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St John's School Weekly Newsletter

Issue 409



From the Headmaster

It was a pleasure to welcome prospective families to our Open Morning earlier today. Our Senior boys were excellent tour guides. We also welcomed visiting poet, author and spoken-word artist Kimba King to school this week, and enjoyed exploring the theme of "Wonder" on National Poetry Day yesterday as we prepared for Hunter Jones recitations next week.

We have a wonderful mixed community at St John's, with children and families from lots of different backgrounds and religions. During assemblies, and throughout the week, we celebrated these. Mr Kruger considered the huge benefits of our diversity, and the varied contribution that black men and women make to our society.

In the Juniors, our young scientists have been thinking, sensing and investigating. Year 4 had fun getting up close and personal with the fascinating world of insects.

Among the sporting highlights this week were the first win of the season for the 1st XI, a fantastic performance from the U11A team at the MTP football tournament last weekend and the first home matches for Year 3.

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Senior boys were proud tour guides on Open Morning





Poetry comes alive with Kimba King!

We were delighted to welcome acclaimed poet, author and spoken-word artist Kimba King to school on Tuesday for an inspiring day of poetry workshops for pupils from Years 3 to 6. Kimba brought poetry to life through his energetic performances and infectious enthusiasm, showing the boys that poetry is not simply about finding words that rhyme. Through a series of engaging activities, the boys explored how poets can use rhythm, rhyme, imagery, wordplay and figurative language to make their writing more powerful and memorable. The workshops encouraged the boys to experiment with language, develop their own ideas and, most importantly, find their own voice as writers. It was wonderful to see the boys embracing the challenge, sharing their ideas and discovering just how much they could do with words. A huge thank you to Kimba for an inspiring and memorable day!









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Year 6 explore the St John's centenary photo



Look at this beautiful sky behind the tiger



Keep showing resilience in all that you do



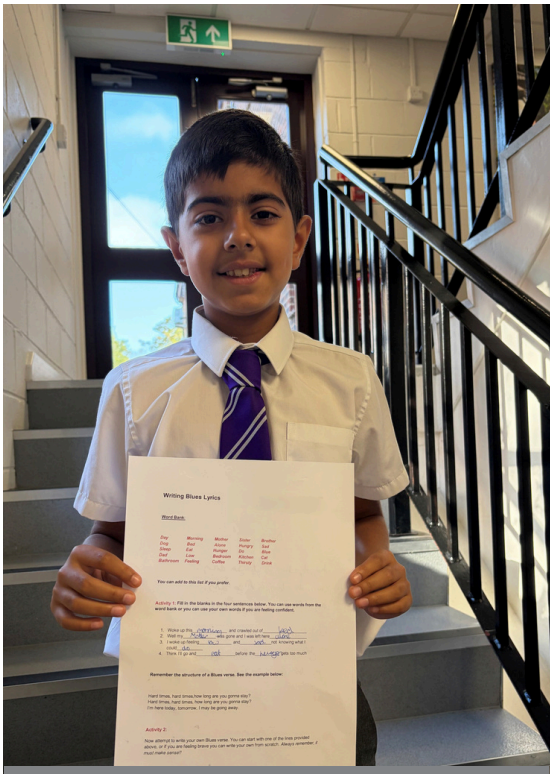
The boys enjoyed performing their poems to Ms Gillen

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Year 6S assembly celebrated diversity



Excellent lyrics for a Blues song. Well done.



This tiger escaped from the Art page!



Tour guides preparing for Open Morning





Independent Study on the Industrial Revolution in the library



In action at hockey club



Healthier choices, happier you



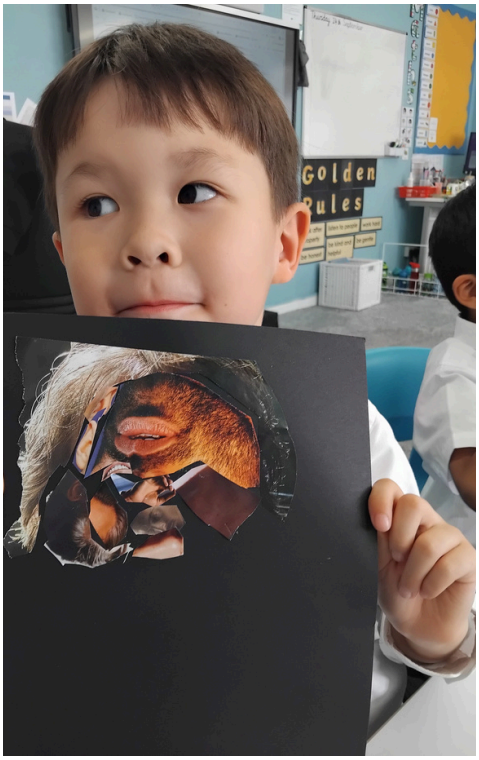
Our Open Morning visitors received a warm welcome



