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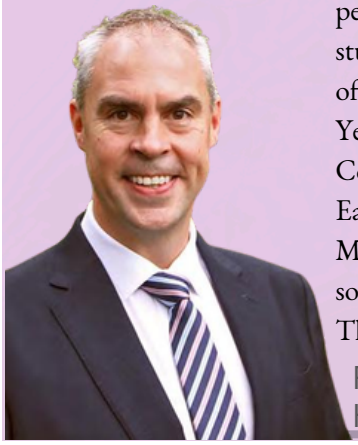
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Pre-Prep Harvest Festival was wonderful





Pre-Prep children sang and spoke beautifully in front of parents at our Harvest Festival in the Norman Hall on Wednesday morning, as we raised funds and food donations for City Harvest. The finalists in our annual Hunter Jones Poetry Recital Competition also took to the stage and performed with confidence and energy. Two St John's Old Boys, currently Lower 6th English students at Merchant Taylors' had the difficult task of selecting the winners from an excellent group of orators. Outdoors, boys have been learning and relaxing in our wonderful grounds at playtimes. Years 5 and Year 6 were excited to take part in the inaugural Merchant Taylors' School Cross-Country event on Wednesday and showed real grit and determination on the open, fast course. Earlier in the day, fourteen Year 5 mathematicians had been challenged by an afternoon of maths at MTS. I hope all the boys have a good rest over the break, spend time with their families and read some interesting books over the coming days. I look forward to seeing you all at Fireworks Night on Thursday 5th November.

From the Headmaster



Pre-Prep Harvest Festival was wonderful

Harvest Festival was a joyful occasion this week. Reception to Year 2 sang their hearts out and the Year 2 narrators spoke their lines with confidene and clarity. Year 1 & 2 Choir made a confident debut singing "I'm a clever tractor." Well done boys, you were all amazing!













THIS WEEK

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Inspiring poetry recitations

On Monday, Years 3 to 8 were treated to the finals of the Hunter Jones Poetry Recitation Competition. This half term, all boys from Years 3 to 8 had learnt and recited a poem and the standard of the finalists was exceptional. We all gathered in the Norman Hall to enjoy the performances as two St John's Old Boys, currently Lower 6th English students from Merchant Taylors' School had the difficult task of selecting winners. They were impressed with all the finalists and took time to give special feedback to them all. **Junior Section:** Winner Kian Bajwa; Runner-up Yuvan Patani; Highly commended William Priddis and Neev Shah. **Senior Section:** Winner Aiden Mistry; Runner-up Gabriel McFarlane; Highly commended Rohan Coxhill and Krish Mashru.









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Playtimes in our fabulous grounds











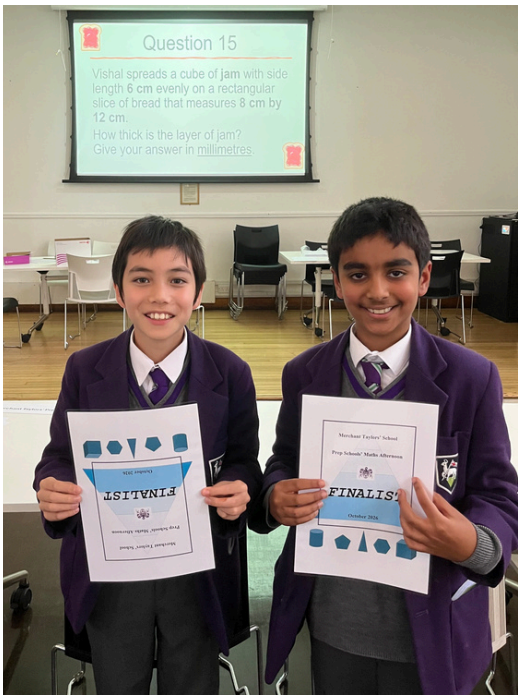


Year 5 made us proud at the MTS maths afternoon

On Wednesday 14 boys from Year 5 visited Merchant Taylors' School for a maths afternoon. They started with a maths trail around the school and grounds guided expertly by St John's old boy Satyen. The boys then went into the hall for some refreshments and table challenges. Finally there was an inter-school maths challenge. St John's were fantastically represented by Kai and Ishaan, who came joint second. Well done to all of the boys for their behaviour and representation of the school.









