

Immersive trip back in time for Year 1



Welcome to a bumper end-of-half-term edition of The Lamb. There is plenty to celebrate! The Lower School travelled back in time: Year 1 immersed themselves in a Fire of London day and Year 4 explored Verulamium as part of their Roman life project. It was a pleasure to welcome parents to School, whether in costume playing the role of 17th century shop keepers, supporting Year 4 rugby players from the stand at the Stone X stadium or celebrating the boys' creative work at the Art and DT&E Open Houses. Others travelled to Wembley arena to hear our Year 5 perform at the Young Voices event.

Our Year 6 and Year 8 boys have worked hard, and performed superbly in their Secondary School assessments. We are delighted with the large number of successes and scholarship awards, which is testament to the boys' hard work and the support and teaching expertise of staff.

I hope all boys and staff have a good break and wish all the best to staff and pupils on the Classics trip!

From the Headmaster



Year 5 sang their hearts out at Wembley

Year 5 boys sang their hearts out at the OVO Wembley Arena on Monday night, as part of one of the world’s largest children’s choirs, Young Voices. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys to perform in such an iconic venue, but also alongside students from other schools and special guest artists who they know, and who are wonderful role models. Year 5 were on their best behaviour and we even managed to get back to school exactly on time this year !





What a wonderful experience for Year 5!





Up and down the hill on our bikes

Our Bikeability training this week gave the whole of Year 8 the opportunity to brush up on our cycling skills. Cycle instructors from Hillingdon Council came to assess and advance our cycling skills. Despite the cold, we had two good days of training sessions in which we learnt many new skills relating to cycling safely on the road. Before we set out on the local hills, we learned how to put our helmets on safely, the ABC rule for a safe bike, and how to be safe cycling in a group. We all achieved our Bikeability Stage 1 Badge and we are looking forward to getting our Stage 2 Badge when the course resumes in March! Reported by Rishi





AROUND SCHOOL




Year 8 enjoyed creating a freeze-frame of Estella and Pip in Great Expectations to convey the emotions of scorn, admiration, frustration, and longing.



At Stone X Stadium - what a treat!



Once a week, a group of boys work on forming stylish, fluent handwriting which enables them to write more comfortably at speed and to create a good first impression on the page.



Watching The Lego Movie at Junior Movie Appreciation Club

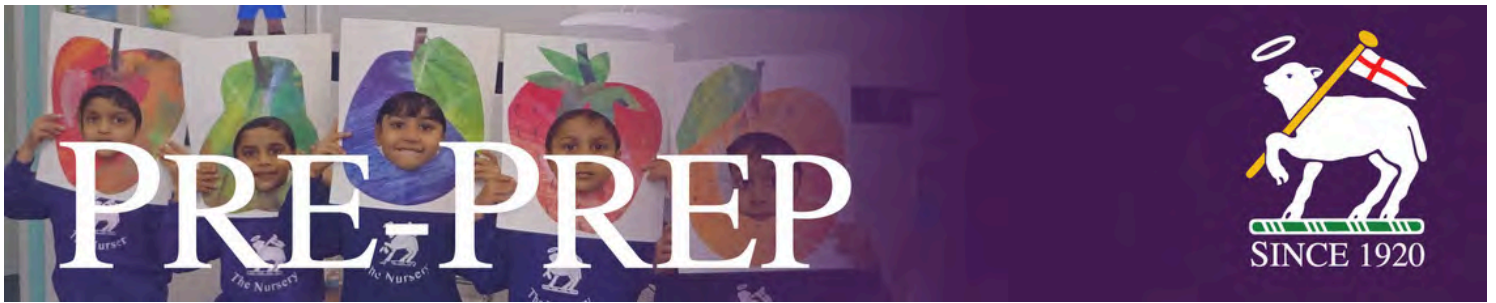


Year 4 rugby supporters team - Come on St John's!!

ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION
QUIZ NIGHT
DATE: 8TH MARCH 2025
THEME: DENIM & PEARL

Bar Opens at 7.00pm
Dinner at 7.30pm
Quiz Starts at 8.30pm
Carriages at 11.00pm

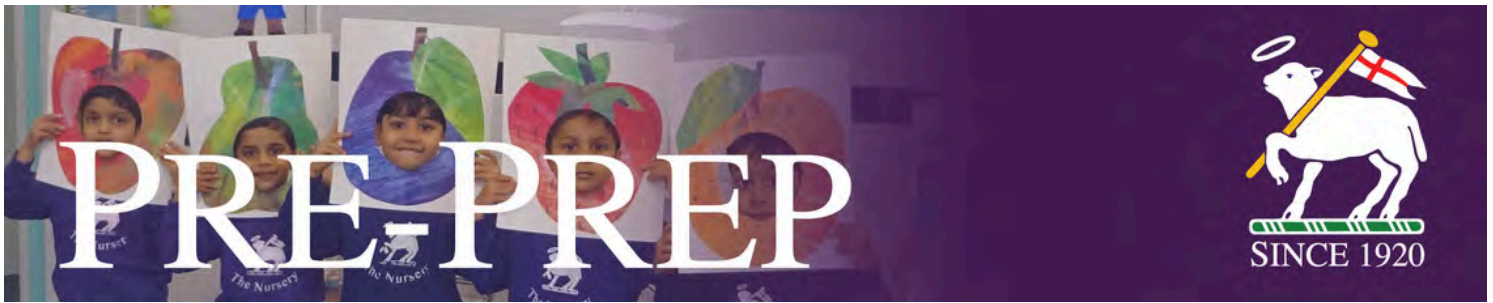
Gather your friends and family to beat the Headmaster's table



Pre-Prep Poetry Competition 2025

February half-term always brings with it our annual Pre-Prep Poetry Competition. Every boy participated by learning a poem for the competition, with topics ranging from parrots to sisters cutting hair! The preliminary rounds were challenging to judge, but eventually, three boys from each class were selected to perform in the final round. Mrs Ward had the difficult job of selecting both the class winners and the overall competition winner. Each boy delivered his poem with clarity and confidence. After careful consideration, Aarav in the Badgers was announced as the overall winner. Congratulations to all the boys for their hard work and impressive recitations!





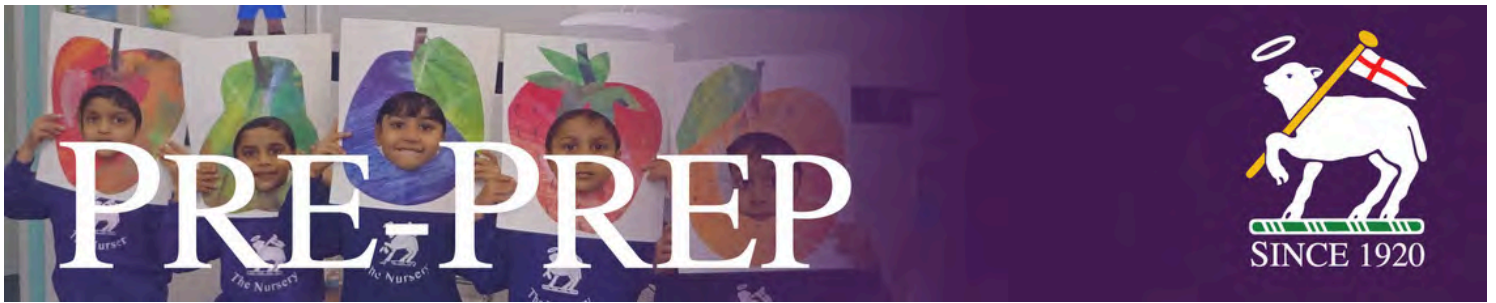
Otters and Owls travelled back in time to 1666

Year1 brought 17th Century London to life in the Norman Hall this week. Immersing themselves in 1666, they learned all about what it was like to live over 350 years ago, how the Great Fire of London started and why it raged for four days and four nights. The whole experience was thoroughly enjoyed by boys and adults alike. Many thanks to our willing volunteer helpers.