Badgers and Eagles collage portraits

Inspired by Picasso, the boys explored collage portraiture by creating imaginative faces using facial features cut from magazines. The activity sparked plenty of creativity, with eyes, noses and mouths carefully arranged to form unique and often hilarious portraits. As the boys shared their finished artwork with friends, the classroom was filled with laughter and enjoyment, making this a memorable and engaging art lesson for everyone involved.

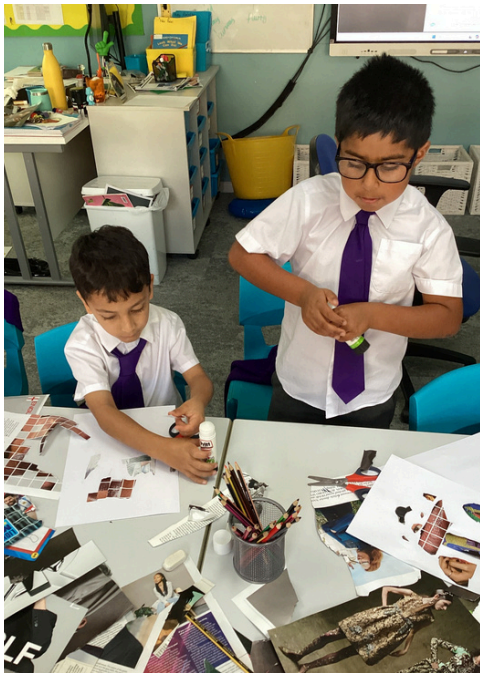








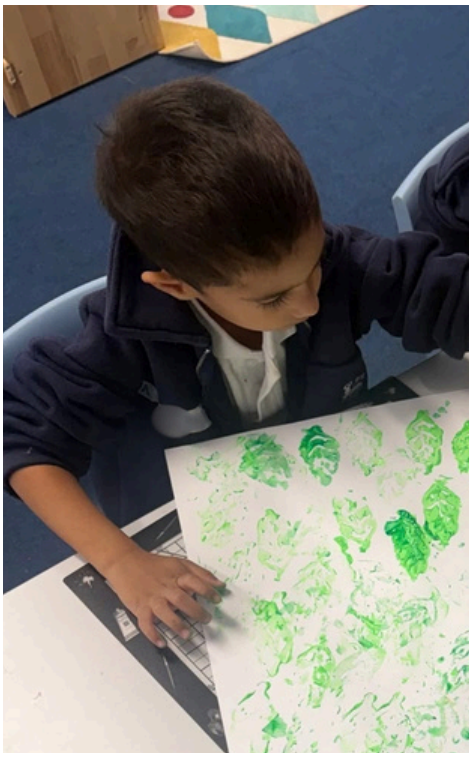






Look at our wonderful self-portraits

This week the Robins have been learning about the colourful work of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Inspired by her work, they used printing techniques for the background to their paintings and then paints to create self portraits. Great work, boys.















Science Explorers: Senses and six-legged surprises!

This week, our young scientists have been thinking, sensing and investigating. Year 3 explored sensitivity and enjoyed discovering how living things detect and respond to changes around them. Meanwhile, Year 4 were getting up close and personal with the fascinating world of insects, learning what makes these six-legged creatures special. From reacting to the world around us to uncovering the secrets of tiny creatures, there was plenty to spot, investigate and wonder about!

