

A spectacular ski trip



Over the Easter break, 40 intrepid pupils and five staff enjoyed a fantastic week skiing in the Italian Alps. By the end of the week, all boys had attempted a black run, which is an impressive achievement. Spring is in the air back at St John's. The bluebells are out, and the grounds are bursting into life. The boys are enjoying an extraordinary range of learning opportunities in our wonderful outdoor environment. Years 5 to 8 have had the opportunity to learn archery skills as part of their Outdoor Education programme. Year 3 enjoyed the fresh air on their pedestrian safety training in local streets and the Lambs have been scavenging in the grounds, looking for signs of Spring to put in their beautiful suncatchers. Tonight, our first group of Year 6 boys will be enjoying an Adventure Camp, cycling through forests, eating round the campfire and sleeping under the stars on site. We look forward to welcoming you all to come to School on Monday evening to our parent event on Screen Harm, and on Wednesday afternoon to view the boys' extraordinary creative work on their Leonardo projects. Good luck to all boys preparing for their ABRSM exams on Tuesday, too. Have a wonderful weekend!



From the
Headmaster





A wonderful week in the Alps

Over the Easter break, forty pupils and five staff flew off to the Italian Village of Sestriere in the Alps to ski. It was a great trip, with fantastic sunny weather and great skiing conditions for most of the time. The boys skied for five hours a day under instruction with an Italian Ski school. They worked in ability groups from beginner to advanced and by the end of the week all the skiers had developed their skills, and were able to attempt black runs on the final day! Our evenings were spent relaxing with fun activities such as bowling, shopping, watching a Mario Brother movie and visiting a Sport Hall. Our hotel “The Villagio Olimpico” provided us with delicious meals which kept the boys refuelled after all their activities. Overall, we all had a wonderful week.



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AROUND SCHOOL



Years 5 to 8 were challenged and inspired by archery training as part of their Outdoor Education programme



Aaran G achieved a gold award in the Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round, top scoring in the school. Well done to all 12 boys who qualified.



Year 8 End of Spring Term Awards


Tuesday 17th March 2026

VIOLENT VOLCANO

Introduction

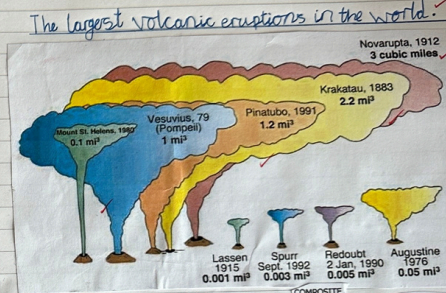
A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust, so then the molten rock (magma), ash and gases to escape from the surface below.

The Ring of Fire



The Ring of Fire is a 25,000-mile, dog-bone-shaped belts around the Pacific Ocean. It is the home of volcanoes.

The largest volcanic eruptions in the world



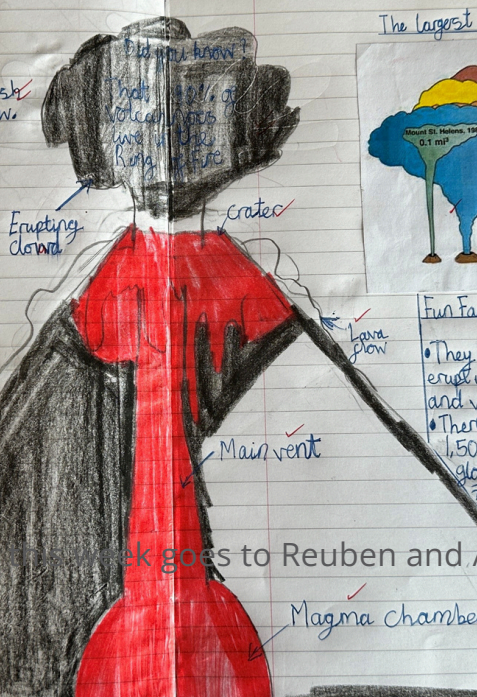
Fun Facts:

- They can erupt under ice and water
- There are around 1,500 active volcanoes globally, with 50-70 annually erupting.

Types of Volcanoes:

- COMPOSITE VOLCANO:** high viscous lava
- CALDERA:** low viscous lava
- SHIELD VOLCANO:** low viscous lava
- FISSURE VOLCANO:** magma chamber

• Over 80% of Earth's surface is volcanic in origin.



