



From the
Headmaster

An inspiring Carol Service to open the Festive Season

Welcome to the final edition of The Lamb, at the end of what has been a busy and successful term. We celebrated Christian traditions and welcomed the broader community to our wonderful Carol Service at Emmanuel Church, Northwood on Monday evening. At the reception after the service, we had a chance to thank our Governors, the Head Boy team and their families for the invaluable support they give the School.

In the last week of term, the challenges and achievements have continued. Boys competed in our annual Cross Country races which were keenly contested. Younger children enjoyed a visit to the Panto, and various parties. Our fabulous catering team created a delicious Christmas lunch. Many thanks to Jean and all her staff for their hard work.

The next Lamb will be published on Friday 17th January. I would like to wish all St John's families, teachers and support staff a happy, healthy and restful Christmas break.





Our wonderful Carol Service

On Monday evening we held our annual Carol Service at Emmanuel Church. Boys from Years 3 to 8 narrated the Christmas story in bible passages and poems. We all sang the carols enthusiastically, led by our orchestra and enjoyed vocal and instrumental interludes. It was a joyful occasion.





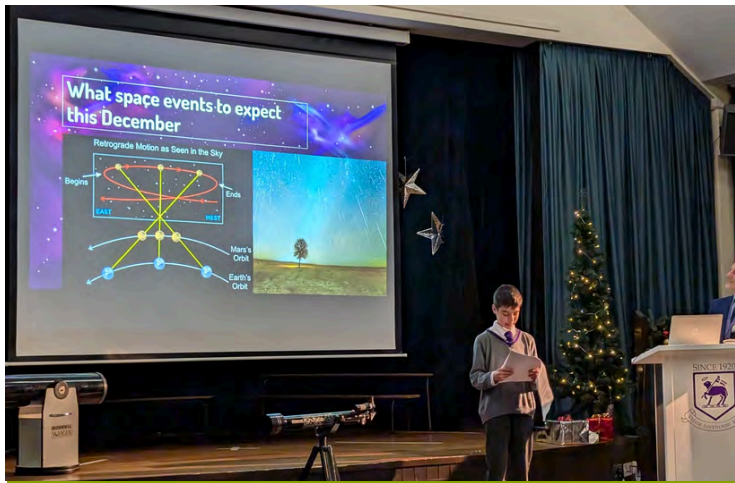
Our wonderful Carol Service





Astronomy Evening

Last Friday we held our winter Astronomy Evening. There was a good turnout of boys and parents, despite the poor weather. Sadly, we couldn't get the views of Saturn, Moon and Venus that we had hoped for. However, we had a good range of talks including Mr Lawrence's presentation on "What you can see in the Sky" and Rishi's talk on "Advances in Space in 2024." Mr Coulter, our visiting speaker from the West of London Astronomical Society (WOLAS), spoke about eclipses. The boys were able to look through the telescopes at the lights on the A40. Another highlight was the hot chocolate and biscuits!





A Francophone project for Year 8

Year 8 have been busy in French lessons completing a Francophone research project. The boys chose a French speaking country to research and found out about different aspects of their chosen country's culture, including traditions, languages, music and sport to name just a few. After the boys had presented their findings on posters, boys peer-assessed one another's work, giving constructive feedback. Overall winners from both classes were Neer, Rafay, Maximilian, Liam, Arun and Rishi. The boys' posters will also make an appearance at the Leavers Evening next year. Bravo les gars!





Christmas Jumper Day was great fun!

Christmas Jumper Day is an annual treat at St John's. Yesterday the jumpers were colourful and cosy; Senior Cross-Country was both challenging and invigorating; Christmas lunch was delicious and we all learnt lots of new facts during the traditional House Quiz which was won by Lawrence. We had a fabulous day while raising money for Save the Children at the same time. Merry Christmas everyone!



The famous House Christmas Quiz compered by Mr Smith and Mrs Savage

AROUND SCHOOL



Thank you and Merry Christmas everyone!



One of our Year 6 boys was a runner up in our local MP's Christmas card competition



Our tree in the dining hall weathered the storm!



Playing carols in the playground to raise money for City Harvest

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This term's Shining Stars. Well done boys!