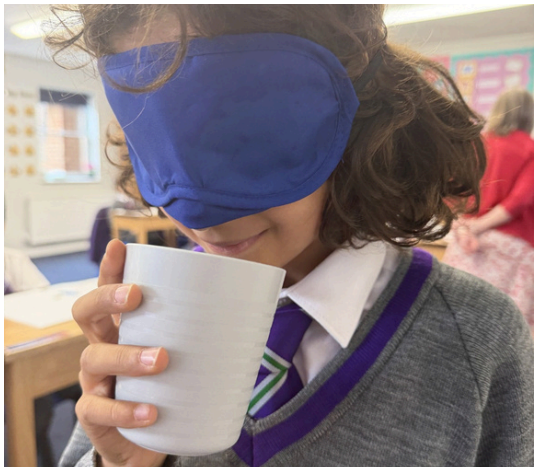














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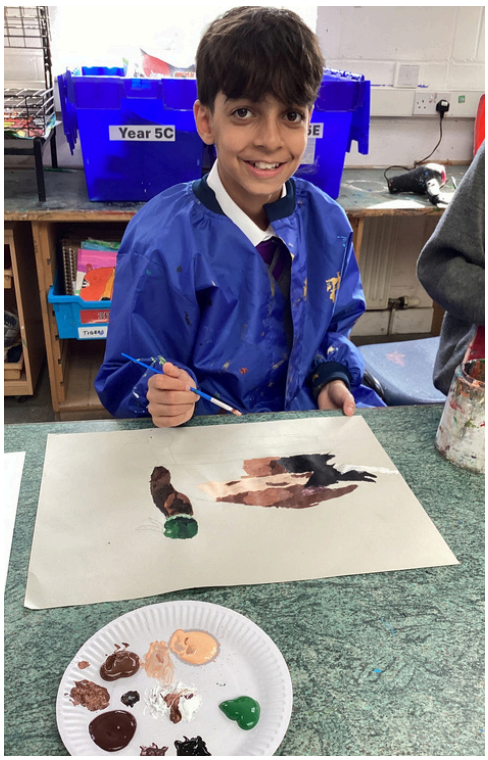




Tigers, ghosts and ducks in the Art studio

Our Year 3 boys have been finishing off their tiger paintings and are now beginning to explore pattern. Year 4 have been experimenting with tints and shades, developing their understanding of light and dark. Year 5 have enjoyed creating their spooky sculptures, while Year 6 have continued working on their Monet-inspired duck paintings.







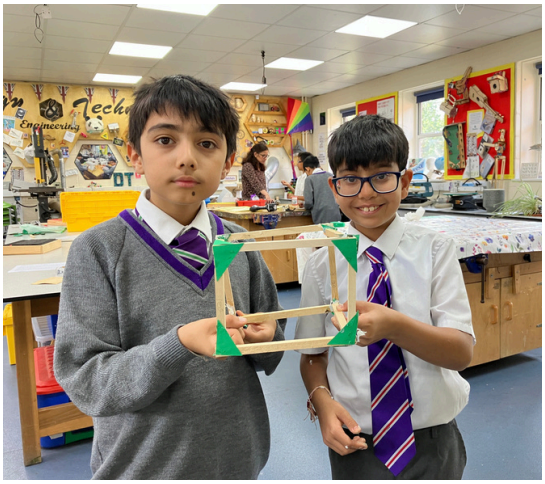







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HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE
at STEM DEN
27 - 29th
OCT 2026
St John's school
Northwood, HA53ZF
Daily Timings:
9 am - 4 pm
For BUDDING ENGINEERS
& SCIENTISTS
Aged 5 to 13 years
PARENTS!
Visit our website to discover detailed daily schedules and secure your spot today!
www.stemden.co.uk
STEM DEN
Hands On! Minds On!
Inspire your budding engineers and scientists! A spook-tacular adventure awaits!



Fantastic performances by our U11A team

The U11A team produced a fantastic set of performances at the U11A Football Festival at Merchant Taylors' Prep. The boys won three matches, and lost two, ultimately finishing a very close third on goal difference. Every member of the squad battled hard and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Considering the illness, absences and the number of boys who were called into the team at late notice, the squad showed tremendous resilience, commitment and teamwork throughout the Festival. Krish was nominated by Mr Smith and Mr Spackman for his performances on the day, although we were incredibly proud of all the boys and their achievements. An honourable mention should also go to Shrihaan, who was excellent in goal throughout the tournament and produced a number of outstanding saves to keep the team competitive in several matches.



U11A at the MTP Football Festival







A fantastic week of football and sporting action

We've had a fantastic week of football and sporting action, with the boys representing St John's superbly throughout. The boys had great fun playing football against York House this week. Our U9s were in action on Tuesday, taking part in an exciting quadrangular tournament against York House, Merchant Taylors' Prep and St Martin's. Our Colts teams also played some excellent football in their home and away fixtures against York House, with the quality of play on display being particularly impressive.



U11B v York House



A cracking match and great team play by the Colts U11B v York House



U9C team



U9A &B quadrangular v York House



Colts B v St Martin's



Colts United v St Martin's

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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).

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