Mr Russo's award for presentation


award goes to Reuben and Aaron for their volcano posters

Mr Russo's award for presentation this week goes to Reuben and Aaron in 6S for their volcano posters


Tuesday 17th March

Key Facts about volcanoes:

- Active locations: Around 1,500 active volcanoes exist, with roughly 20 erupting on any given day.
- The Ring of Fire: About 75% of the world's volcanoes are located along this 25,000-mile horseshoe-shaped arc around the Pacific Ocean.



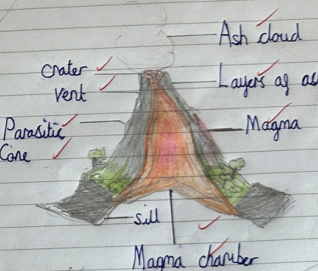
Fun Fact:
Did you know ancient Greeks believed that volcanic eruptions were caused by the action of rays or work of the divine beings?



Types of volcanoes:

- Cinder Cone
- Composite
- Lava Dome
- Shield

Diagram of the average Volcano:



How a volcano is formed:

A volcano is a mountain formed either through a series of geological steps that allow molten from deep within Earth to reach the surface and build up over time.



Spring treasures in Nursery

The Lambs explored all things related to 'Spring' this week. We spent a lot of time outside scavenging for Spring flowers and signs of new life. The boys collected their findings and created beautiful suncatchers to showcase their Spring treasures.





Year 1 are delighted with their batik coasters

Over the past few weeks, the boys have been busy creating underwater themed batik coasters. They began by designing and planning their ideas on paper, before transferring their drawings onto fabric using wax crayons. To complete the process, they applied a fabric dye wash over their designs. The boys were delighted with the final wax resist artworks and pleasantly surprised by the vibrant results!





JUNIORS



Stop, Look, Listen and Think

Our Year 3 boys recently took part in expert pedestrian safety training with Hillingdon Council, heading out into the local area to put their road skills to the test. The children worked hard on mastering the Green Cross Code, practising the vital Stop, Look, Listen, and Think sequence to navigate junctions and crossings with confidence.





MUSIC



An inspiring musical experience

Senior Choir boys worked hard all last term to learn the choruses in the Mozart Requiem and other choral pieces. They were rewarded by the opportunity to sing in a massed choir accompanied by full orchestra in the Joint Concert at Merchant Taylors' School at the end of term.





Excited to be back in the workshop





A massive well done to our U11 & U13 7s teams

A massive well done to our U11 & U13s 7s boys who took part in the prestigious Rosslyn Park 7s Tournament before Easter. This tournament marked the culmination of both Years' rugby careers at St John's. It is our hope to see the boys' rugby continue to flourish at their next schools. The boys gave their all on the field, facing some of the top Prep Schools in the country. The U13s did themselves proud, scoring 9 tries in some competitive fixtures, this was especially poignant as this will be the last time St John's send a Year 8 team to this event. The U11s have had a very successful season, and continued this with two excellent wins, coming back from 2 tries down to win by 1 try in the last play of the game. Well done boys we are very proud of you!



Sticking together



Boys showing St John's pride

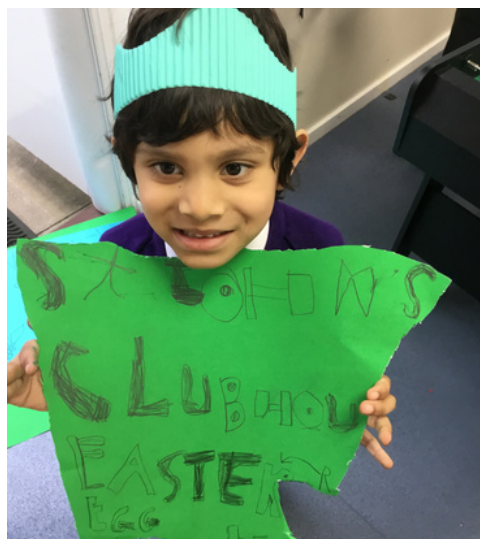


Ready to go!



ST JOHN'S CLUBHOUSE

Clubhouse end of Spring Term party





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. Our current focus is Collaboration.



You're Invited To

THE
LEONARDO
CREATIVE COMPETITION

2026™

Exhibition of Work
& Prize Giving



Wednesday 22nd April

Parents of all year groups are invited to view boys' work from 3.45 to 4.30pm, followed by a formal prize giving ceremony for boys in Years 6 and 8 along with their parents.

Venue: Centenary Sports Hall

Prize giving ceremony: 4.40pm





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