



From the Headmaster

Year 6 & 8 shine in Great Expectations

In a performance worthy of Charles Dickens himself, our Year 6 and 8 boys transported audiences to the fog-shrouded marshes and bustling streets of nineteenth century England in an outstanding production of Great Expectations. Congratulations to everyone involved and many thanks to Ms Nayager, Mr Russo and Miss Mahindru for inspiring and helping the boys.

Earlier in the week, Pre-Prep Sports Day was a wonderful occasion, with perseverance and athleticism on show from both the children and parents who competed. I was very proud to see all the boys doing their best and enjoying their sport in the sunshine.

Another great success in the past week was the St John's Association Fun Day. It was wonderful to see so many families catching up and having fun together at the end of a busy year while raising money for the charitable causes. Many thanks to all involved in making the day run so smoothly, and to Sigita Ranger (Chair) and her team who organised such a lovely event. As ever, the Association would love to expand their network of supporters – do let us know if you can help out!

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Pip Pip, Hooray!

In a performance worthy of Charles Dickens himself, our Year 6 and Year 8 students transported audiences to the fog-shrouded marshes and bustling streets of nineteenth-century England with an outstanding production of *Great Expectations*. From the opening scene to the final curtain, students brought Dickens's memorable characters vividly to life. Pip's journey from humble beginnings to lofty ambitions was portrayed with maturity and sensitivity, whilst the unforgettable figures of Miss Havisham, Estella, Joe Gargery and Magwitch captivated the audience throughout. At the heart of the production was The Company, whose members served as narrators, storytellers and scene-makers, expertly guiding the audience through Pip's world and providing the backbone of the performance. Months of rehearsal and careful preparation were evident in every scene. A carefully crafted interplay of shadow and light evoked the atmosphere of Dickens's world, whilst strong ensemble performances and impressive attention to detail drew the audience into Pip's story. Like Pip himself, our young performers rose to meet great expectations - and exceeded them.



THIS WEEK





SJA Fun Day

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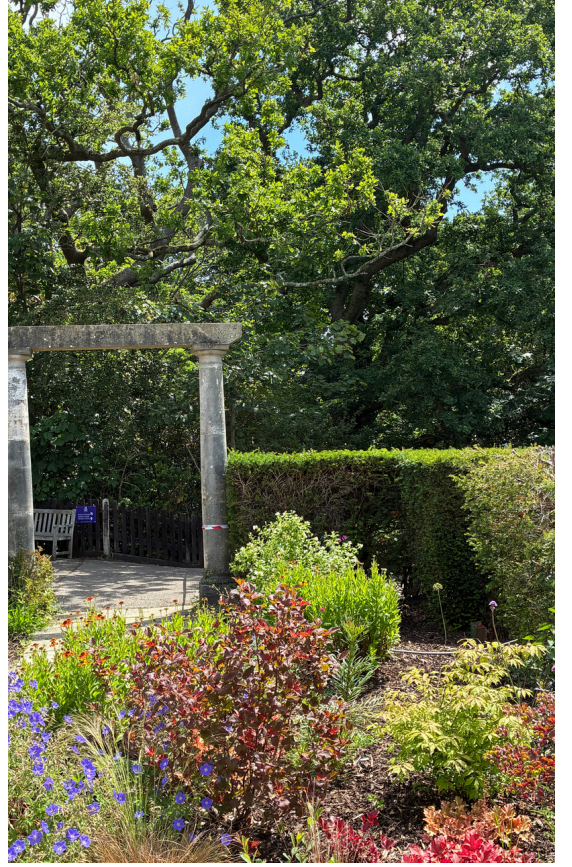
THIS WEEK



AROUND SCHOOL



Taking responsibility for the sound desk on Great Expectations



Anything Goes Club





Our Eagles botanists identified parts of a plant



The Lambs made planters for Northwood Station





Planting and painting in the Eagles

As part of the Eagles science topic on plants, they planted their very own marigold seeds and wrote the instructions for others to follow. We are looking forward to seeing them bloom!



In Art, the Eagles have been learning about Vincent Van Gogh and used paint to try and imitate his brush strokes. Look at these amazing recreations of Plain Near Auvers.