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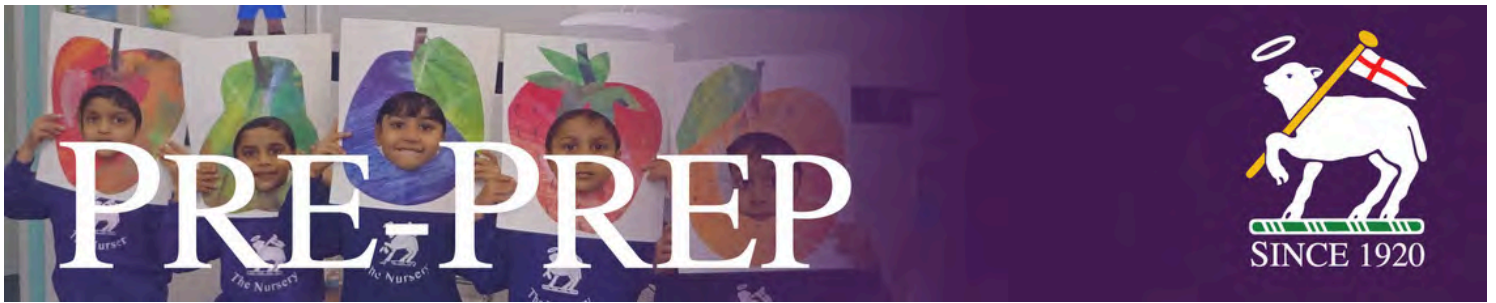




Voting for our favourite picture book

Pre-Prep have taken part in the Harrow Picture Book Award. Miss Whyton read the six books to the boys and they voted for their favourite, "Food Fight." On Wednesday all the schools that took part were lucky enough to join a celebratory zoom meeting with Supertato author Sue Hendra. She read a story to the boys and announced that the overall winning book was "Amy gets eaten." It was a lovely occasion for the boys.





Celebrating the American way

This week Reception talked about American celebrations in International Studies. We looked at the similarities and differences between a Thanksgiving meal and a traditional Christmas lunch. We also talked about why Americans celebrate the 4th July. After that the boys made their own little stack of pancakes, covered in maple syrup and cut up fruit. There were lots of smiles!



