

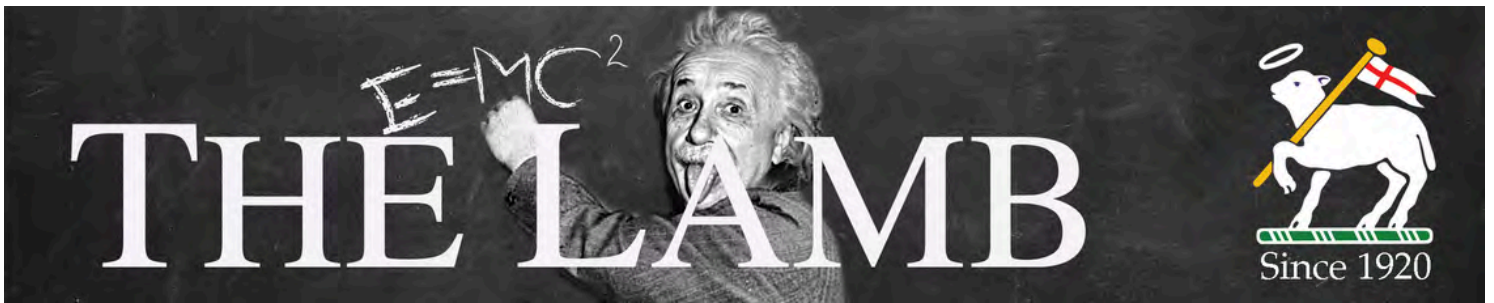
## Science Week - Change and Adapt



Boys throughout the School have been inspired and challenged by science this week. Year 8 were lucky to have a sunny day for their trip to Kew Gardens to study biodiversity. Prep boys enjoyed a fascinating student-led assembly on the theme of Change and Adapt, while Years 3 to 5 took part enthusiastically in a hands-on science week.

Year 6 explored the natural landscape around Cookham as part of their project, "The Wild." Back at School, they were very pleased to have the opportunity to read books they had written to Nursery. Outdoors, boys excelled in hockey and rugby. We wish all the best to our Under 11 rugby team who are representing the School at Caldicott tomorrow.

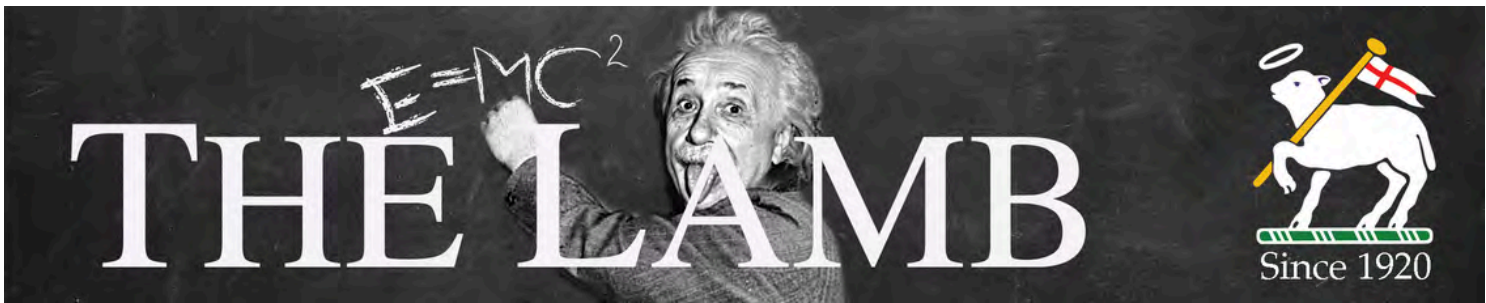
From the  
Headmaster



# Technology, energy, evolution and more

8K presented an assembly on the theme of this year's Science Week - Change and Adapt. The topics ranged through all the sciences from technology to biology. The boys used a variety of presentation styles to engage their audience. The assembly was both informative and entertaining.





# A sunny trip to Kew Gardens for Year 8

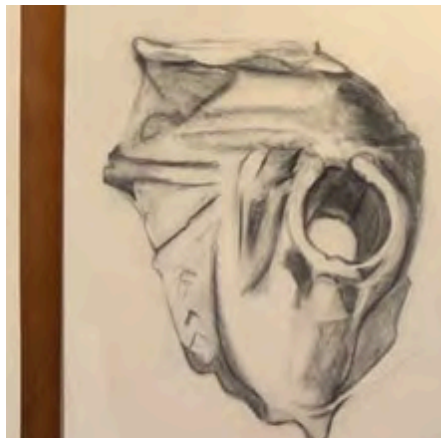
The boys attended a fascinating practical workshop on biodiversity in a woodland at Kew. Using quadrat the boys identified and logged the total different number of plants and animals in a set area and then compared different sites. They also enjoyed the peace and quiet in the beautiful gardens, which were blooming into Spring. They were impressed by the historic greenhouses with their ancient and rare tropical plants. We also had a chance to walk the exhilarating tree tops walkway and experience being chased by very territorial geese!





