

Making memories in Year 8



In Assembly this week, we marked Holocaust Memorial Day. On the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Mr Hodes spoke powerfully to Years 6 to 8 about what HMD means to him and his family. Wednesday marked the Chinese New Year, and children have been learning and celebrating. Year 4 have made colourful snakes, and the Art room is full of dragon masks.

As you can see above, Year 8 students have started creating their mosaic tables, which will serve as a keepsake of their time and journey at St John's. Further exciting Art projects are also planned for our site. Reception boys have been enjoying STEM challenges and Year 2 have been working together to problem solve in their ICT lessons. Rugby and Hockey players have also been busy, with a successful set of wet and muddy fixtures against MTP for our Under 9s. Our Under 13 A team played valiantly against MTP and York House. Well done boys!

From the
Headmaster



NEVER FORGET NEVER AGAIN

Holocaust Memorial Day
27th January 2025



Mr Hodes spoke to Years 6 to 8 about what Holocaust Memorial Day means to him and discussed some of his own family history, particularly the stories of his great-great uncles. We heard about Jakob, who survived Auschwitz and Bergen Belsen, and his brother Robert, who was shot by the Nazis in Krakow. It was powerful for the boys to hear such a personal connection to the Holocaust. Mr Hodes finished with these words: “Each of us has the power to stand against hatred, prejudice, and injustice in our everyday lives. By educating ourselves and speaking out when we see discrimination, we honour the memory of those who suffered and ensure that their stories are not forgotten.”