Crafting with friends after school





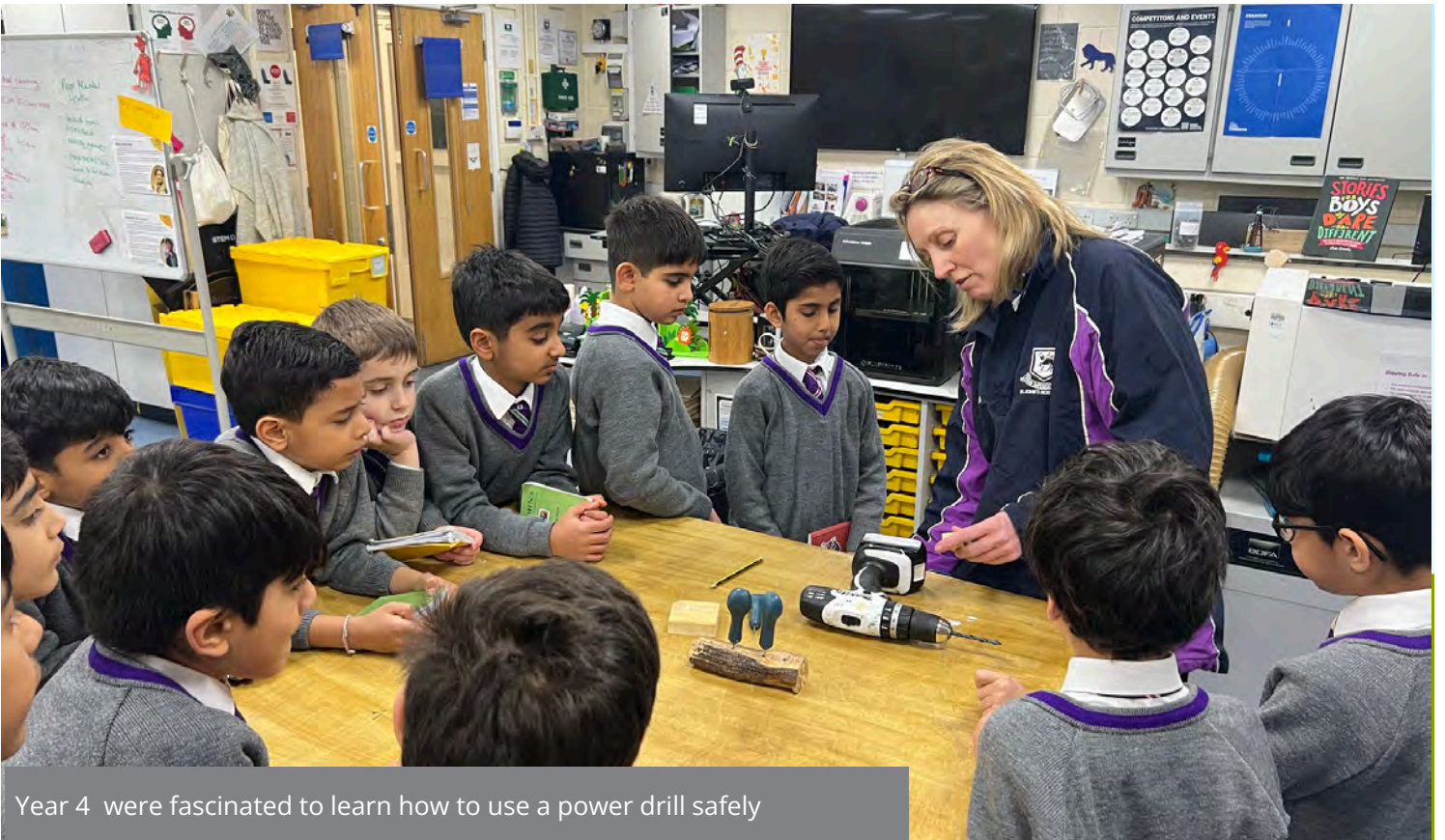
In the footsteps of the Romans

Year 4 students recently time-travelled to Roman Britain with a trip to Verulamium. Our day began with a museum tour, exploring fascinating artefacts that brought the Roman era to life. A hands-on workshop let them become archaeologists and examine various objects that were used for building, cooking and keeping clean. The remarkably preserved hypocaust and stunning mosaics were a highlight. Walking along the impressive city walls, the children imagined the bustling Roman city within. A fun day was had by all.





Year 4 enjoyed learning about Roman life at Verulamium despite the rain!



Year 4 were fascinated to learn how to use a power drill safely



Everything is Awesome at Movie Club!