# Year 6 explored the "Wild Woods"

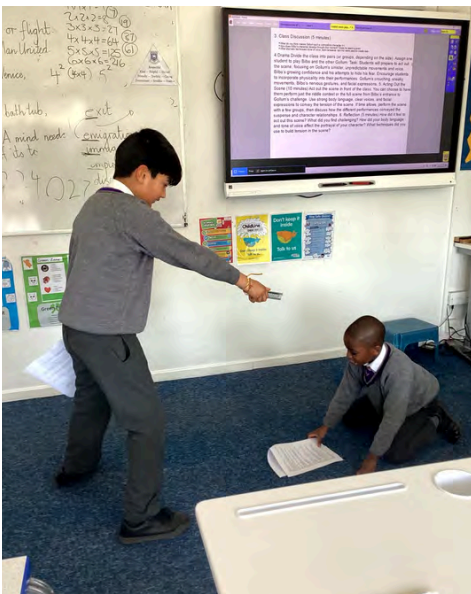
As part of our Year 6 project on 'The Wild', the boys spent a day exploring Cookham this week. We visited the wild woods that feature in Kenneth Grahame's 'The Wind in the Willows' and Holy Trinity Church grounds which are the location of an archaeological excavation site from the 8th and 9th century.





# Role play in English

Year 8 students stepped into a high-stakes courtroom drama, taking on the roles of defence and prosecution in the trial of Abel Magwitch. They expertly cross-examined witnesses, navigating through twists and turns in this gripping legal battle. A truly immersive experience in courtroom theatrics! Year 6 explored the tense 'Wild Woods' chapter from 'The Wind in the Willows' and Year 5, students brought the iconic riddle scene from 'The Hobbit' to life.





## Many thanks to our amazing SJA

A huge thank you to the St John's Association for putting on a wonderful Quiz last weekend. Congratulations to the winning team, who sadly we don't have a photo of but who enjoyed beating the Headmaster! Thanks to the continued hard work and generosity of the Association, the School has been able to build a lovely Outdoor Learning Hub and boys of all ages have already enjoyed lessons in the fresh air.



# AROUND SCHOOL



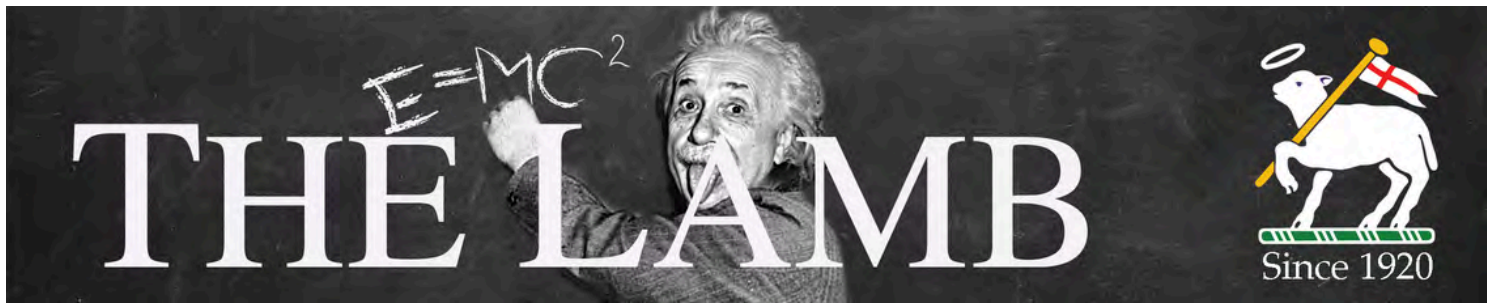
Our amazing young French Horn players



Congratulations on being Highly Commended in the IAPS National Creative Writing Competition



Year 8 in the awe-inspiring Palm House at Kew Gardens



# Science Week sparked curiosity in Juniors

Science Week ended with a whizz and a bang in the Juniors! Engaging experiments sparked curiosity, optical illusion workshops challenged perception and a thrilling rocket launch sent cheers echoing across the school. It was a week of hands-on science the boys won't soon forget.