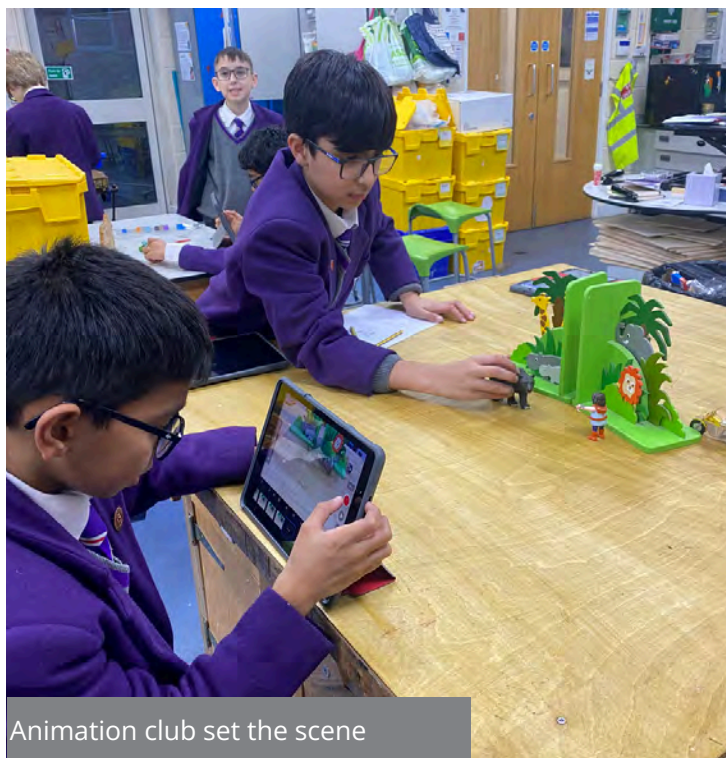
Mr Hodes' great-great uncle Jakob



Mr Hodes spoke to us powerfully in assembly



We welcomed Chinese New Year this week with art, music and in Pre-Pep assembly



Animation club set the scene



Senior rugby training



Celebrating creativity



Thank you for the assembly music, boys



Great effort and resilience



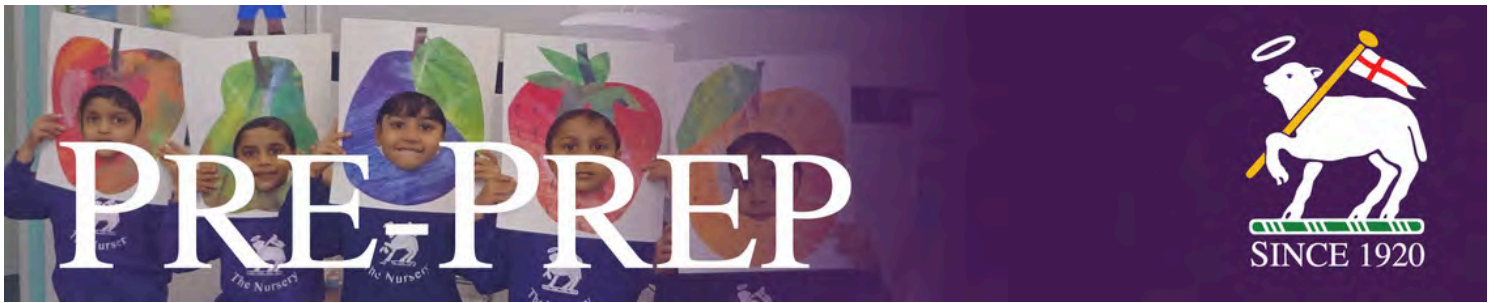
Fantastic illusions

St John's Association

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

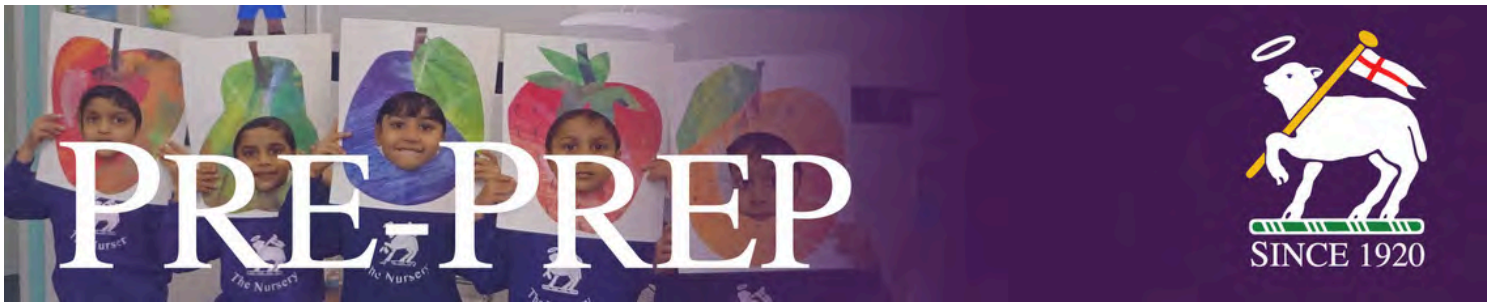
Gather your friends and family to beat the Headmaster's table



Weekly STEM challenges for Reception

Each week the Robins and Squirrels are set a STEM challenge during which they can investigate, problem solve and work together. They have had great fun making a functioning marble run and building boats, which they then tested in the water.





Coding using Purple Mash in Year 2

Year 2 have started their new computing topic and are learning how to code using Purple Mash. The boys have gained additional skills since Year 1, and happily worked together to problem solve. The lessons require them to put their thinking caps on and try different methods to 'debug' the code.