Year 5 mathematicians enjoyed working in pairs

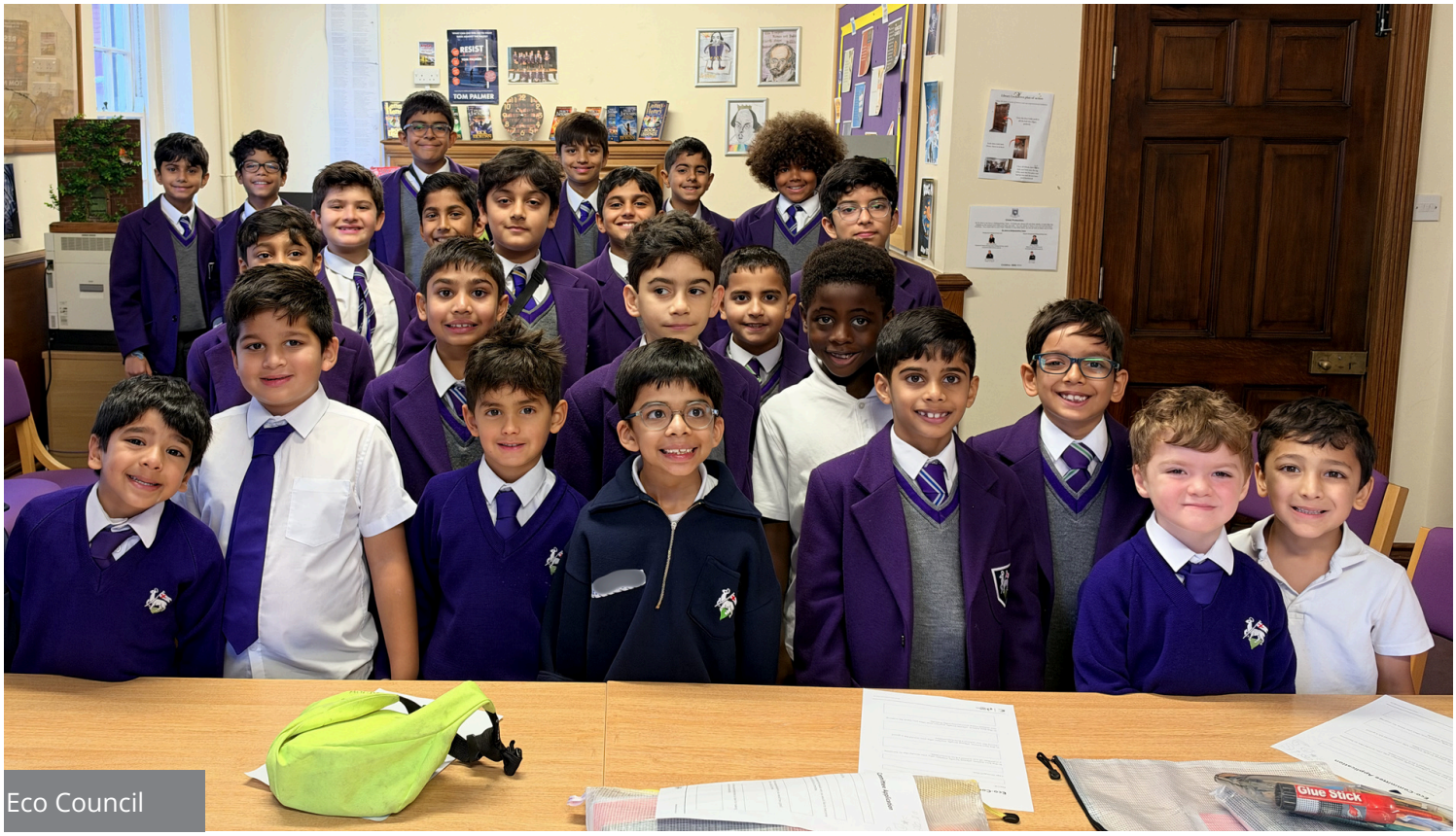
Here are some Year 5 mathematicians practising their descriptive, listening and drawing skills. Mr Bleakley drew an image on the board and the boys took it in turns to describle the image to a partner who could not see it. It was a fascinating task.