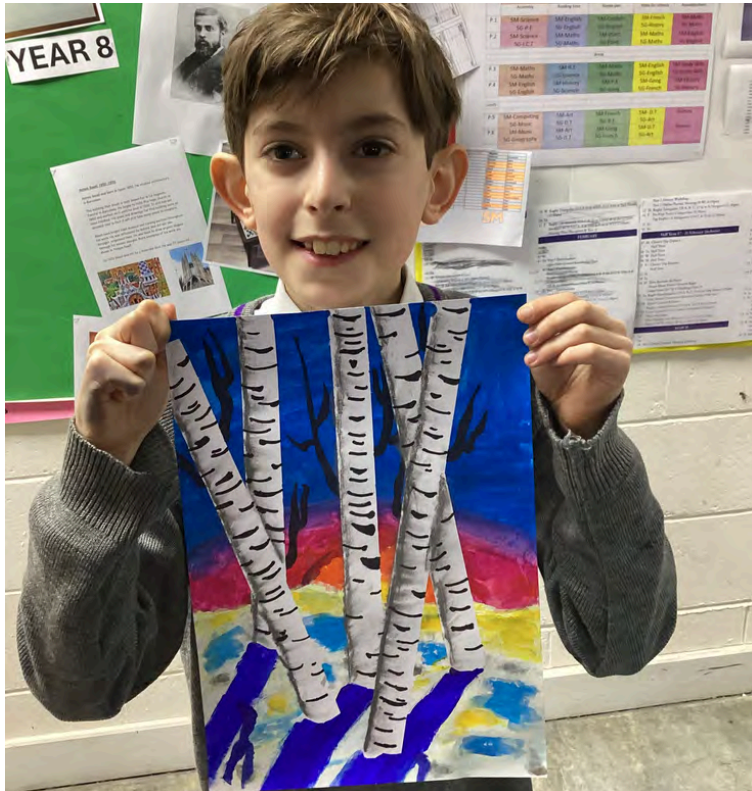
Since September, the Junior boys have been fully immersing themselves in films during Movie Appreciation Club. Most recently they have been working collaboratively to create their own Lego City after watching The Lego Movie. Everything is Awesome, especially Movie Appreciation Club!





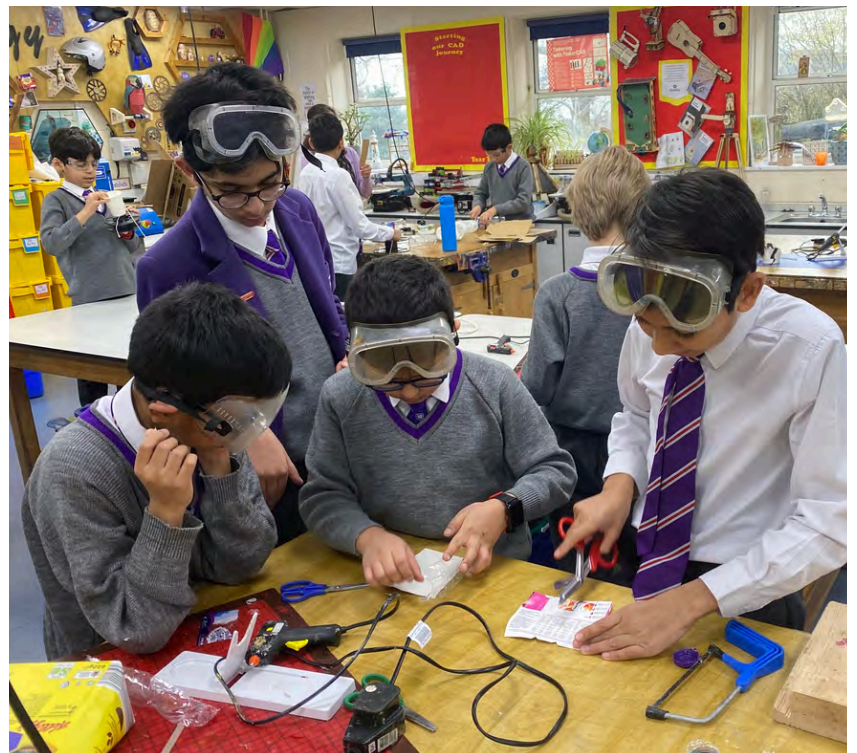
Welcome to the Art Room

Year 6 have enjoyed creating their winter birch tree paintings. It was lovely to see so many faces in the Art room for the Year 4 Open House on Wednesday and what a lovely display of art for parents to enjoy.





We challenge ourselves in DT&E





Our Open House was such fun!



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St John's teams shone at Stone X Stadium

This week, we had the exciting opportunity to play fixtures at the prestigious Stone X Stadium. The experience provided a memorable day for all involved and a refreshing change from the typical muddy conditions that often accompany rugby matches at this time of year. The Under 9 and Senior rugby teams delivered outstanding performances against Devonshire House, winning the majority of the games. The level of play was of a high standard, with all teams demonstrating impressive skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Devonshire House for the competitive fixtures and to Stone X Stadium for hosting us. We look forward to more memorable sporting moments in the future.