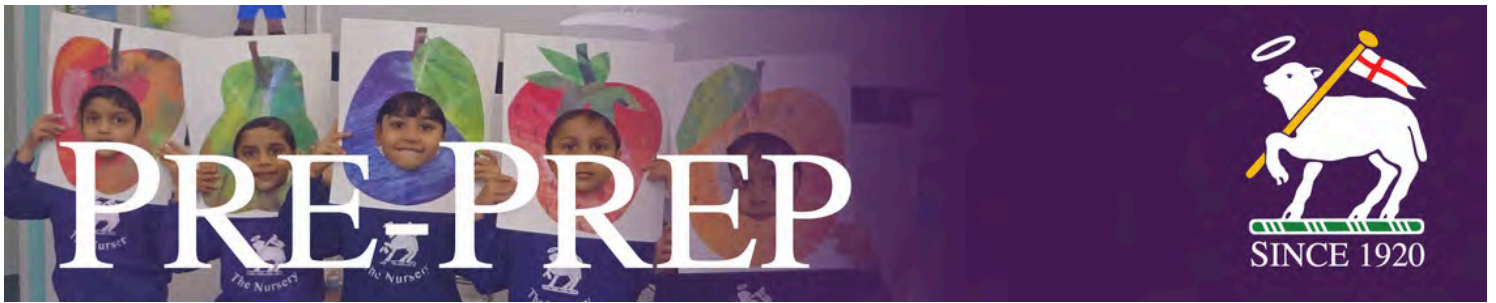




# May the force be with you

Year 3 have been learning about Forces in Science. This week we have been studying water resistance and buoyancy. The boys were set a task to create a shape out of plasticine that would float.

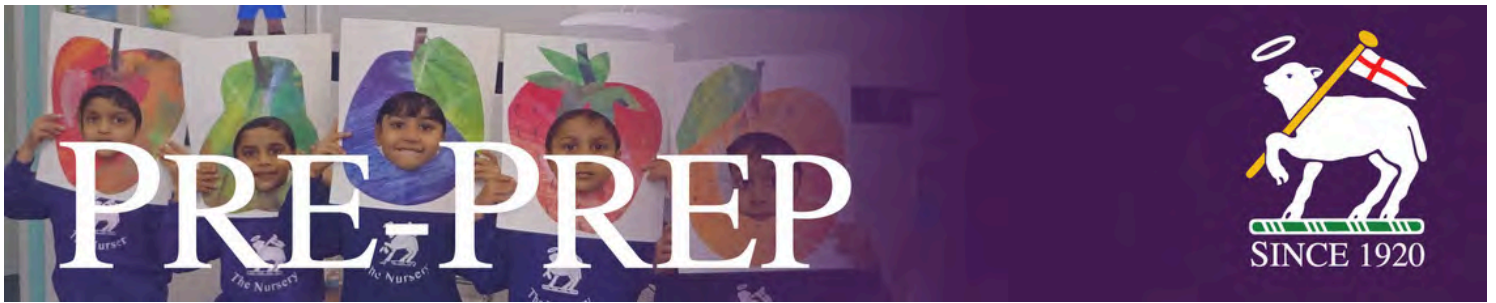




# Year 6 have been writing stories for Nursery

Year 6 have been busy writing stories and making books for Nursery. They came over to read them to the boys in a special story time session. Great fun was had by all.