Eco Council


Mrs Davies and her daughter



Clubhouse super heroes

Collecting food for City Harvest





Thank you again to Waitrose for their generous contribution to our Harvest Festival collection for City Harvest



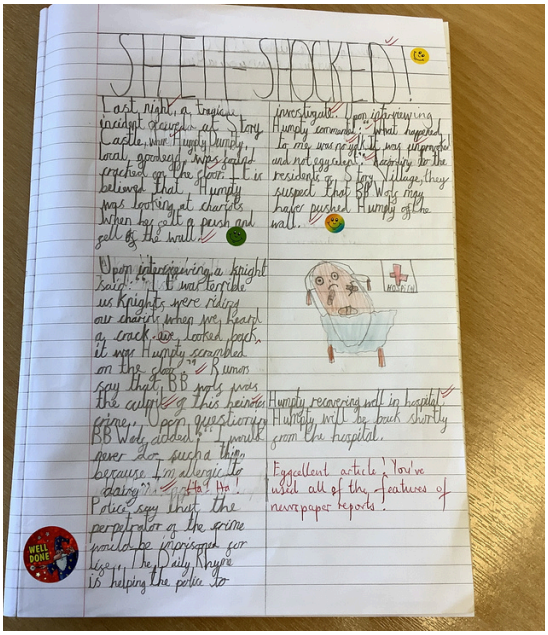
We packed all the food up and put it on the City Harvest van



Year 4 puts a journalist in the hot seat

This week our budding reporters welcomed a journalist into the classroom for a fascinating insight into the world of journalism. Armed with their own carefully devised questions, the children explored what inspired him to pursue his career, what he enjoys most about his job, and which article has been his favourite to write. They also looked to the future, asking thought-provoking questions about the impact of AI on journalism and how the profession might change in years to come. With Year 4 currently busy writing their own newspaper articles, the visit was a wonderful opportunity to learn from a professional, sharpen their journalistic instincts and discover the importance of asking the right questions to get to the heart of a story. Who knows, we may have some future journalists in our midst!







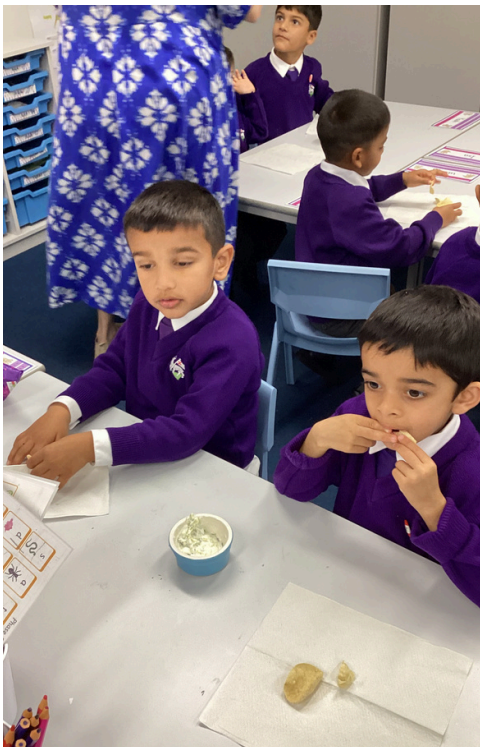


Reception are learning about India

The Robins have been learning all about India in their International Studies lessons. This week they enjoyed tasting poppadoms, raita and mango.







Year 2 took their maths outdoors

The Badgers and Eagles ventured outside for their maths lesson. Fresh air is always a great way to stimulate the brain cells!