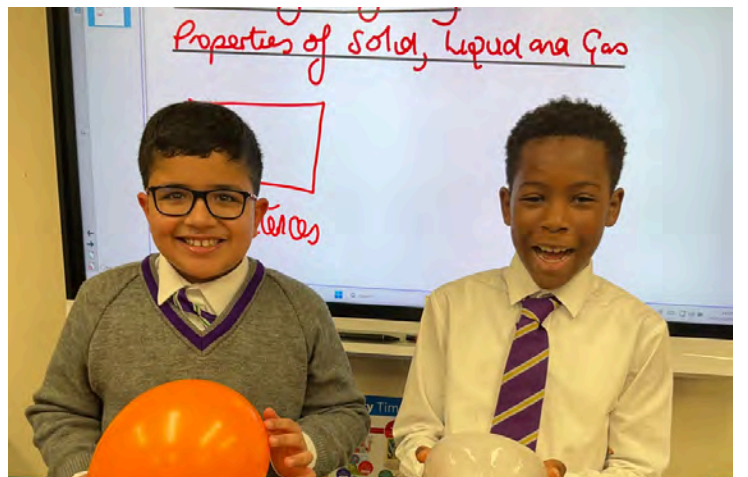
Ball skills in Pre-Prep Games lessons





A Chinese theme in Juniors this week

Our Year 4 boys have been busy celebrating the Chinese New Year by crafting vibrant snakes to honour this special occasion. They have also been conducting an experiment to investigate the properties of solids, liquids and gases using balloons.

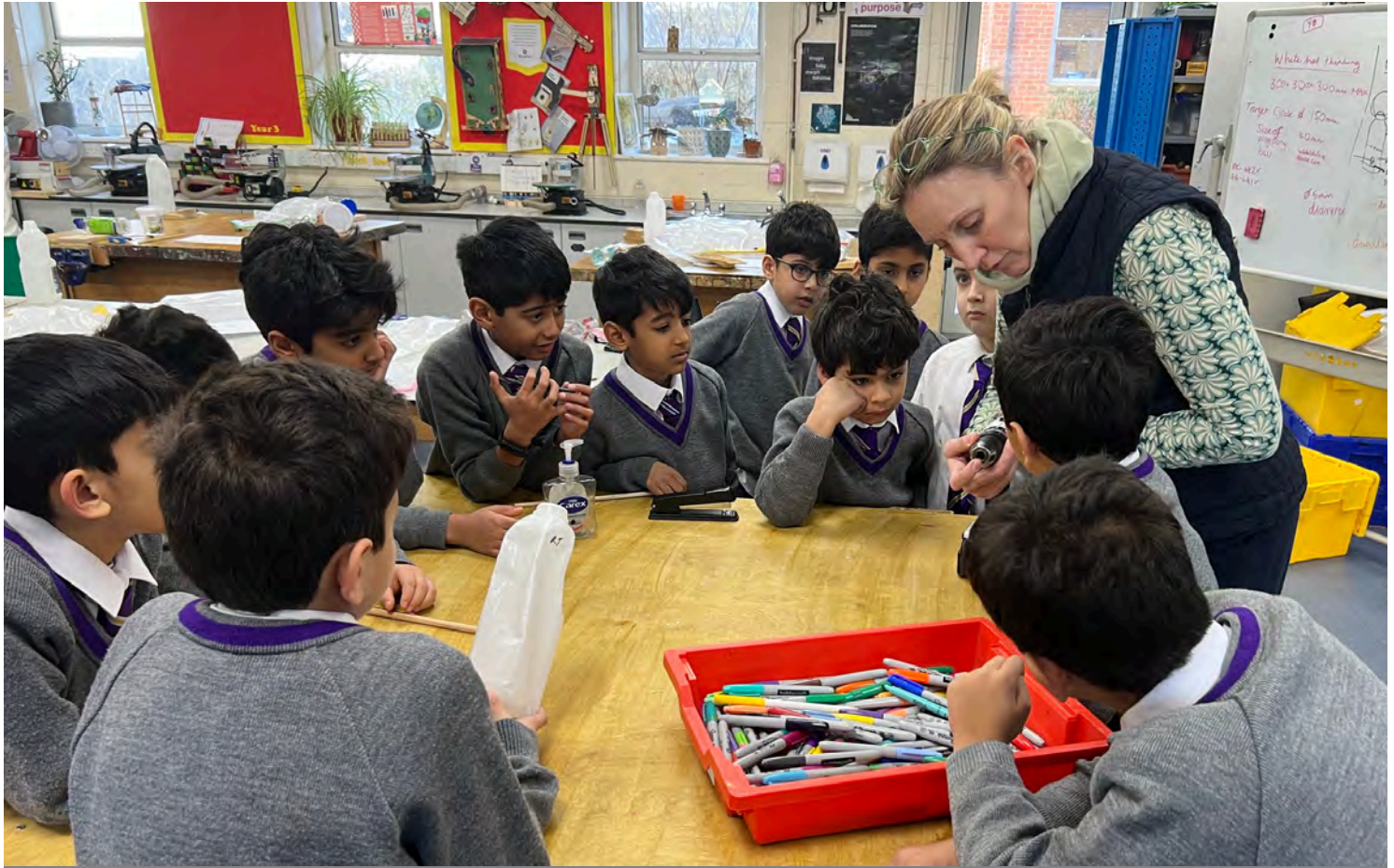
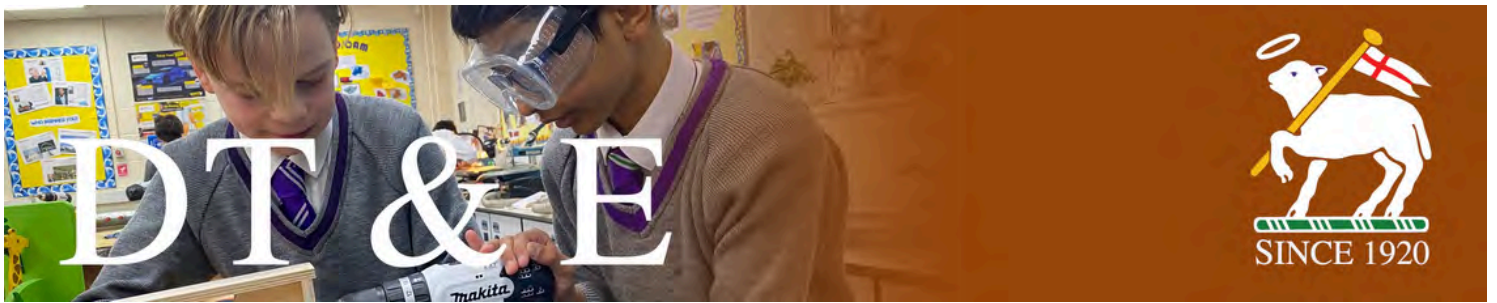