An inspiring experience for our rugby players



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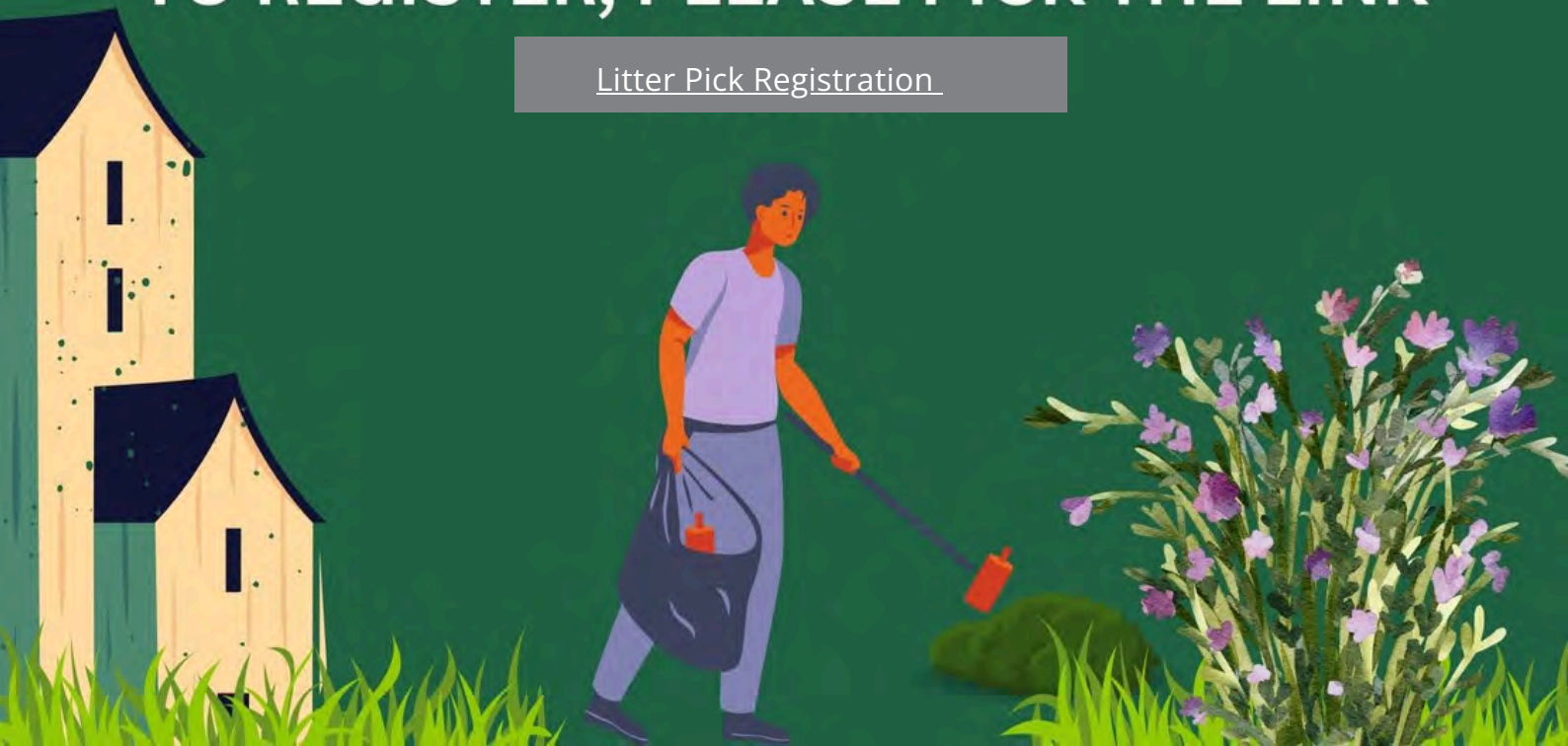
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