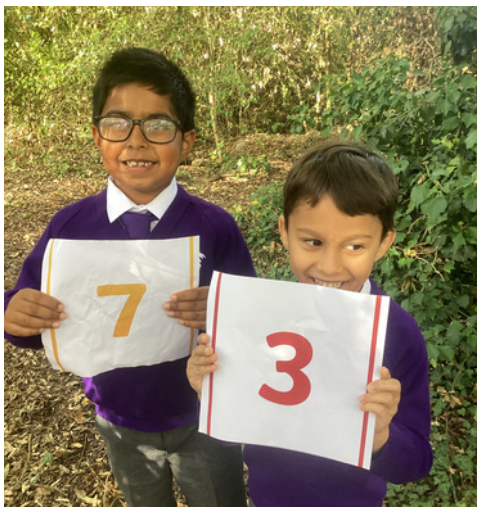








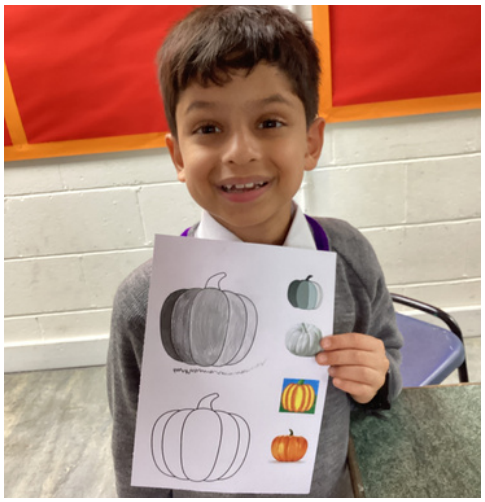


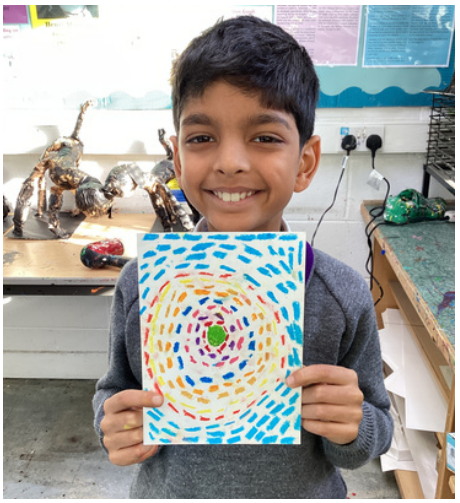


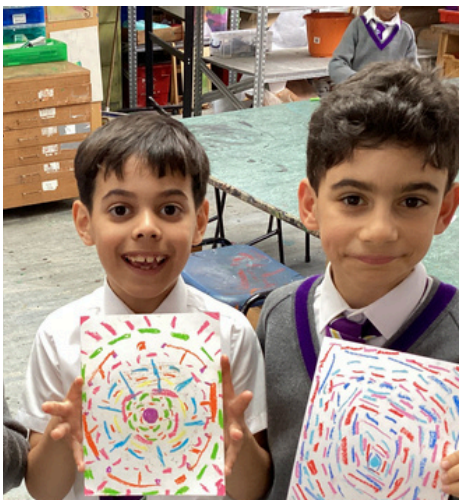


Another busy and colourful week!

Year 3 have been learning about Alma Thomas and recreating her vibrant patterns using oil pastels. Year 4 have been developing their pencil shading skills, exploring light and dark to create depth. Year 5 have loved bringing their creepy animal sculptures to life by adding eyes and painting BIG pumpkins! Meanwhile, Year 6 continue to make progress on their beautiful duck paintings.