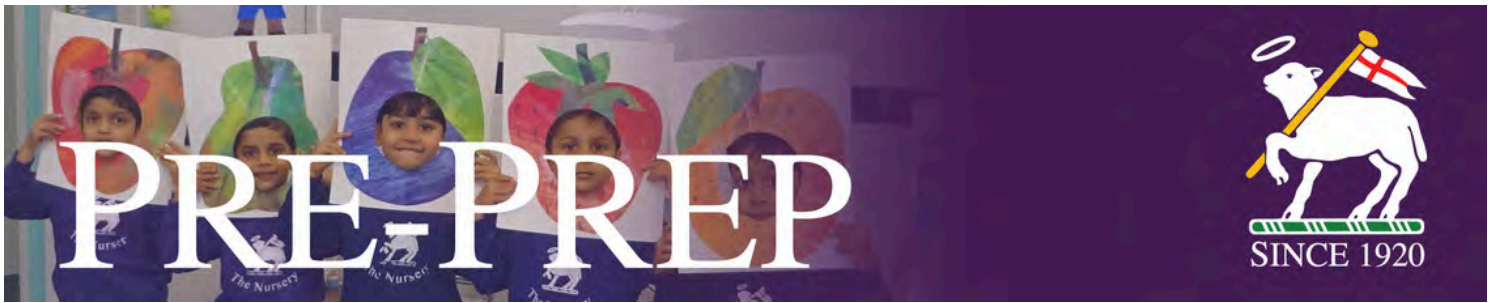
Our Pre-Prep "I did my best" winner



Thank you Mrs Baguley for everything you have done for us over the past twelve years



Thank you for the music Mr Corin



Christmas Party time in the Pre-Prep

On Tuesday, Pre-Prep was transformed into a party venue. There were eight themed rooms with games such as musical statues, a lucky dip and bingo. The boys danced the afternoon away in the Christmas disco and visited a very special room where they all chatted to Father Christmas and received gifts. As you can see, great fun was had by all and the smiling and excited faces were a delight to behold. The Pre-Prep staff all wish you and your families a healthy, safe and fun filled holiday.



PRE-PREP







Party Time in the Juniors

The festive season arrived in style at the Junior block earlier this week with our much-anticipated annual Christmas party. The event was packed with excitement, featuring Christmas games and a high-energy disco! The Juniors have worked incredibly hard throughout the term and this festive celebration was the perfect reward for their efforts - a fun-filled and well-deserved end to a fantastic term. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