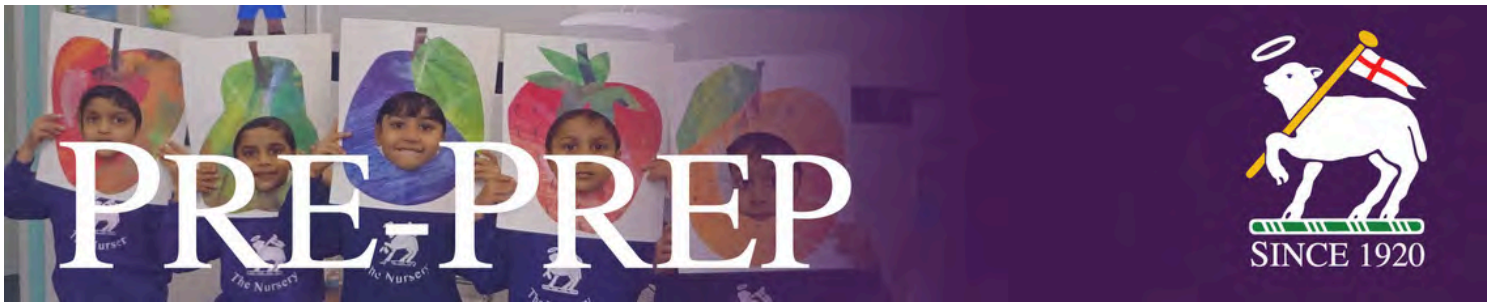




## All aboard for our first swimming lesson!

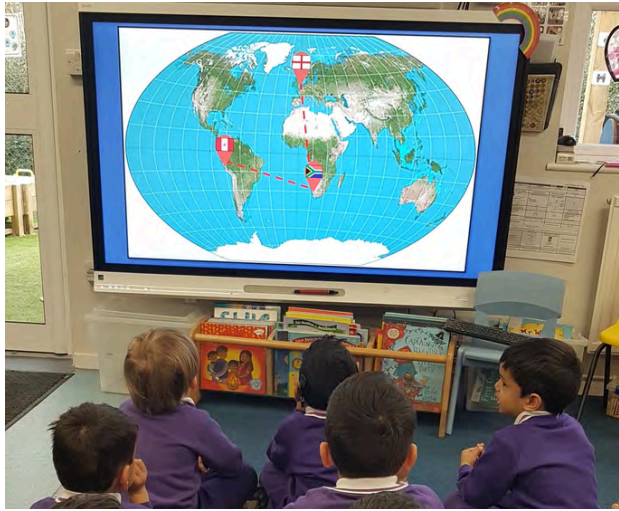
A chilly Wednesday saw the Otters and Owls set off for their first swimming lesson. It was a rather noisy journey due to the excitement of the boys but on arrival at Merchant Taylors' everyone lined up patiently. The water may have felt cold at first but with plenty of enthusiasm and lots of splashing the boys started to warm up. Everyone tried hard to be organised in the changing room and no belongings were left behind!





# Mass-ive fun this week in Nursery!

This week, Nursery have been to Peru on their world adventures. They have also been looking at mass, weighing and comparing different objects.





# Preparing for House Art

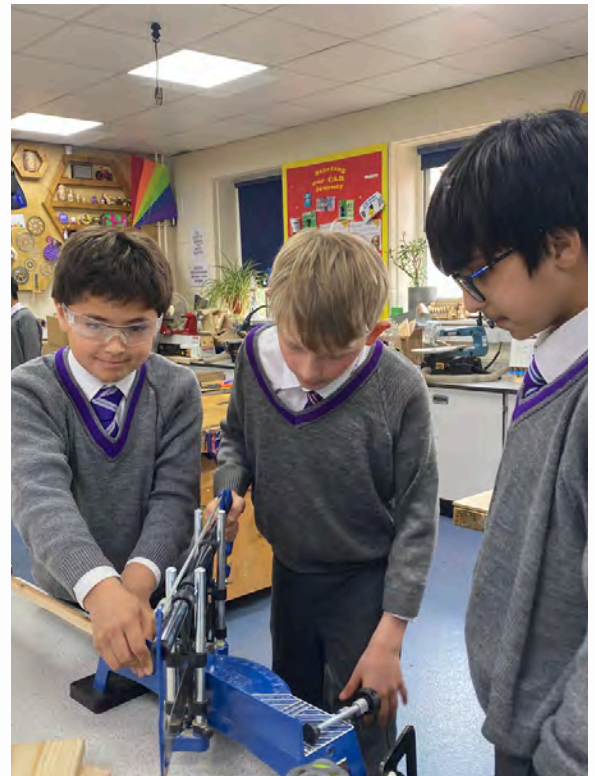
The boys have been very busy creating wonderful work for our annual House Art Competition.





# Testing times in the workshop

Testing times! Year 8 aim to launch a ping pong ball 3 metres with their catapults. Year 6 have been working on their projects for the Wild Woods. Can they get the angles correct to make a mitre joint?



## HOP INTO STEM DEN'S 4-DAY EASTER CAMP!

Monday 7th April – The Easter Bunny is in a scramble! Can you crack the code to help deliver all the chocolate eggs using Sphero Bolts?

Tuesday 8th April – Put your creativity to the test and hatch a bright idea designing a glowing lantern using digital art, maths, and circuits!

Wednesday 9th April – Mug-nificent designs! Create your own custom-printed mug and get hands-on in the Forest School session, learning knots and using real tools!

Thursday 10th April – It's time for robotics! Try your hand at VEX robotics and enjoy a cracking day outdoors with den building and woodland adventures!



Hands On! Minds On!

7TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH OF APRIL '25

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL, PINNER. HA5 3ZF

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# Under 13 Hockey v MTP and St Martin's





# Year 5 House Rugby







# Last game of the season for the Under 9s



**ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**

**WHOLE SCHOOL  
LITTER PICK**

**Saturday 22 March 2025**

**Holland and Holland  
Ducks Hill Road**

**2 PM - 4 PM**

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