



From the
Headmaster

Our boys have enjoyed a challenging and entertaining Activity Week, with opportunities for alternative learning experiences both in and out of school. The sun shone and they were all inspired by the wide range of activities on offer - a well-deserved reward for all their academic efforts.

The residential trips to St David's, Normandy, Dorset, Whitemoor Lakes and PGL have all gone well, as the photos in this bumper edition of The Lamb show. It's been a fantastic celebration of outdoor learning, risk-taking, pushing boundaries and, for Year 7, experiencing foreign culture. Many thanks to all the teachers who made these inspiring trips and events possible.

Year 5 were transported back to the 1940s for an authentic wartime experience and were fascinated by their Police Forensic Science workshops today. Year 1 have been making 3D maps of our site using Lego as they familiarise themselves with their wider surroundings at St John's.

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to our Open Morning next Wednesday, 15th May at 9.15am. In the meantime, we wish good luck to our Under 13 cricketers who are playing at the Belmont Festival tomorrow and a restful weekend to everyone else.

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Amazing Activity Week





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Year 6 have been learning outdoors in Dorset

We all enjoyed a fantastic week of good weather, outdoor learning and fun in Dorset. Particular highlights included the trip to Brooklands Museum and the Concorde experience, scary stories at Corfe Castle and Thursday's watersports near Brownsea Island. All our thanks to Brenscombe Outdoor Centre for a wonderful time.





Amazing Activity Week: Year 7 in Normandy

The boys enjoyed a fun filled week at the Château practising their French whilst completing various sports and activities. On Tuesday, we visited a local market to buy fresh ingredients for our picnic and afterwards we visited the ramparts of Mont St. Michel. Other key highlights have included canoeing, rock climbing, petting and feeding the farm animals and even making and eating homemade bread for our dinner. Lots of boys were eager to also try a French delicacy at dinner - les escargots! After a busy week, we even managed to squeeze in a trip to the Bayeux Tapestry on our way home!





Amazing Activity Week: Year 8 in Wales

A **super week** was had by all in St David's this week as we enjoyed the outdoor activities, each other's company and wonderful Welsh countryside. Diolch yn fawr!





Recreating the 1940s in Year 5

Year 5 have been studying the World War Two era in their cross-curricular History and English learning. They were transported back to the 1940s this week, experiencing life in an evacuee school room, shopping at the market to work out how to buy products using shillings and ration cards, surviving air raids and assisting in fire alerts.



“One of the best lessons I’ve had in my life” David



“A fantastic afternoon for the boys and great fun taking part” Reena



“It’s been great fun to learn how different the 1940s were to today” Ifan





Year 3 to 5 worked in teams to solve puzzles

On Tuesday, boys in Years 3 to 5 enjoyed a visit from the Happy Puzzle Company. Their problem-solving and teamwork skills were put to the test as they worked hard to solve a variety of tricky puzzles and games. The games we played, and many others, are available to purchase on the Happy Puzzle Company website at www.happypuzzle.co.uk



“The games encouraged teamwork and made us think and share our ideas” Year 5 team



Year 3 Music Tech



In our mentoring sessions, Year 1 boys enjoyed reading, drawing and chatting with Year 8 boys.



6S (Shakespeare) led an assembly recently. They told us lots of interesting facts and information about the life and work of William Shakespeare. We were also joined by three witches at the end for a special sneak preview of the school play.



Year 1 made 3D maps of our site

The Otters and Owls have been identifying features on aerial photographs of St John's. It was fun working together to create 3D maps using Lego bricks to represent different parts of the school.





Year 2 had a big adventure this week

The boys were full of excitement as our coach pulled out of the St John's gates, to set off for our PGL adventure. We've enjoyed fun-filled activities such as abseiling, fencing, den building and the "giant swing". A midnight feast ended our first day away from home with chocolate, popcorn and other treats in bed. The final night concluded with singing songs and toasting marshmallows around the campfire. We now need to get home for a dunk in the bath and some sleep!





Year 2 had a big adventure this week cont





An exciting trip for Year 4

Year 4 had an excellent time at Whitemoor Lakes, the boys were full of excitement as we left St John's on Wednesday morning. We've enjoyed lots of fun-filled activities including zipline, abseiling, orienteering and canoeing. We also managed to fit in a little bit of sleep along the way.





A relaxing Art lesson in the sun

Year 5 had a relaxing lesson in the sun this week weaving The Eye of God. Year 3 enjoyed learning about scrape painting which was lots of messy fun!





Year 8 Business Enterprise

Year 8 can't wait to tell you all about the products they are making to sell at the Business Enterprise Sale. Here they are highly engaged in making each one and ensuring that the quality is of a high standard.





St John's Athletics Match 2nd May

The Athletics season kicked off last Thursday with St John's hosting their annual Athletics Match at the superb facilities at Merchant Taylors' School. The weather luckily held fair, and it was great to see the boys setting personal bests and getting their qualification times/distances to enable them to head to Regionals. All boys gave their best and did themselves proud against tough competition. St John's placed a very respectable 3rd overall and we did especially well across Year 7 and 8. Mr Spackman, who organised the event, would like to thank to all staff helped the afternoon run so smoothly.





St John's Athletics Match






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