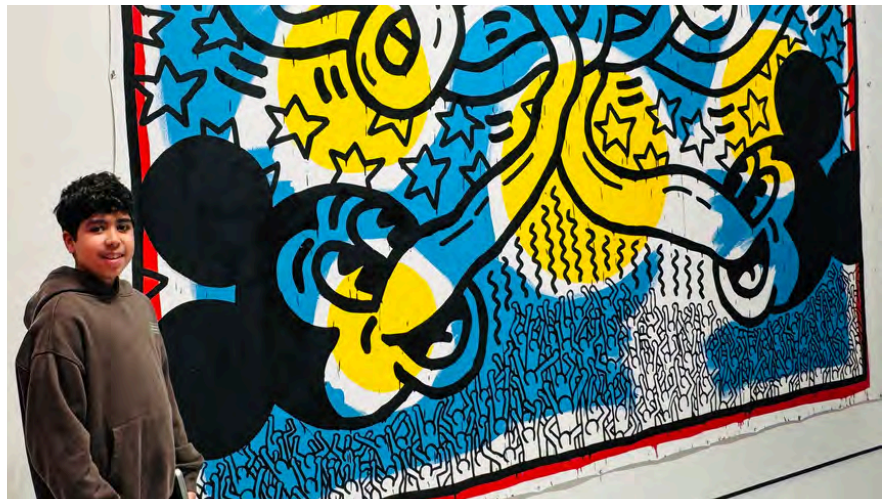


Our musicians at the Carol Service





Poinsettias and lanterns for Christmas

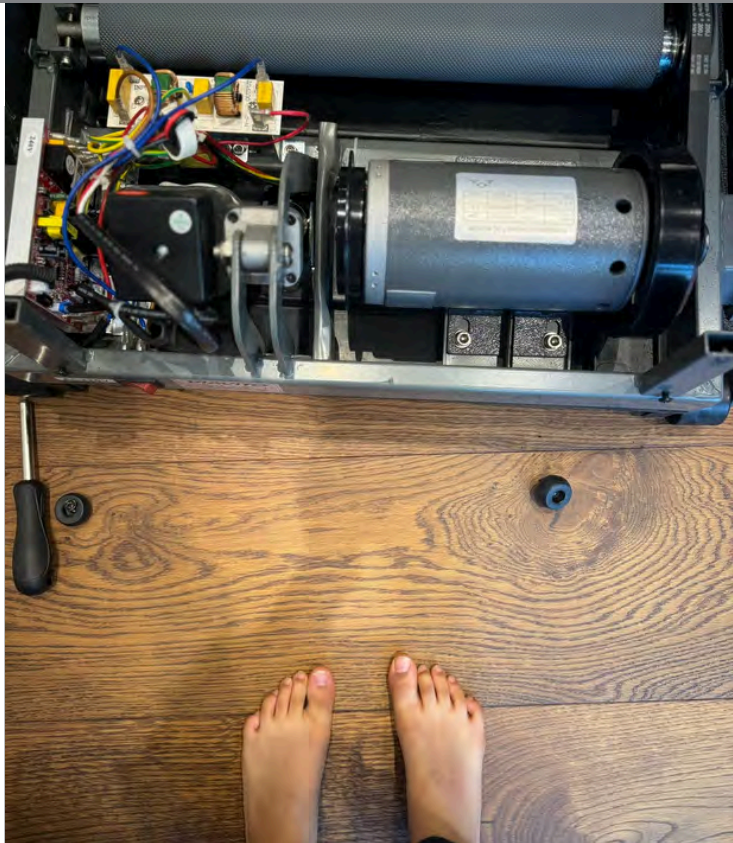


Studying Keith Harding's artwork at the Moco Museum



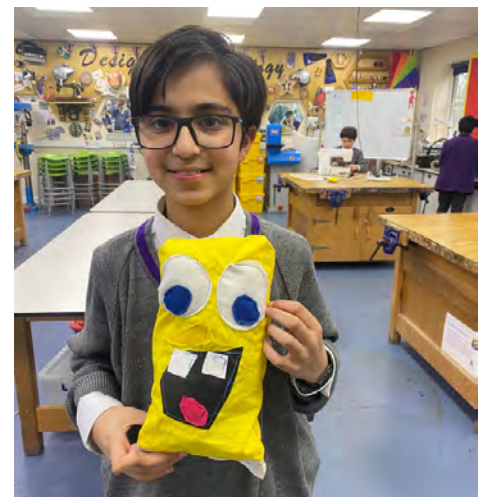
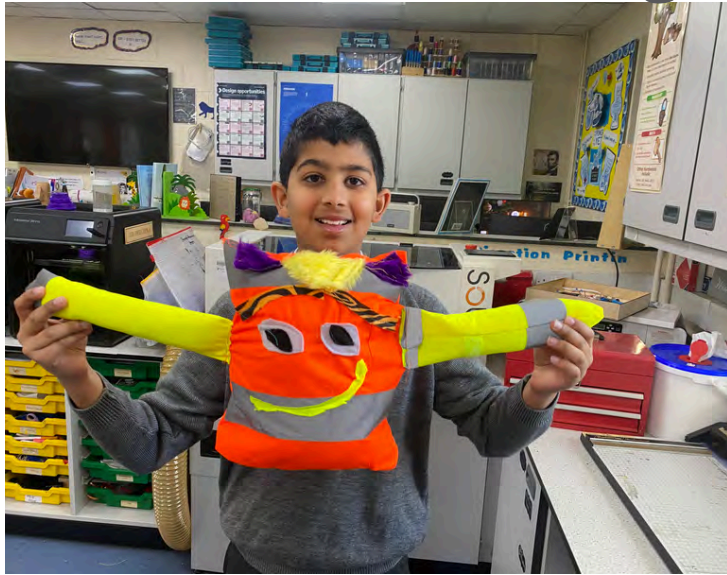


The theme of the Merchant Taylors' photography competition this year was "Function." Congratulations to two of our Junior boys who were runners-up, Shaan and Ben. Well done, boys!



