

Running for our community



The Moor Park Fun Run was a joyful occasion last Sunday. St John's runners enjoyed raising money for the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. There were fabulous cakes and company at the Macmillan coffee morning earlier today. Many thanks to all those who donated and to the St John's Association for facilitating the event. Oates House have also selected our main school charity for the year – Make-a-Wish. This wonderful organisation creates life-changing opportunities for children with critical illnesses.

Musical ensembles, choirs, instrumental lessons and extra-curricular opportunities are in full swing and it is a pleasure to see children progressing in so many areas of life. All the best to our U11A team players who are representing the School at the MTP Football festival tomorrow. We look forward to meeting prospective families at School next Friday at our Open Morning, as we look ahead to welcoming both girls and boys to our Early Years in September 2027.

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From the
Headmaster





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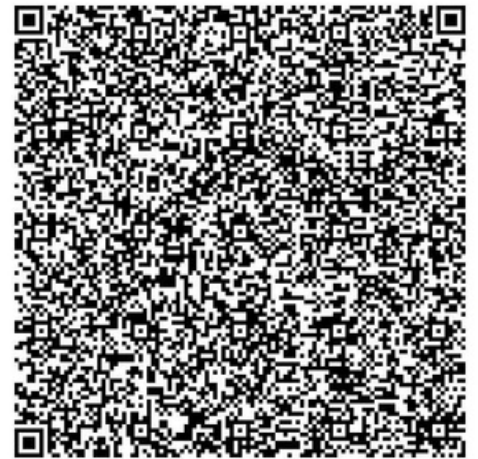
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Welcoming girls and boys into Early Years from September 2027



A delicious start to the day

This morning, parents gathered in the Norman Hall for tea, cakes and a catch-up with friends, all in aid of the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Many thanks to the St John's Association for organising such an enjoyable occasion and to everyone for their generous donations. We have raised over £800 already. If you'd like to donate, the QR code is below. Thanks also to Mr Kruger, our auctioneer, and his assistant, Mr Spackman. The next SJA event is our legendary Fireworks Night on 5th November. Save the date - more information to follow soon.



Taking maths challenges outdoors

This Year 5 Maths group enjoyed an outdoor maths lesson, exploring the grounds looking for 3D shapes.





THIS WEEK

Friendship, fun and healthy competition

Last Friday, our four Houses, met for the first time this term and welcomed their Year 3 members. Churchill is led by Mr Smith, Lincoln by Mrs Wagemaker, Lawrence by Miss Little and Oates by Mr Kruger. Let the competition begin!



Churchill



Lincoln



Lawrence



Oates

The boys really enjoy woods time in their breaks





Have you ever wondered how a conker seed turns into a Horse Chestnut Tree? This lovely children's book explores the life cycle of a seed as it grows into a tree. Cornelius the Conker falls from a tree and goes on an exciting adventure with his new friend Garfy. After his adventures he settles down in the ground and wakes up as a splendid Horse Chestnut Tree. This story book for 2 to 6 year olds blends science and story-telling and was written by our very own Mrs Reeves. It is available now on Amazon, just in time for autumn.



Pine and Beech enjoyed wearing their jeans for genes last week



AROUND SCHOOL



We celebrated International Day of Peace with an assembly about Nelson Mandela and the reconciliation he brought to South Africa.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

St John's
Association

Thank you!

Over £800 raised
for Macmillan
Cancer Support

A huge thank you
to everyone who
came along,
donated cake and
contributed
so generously.



Lovely pattern work, well done



Good problem solving, team!



Sam was awarded with a silver medal at the autumn Open Olympic Weightlifting competition



Agam has developed an interest in sketching. Miss Gillen enjoyed looking at his work.



Muhaymin won two silver medals at the Hillingdon Club Swimming Championship



The popular Horizon Minds club has got off to a brilliant start, with children diving straight into hands-on challenges designed to build valuable real-world skills.



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Testing materials in science

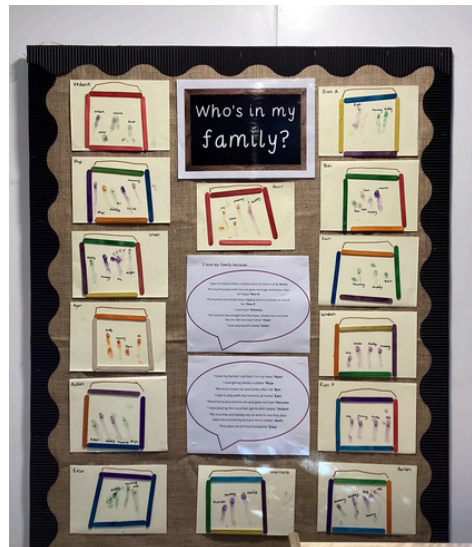


Making lab safety posters



Nursery explored what makes us unique

The Lambs and Cygnets have been exploring what makes each of us unique. We shared kind words about our loved ones by displaying pictures of our families during Show & Tell. Additionally, we created fingerprint family artwork for our classroom displays and thought about how many special people live under the same roof.