Skillful work and concentration in DT&E









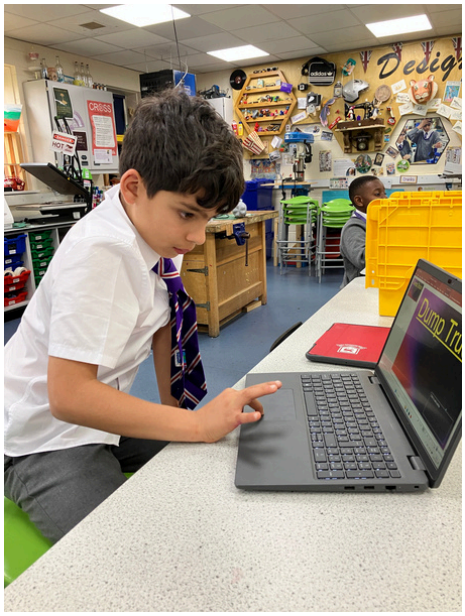






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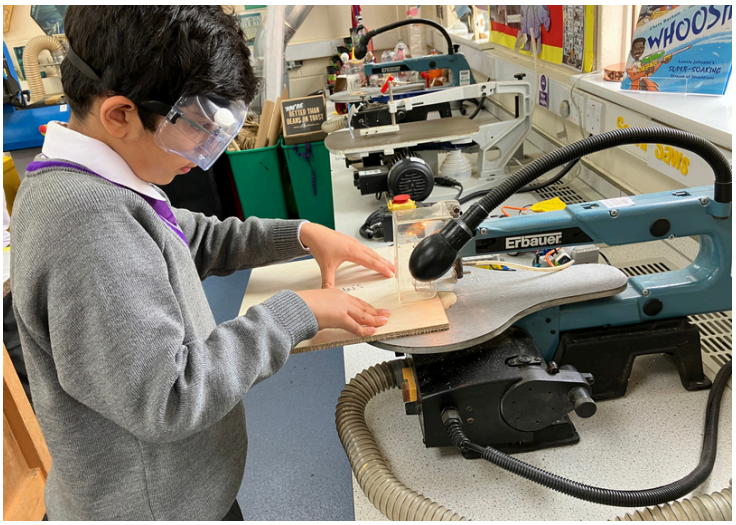















CLUBHOUSE
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We enjoyed the MTS cross-country event

Year 5 and 6 were excited to take part in the inaugural MTS Cross Country event, held ahead of the MTS whole-school event. Our boys challenged themselves over a 2km course alongside pupils from MTP, showing real grit and determination on the open, fast course. Sam, Gabriel and Krish were our top three runners on the day, with Sam finishing third overall. After crossing the finish line, the boys enjoyed a well-deserved celebratory ice cream! Some also had the opportunity to chat with the MTS Headmaster before watching former St John's pupils take part in what was a fun and exciting event. It was fantastic to see our boys enthusiastically cheering on the St John's pupils who have progressed to MTS. The atmosphere was full of joy, excitement and school spirit. Well done to all the boys for their efforts and positive attitude. We look forward to our own St John's House Cross Country event at the end of term!







Under 9 Football v MTP



U9C won 4-2 v MTP



U9B drew 3-3 v MTP



U9A with Mr Kruger at MTP

Under 8 Football v St Martin's



U8 A



U8D had an epic game



U8B team

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St John's Clubhouse Adventures

October 2026 Half Term
Mon 26th-Thurs 29th October 2026

Calling all explorers from Nursery – Year 6!

Join us for action-packed days filled with fun, laughter and adventures from 9am-4pm.

Halloween Themed Arts and Crafts
Rocket Launcher | Frisbee
Free Play |Bat and Ball Games
Bug and Scavenger Hunts
Basketball | Giant Chess
Football Frenzy | Forest Fun
Bubble Machine | Disco Ball Fun

Under 5s £55 per day (15 hours free available over 3 days*)
Over 5s £45 per day

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

*£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).

HALF TERM CAMPS AT ST JOHN'S





St John's Association

FIREWORKS NIGHT

at St John's School

Thursday
5th November

Food served
5.15pm

Fireworks
7.00pm

Adult Ticket
£15

Child Ticket
£13

Ticket **includes food**
if purchased before half term!

Hot Drinks & Treats

Mulled Wine

Fun for the whole family