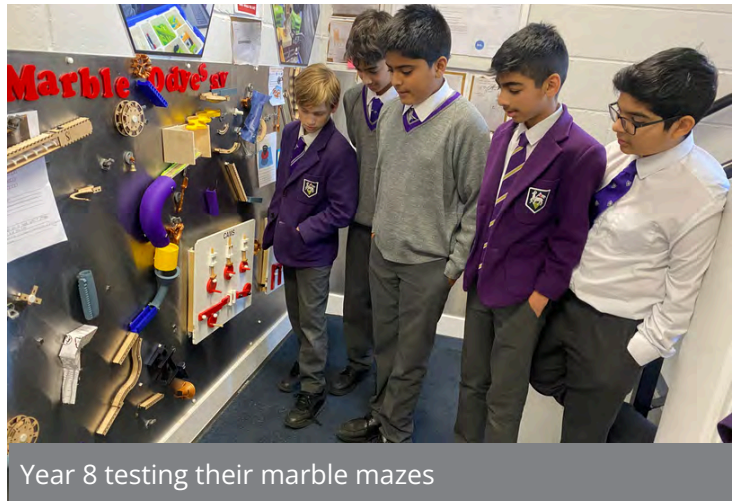
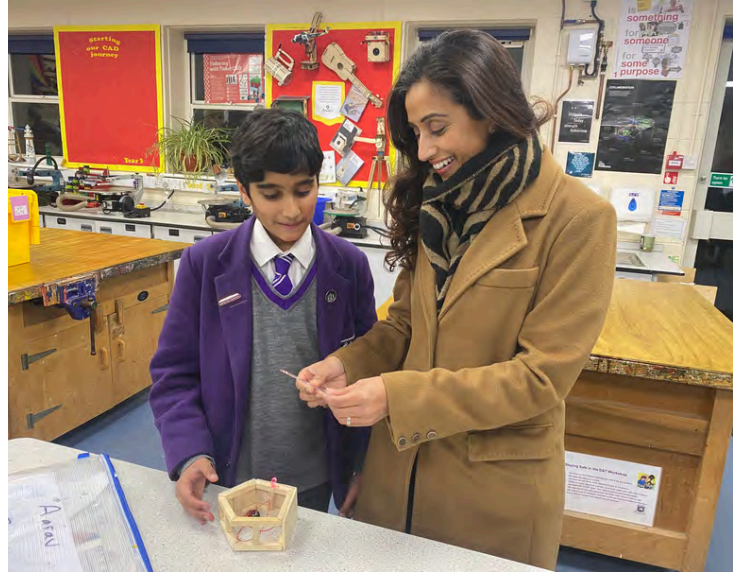


Look what we designed this term





Year 6 shared their work with their families



Year 8 testing their marble mazes



Junior House Cross Country

On Tuesday, the boys in Years 3 and 4 took part in the much-anticipated House Cross Country competition. With perfect weather and ideal conditions for traditional cross-country running, the boys displayed remarkable determination and camaraderie throughout the event. In the Year 4 competition, Sam emerged as the standout champion, followed closely by Logan in 2nd place and Nathaniel in 3rd. Among the Year 3 runners, Millen claimed 1st place, with Ayman and Aiden securing 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively. Well done to all the participants for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship!







Senior House Cross Country

The Senior Cross Country rounded off 2024 in fantastic style. Despite the muddy conditions, the boys tackled the course with determination and good humour, making it a memorable event. In the Year 5 & 6 race, Reuben impressed everyone by taking 1st place for Year 5 and securing the overall win for the combined standings. Joshua claimed 2nd place, with Aiden finishing 3rd in the Year 5 category. For Year 6, Niam performed superbly to come 2nd in his year and 2nd overall, while Aayan completed the results for the combined standings. The Year 7 & 8 race was dominated by the Year 7s, who swept the top three overall positions. Micah took 1st place overall for Year 7, followed by Seb in 2nd and Kian in 3rd. In the Year 8 category, Arnab secured 1st place, with Zac finishing 2nd and Rishi taking 3rd. Many thanks go to the ground staff for preparing the course and the staff for running the event so smoothly.







Exciting news from the St John's Association

**ST. JOHN'S ASSOCIATION
QUIZ NIGHT**

DATE: 8TH MARCH 2025
THEME: DENIM & PEARL

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