcoming 7s season.





# Another busy week in the Sport Department



Under 13 Hockey v John Lyon 2<sup>nd</sup> March



Ruben came in 6<sup>th</sup> place at the St Martin's Road Race in 7 mins and 17 seconds - well done Ruben!



House Rugby

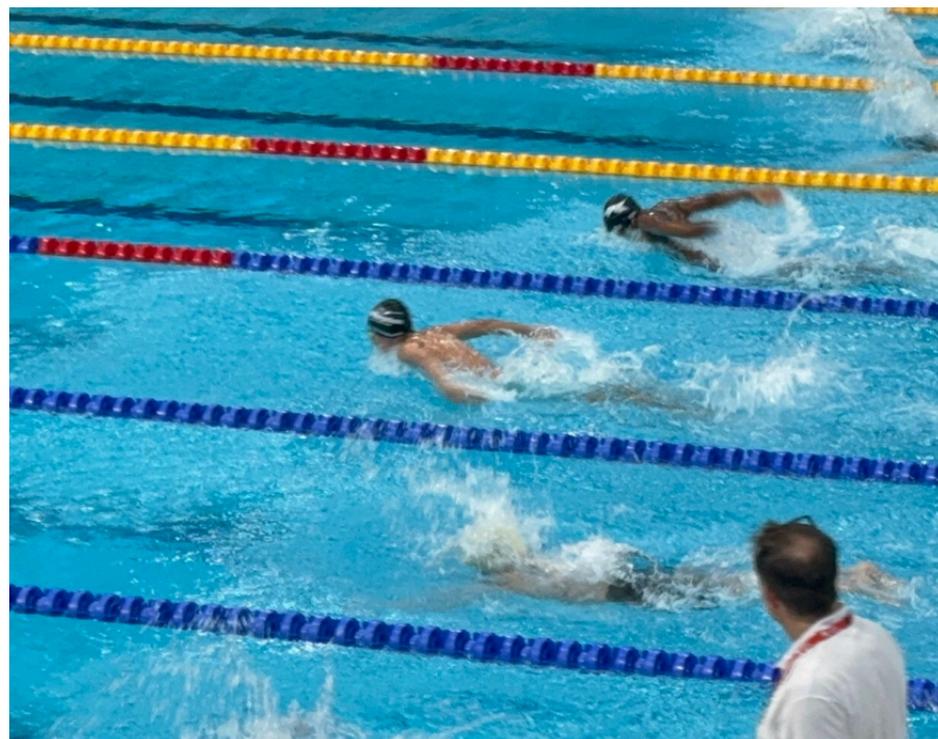


Under 10B rugby team v MTP with Mr Foster



# Christopher swims butterfly for Middlesex

Last month, Christopher in Year 8 competed in the Middlesex County championships for Hillingdon swim squad at the London Aquatic Centre (Olympic venue). It was a great event and he swam 100m Butterfly in an age group up against 14 year olds. He finished 5th in his heat with a new personal best of 01:18.76. He has several more galas this season, so his plan is to continue growing taller and to keep shaving seconds off his times. Well done Christopher!





St John's  
Y6 Football League

*GAMENEEK 8*

# NEXT FIXTURES



VS



MONDAY 10:52



VS



TUESDAY 10:52



VS



WEDNESDAY 10:52

GAMES WILL END  
AT 11:10



SINCE 1920



ST JOHN'S

A MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL

# St John's End of Term Clubhouse Party

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 12noon - 4pm



“ My child was so excited to attend Clubhouse Adventures over half term. It gave us real peace of mind knowing he was so happy while we managed our work commitments ”  
Parent of a Reception child



Scan for FAQs and  
booking form for  
new enquiries

After school  
until 4pm  
£25 including  
lunch and  
party games

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

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# st John's Clubhouse Adventures

Easter Special 7-13 April, 9am-4pm



**Craft and sporting activities daily for all ages**

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** | Easter eggs decorating, football fanatics, woodland adventures
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** | Easter egg hunt, table tennis league, wheeled adventures
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** | Bug/minibeast hunt, modelling madness and quick cricket/ball games
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** | Forest foraging, football fanatics, movie and popcorn, cake decorating
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** | Table tennis league, basketball mash up, Easter crafts and quick cricket

Under 5s - £55 per day (15 hours free available over 3 days\*)  
Over 5s £45 per day  
£200 for all 5 days

£25 per day for 3 days: £10 per day for resources and £15 per day for hours beyond the 15 free hours, to cover the full day (9am-4pm).

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

**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** ▪