

St John's School Weekly Newsletter

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# A challenge for Year 7 & 8 historians



Our Year 7 and 8 volunteer historians answered one hundred history questions in an hour during the Townsend Warner History Competition this week - fingers crossed boys!



This has been a busy and successful week for learners of all ages, as this edition of the Lamb indicates. There have been multiple rugby fixtures and sports practices, music and drama rehearsals and opportunities for children to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence in the classroom and in their extra-curricular options. Our Year 6 are also approaching the end of their assessment phase for secondary schools, with early indications looking very positive indeed.

I was pleased to speak about resilience and determination in assemblies this week. These are key life skills which allow boys to take life's ups and downs in their stride, deal with pressures and overcome adversity. My key message is that we learn and develop the most not through our successes (great though these are to celebrate), but actually through our response to struggles and challenges. Have a good weekend!

From the Headmaster

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#### Exciting news from the SJA

The St John's Association continue to raise money for exciting projects around the School, in addition to supporting other charities and organising social and community activities. Later this term, funds raised will allow the construction of an outdoor learning area similar to the image below. This will enhance opportunities for the children to have leadership and teamwork training, outward bounds, character development and a wide variety of other lessons and activities.



# ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION QUIZ NIGHT DATE: 8" MARCH 2025 THEME: DENIM & PEARL Bar Opens at 7.00pm Dinner at 7.30pm Quiz Starts at 8.30pm Carriages at 11.00pm Gather your friends and family to beat the Headmaster's table



#### RSPB Birdwatch this weekend - don't forget to join in!

In preparation for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend, ECO Club members enjoyed making bird boxes. Our Nursery boys learnt about different species of birds, made bird-feeders and enjoyed walking around our beautiful grounds hanging them up.











#### We are offering an exciting ski trip next year

We are planning to take a group of boys skiing in the Italian Alps during the Easter holidays 2026. We shall be leaving on Sunday 5th April, returning on Saturday 11th April. The trip will include five days of skiing. Apres-Ski may include swimming, skating, and a Pizza Night. We are offering the trip to the current Year 7, Year 5 and Year 4 boys. All meals and equipment are provided. If you are interested please reply to the email that has been sent to you as soon as possible.







# AROUND SCHOOL SINCE 1920



Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.

**Robert Brault** 

Assembly quote of the week



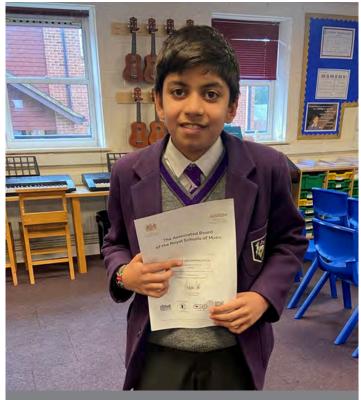
IPQ briefing on the theme of Discovery for Year 8



#### Celebrating creativity



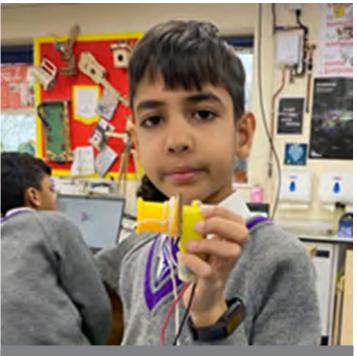
Outstanding Pop Art graffiti work



Well done for passing Grade 3 violin



Well done for passing Grade 3 Rock and Pop drums



Great problem solving in DT&E

#### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

# WHOLE SCHOOL LITTER PICK

Saturday 22 March 2025 Holland and Holland Ducks Hill Road

2 PM - 4 PM

TO REGISTER, PLEASE PICK THE LINK





# Birdwatching in Nursery

Lambs and Cygnets have been learning about birds this week. They have been discussing their features, patterns and colours, noticing similarities and differences between them, and talking about how birds survive in winter. They loved making their own bird feeders and placing them around the School for the birds we have in our beautiful grounds. We have put up some up in the Nursery garden so that we can watch the birds from our classroom. So far we have seen magpies, robins and a bluetit!







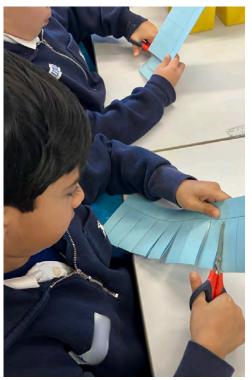




# Year 1 have been learning to weave

Otters & Owls have started to work with paper and other materials to create a woven placemat. Their first job was to make a loom, giving them a chance to practise their ruler skills. Then, having chosen what to work with from a variety of materials, they really had to focus to ensure careful weaving.















#### Concentration and Teamwork in Pre-Prep PE lessons







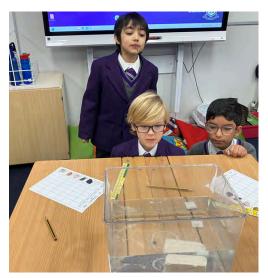




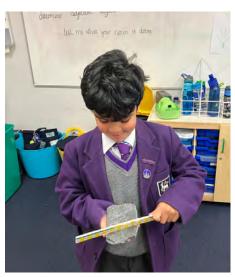
# Year 3 geologists This week Year 3 have been learning about rocks. The boys tested the different properties of rocks.

















# Exciting ensembles in Music

It is great to report that ensembles have now reconvened, with a theme of Film and Television running through our performance pieces. Some Year 5 pupils have also been composing and rehearsing a piece of music for their Chinese New Year assembly. They will be accompanying a Dragon Dance in traditional Chinese style.







# Working hard in DT&E











# We have so many talented artists Year 7 have been working on their colourful graffiti Pop Art pieces. Year 6 have been painting winter birch trees.













#### A great start to the rugby season

The U13A rugby team kicked off the season with a thrilling triangular against Orley Farm and Merchant Taylors' Prep. In the opening minute, Abbas scored a try from a penalty. Orley Farm responded with two tries, breaking through our defence. Tanay's quick thinking set Max off on a darting run, and Abbas capitalised on a ruck to score his second try. Despite these efforts, we ultimately lost 4-2 as our defence struggled to contain Orley Farm's attacks. However, the team learned quickly from the defeat, delivering a dominant performance against MTP. Controlling the game, they capitalised on MTP's errors, with Max scoring twice and Raphael adding another try. The final score was 3-0, sealing a fantastic victory. (Report by Abbas)













# Under 13 Triangular 22nd January













# Under 10 v Orley Farm













# Under 11 v Orley Farm











#### Schools Triathlon 2025

We have all been invited to take part in the Schools Triathlon 2025. It takes place on Sunday 8th June 2025 at Mill Hill School. It is open to Years 3-8. Get into teams of 4; be kind; choose a silly name; tell your parents and ask them to sign up. The entry deadline is Friday 7th February. Last year 53 St John's participants raised an incredible £8.809.98. You can see the names of our winning teams below. Why not take part this year and have fun raising money for charity? Register Here



Last year...





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ST JOHN'S NORTHWOOD
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£ 8,809.98