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Colour Chaos: Discovering the magic of Rothko

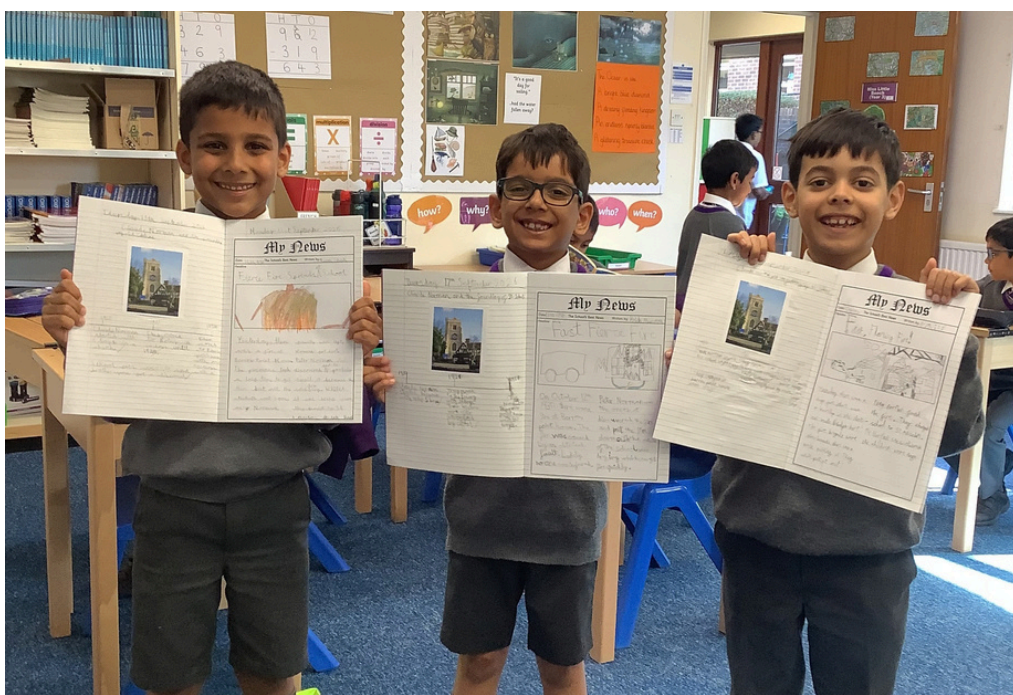
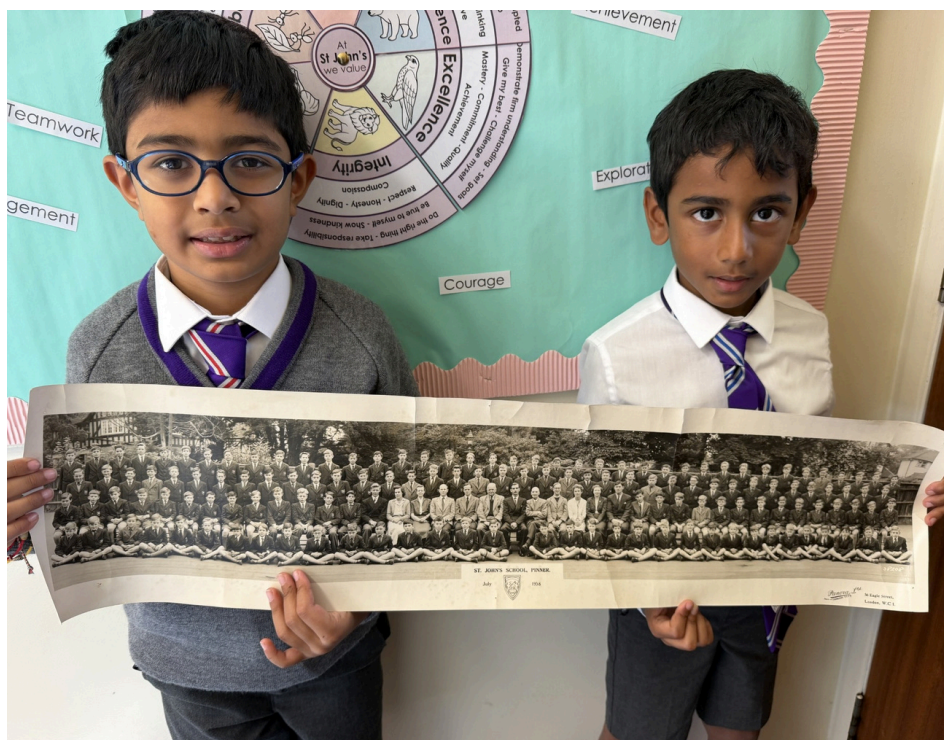
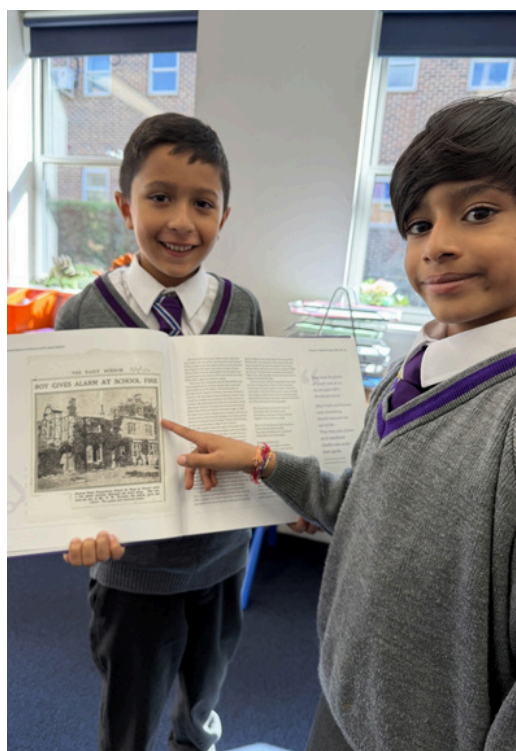
As part of our exciting Colour Chaos topic, Year 1 have been learning about the artist Mark Rothko and exploring his famous Colour Field paintings. The children investigated how primary colours can be mixed to create secondary colours and carefully observed the amazing changes that took place. Pupils in Otters and Owls thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing and were fascinated to watch new colours appear before their eyes. Inspired by Rothko's work, they created their own beautiful Colour Field paintings, using bold blocks of colour to express their creativity. It was wonderful to see the excitement and curiosity on their faces as they discovered the magic of colour through art.