Year 8 are creating mosaic tables

Year 8 students have started creating their mosaic tables, which will serve as a keepsake from their time and journey at St John's. They will learn basic carpentry and mosaic skills, resulting in a lasting piece to cherish at home for years to come. We hope to introduce this project to our Year 6 boys as well.





Drilling down for details.....of how to use the power tools in Year 3



Sharing ideas with Mum



Teaching Dad to 'Crumble'



Under 9 Rugby v MTP 28th January

The Under 9s played against Merchant Taylors' Prep in a fantastic set of wet and muddy fixtures. The A team had a good victory with the B & C teams having excellent end to end matches which resulted in draws. The D team played some exciting rugby and lost narrowly whilst still having a great slip and slide afternoon.





U9 Rugby v MTP 28th January





Under 13 Rugby v MTP and York House

Our Under 13 first team played valiantly against MTP and York House. The first match was against MTP. Having already played them this season, we knew who the strong runners were, and we put our tough tacklers such as Raphael and Hamza to stop them. By the end of the first half, we led by 5-1, with our brave runners breaking through their defence. Unfortunately, in the second half, our positions narrowed, allowing the other team to run round our defensive line. We were happy with the overall score, 30-20, and thought it reflected the hard work we put in the game. Our second match was against York House. From observing their match against MTP, we found out who their main runners were and aimed not to let them gain possession. They tackled us effectively, but we recycled the ball and kept the play running. The overall score was 4-2 to them, a close but satisfactory score. Report by Max.





Under 13 Rugby v MTP and York House



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

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