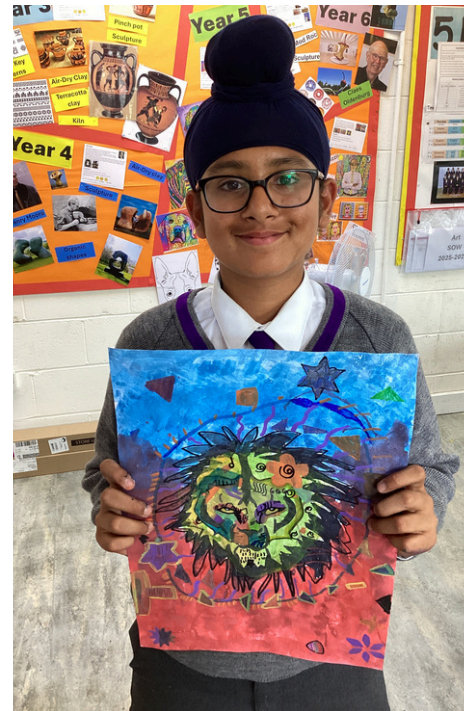
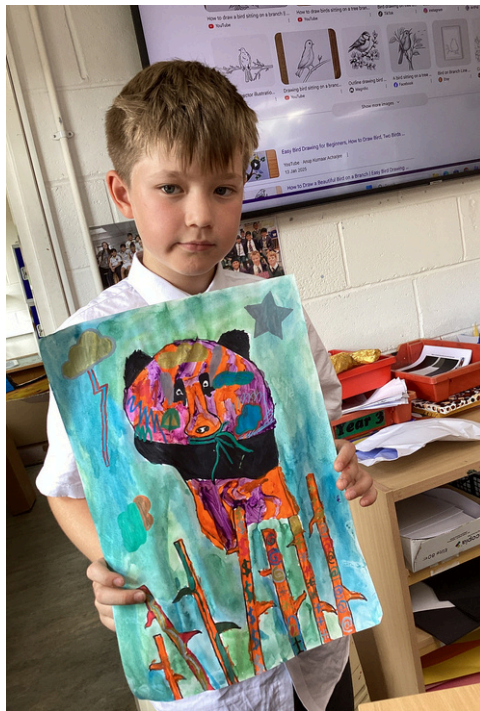
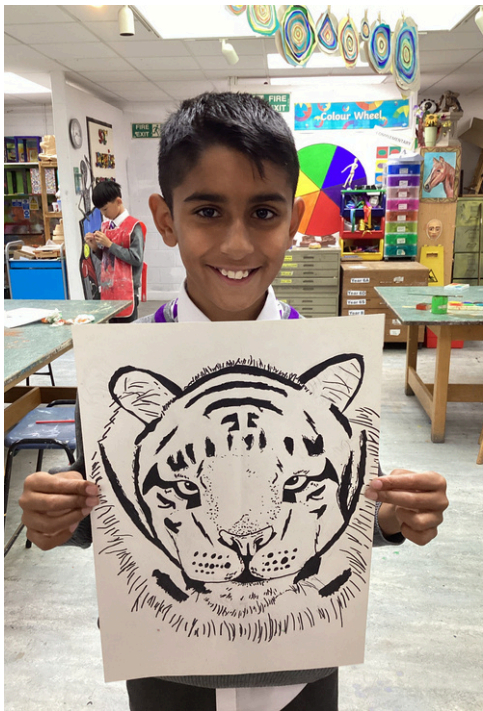
Everyone did their best on Sports afternoon





Year 5 animal portraits

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the artist Dean Russo. Inspired by his distinctive style, they created their own animal portraits using vibrant colours, bold patterns, and his signature black outline details. The pupils showed great creativity and enthusiasm, producing a collection of eye-catching and expressive artworks.





Year 5 in action

Photo credits Joshua Preston and Mrs Bleakley





Year 5 in action





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| <p style="text-align: center;">CAMP 1 (9TH - 10TH JULY)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY FOOTBALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY FOOTBALL</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">CAMPS 2 TO 6</p> | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">🏏 MONDAY & TUESDAY CRICKET</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">⚽ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY FOOTBALL</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">🏀🏸🎾 FRIDAY COURT SPORTS</p> | |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">CRICKET 🏏</p> <p>Including nets training (hard ball, incredibleball & soft ball focussed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fast & Spin Bowling ✓ Batting Mechanics ✓ Front Foot Batting ✓ Back Foot Batting ✓ Catching ✓ Ground Fielding & throwing ✓ Running between wickets ✓ Technique Analysis ✓ Wicket Keeping ✓ Conditioned Games ✓ Extras | <p style="text-align: center;">FOOTBALL ⚽</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 v 1 Skills ✓ Agility ✓ Conditioned Games ✓ Co-ordination ✓ Crossing and Finishing ✓ Defending ✓ Dribbling ✓ Goalkeeping ✓ Heading ✓ Passing and Receiving ✓ Possession ✓ Shooting | <p style="text-align: center;">COURT SPORTS 🏸</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">✓ Dodgeball ✓ Basketball ✓ Badminton ✓ Tennis</p> |
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