Junior historians research our school

This term Year 3 are learning about the history of St John's. This week we learnt about the fire in 1930 at Barrow Point House and wrote newspaper articles using some amazing alliteration! The boys also enjoyed looking at old whole school pictures. Miss Little was horrified when one boy asked if she was in the 1964 school picture!

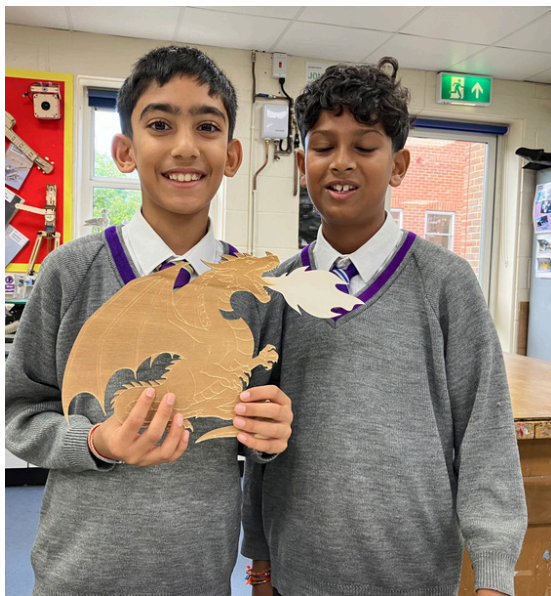




Learning new techniques in Art

Year 3 have been learning about foregrounds, middle grounds, and backgrounds, exploring how these can be used to create depth and perspective in their artwork. Year 5 have been finishing off their patterned owl drawings and have also been experimenting with creating spooky animals using newspaper and parcel tape. They have enjoyed getting creative and seeing how simple materials can be transformed into imaginative sculptures. Year 6 have been enjoying painting their Impressionist-inspired paintings, experimenting with flat brushes to create different marks, textures and effects.









A tremendous turnout at the Moor Park Fun Run

The 25th Anniversary Moor Park Fun Run was a fantastic celebration, with a tremendous turnout and glorious weather throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many St John's boys and their families taking part and supporting such a special community event. A huge congratulations to all the boys who took part. Whether running for a personal best or simply enjoying the occasion, everyone showed great enthusiasm, determination and spirit. Thank you also to the families who came along to cheer on the runners and help make the event such a memorable success. Well done to everyone involved! Mr Spackman.





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Our amazing PE team at Merchant Taylors' on Sunday



U11A with Mr Foster on their first match of the season