

## We are very proud of every pupil



Welcome to the final edition of The Lamb before our Easter break. It is fabulous to be able to celebrate the achievements of children of all ages, who have made wonderful progress both in the classroom and in their character development this term. We are delighted with the outstanding achievements of our Year 6, 7 and 8 students who have excelled in their tests and interviews.....you can read more on page 2. Our incredible School community gathered last weekend and collected 75 bags of rubbish during the Northwood community Litter Pick. In creative endeavours, it has been a busy week for music: our Junior Chamber Choir sang confidently in the Merchant Taylors' Concert on Monday and House Music was truly inspirational yesterday. I hope all families have some time together over the coming weeks, and the boys have a chance to rest and recharge batteries. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

From the Headmaster





# Excellent Secondary School results

School	Offers	Academic Award	Creative Award
Aldenham	5		
Berkhamsted	4	1	
City of London	1		
Haberdashers'	9	2	
John Lyon	15		3
Merchant Taylors'	25	2	4
St Albans	11	3	1
St Margaret's	9	1	2
Maida Vale	1		1
Wetherby	1		
Belmont	1		
Total	82	9	11

Year 6 achieved an outstanding set of results and offers from a range of schools. Aldenham 5; Berkhamsted 4; City of London 1; Haberdashers' 9; John Lyon 15; Merchant Taylors' 25; St Albans 11; St Margaret's 9; Maida Vale; Wetherby and Belmont. The boys were also successful in gaining places to highly competitive grammar schools, such as Dr Challoner's, Watford Grammar School for Boys as well as highly sought after State options such as St Clement Danes; Fortismere and Joan of Arc.

Year 7 and 8 have also enjoyed an incredibly successful year. Boys in Year 7 gained offers from Berkhamsted (4); Hampton (1); Merchant Taylors' (1); St Edward's Oxford (1) and Stowe (1).

Year 8 secured offers from schools such as Aldenham (3); Haberdashers' (1); John Lyon (4); St Albans (3); St Margaret's (1) In addition to the 3 academic and 2 creative awards issued in 2023 (11+), Year 8 boys gained a Music Scholarship and Sports Scholarship award to Merchant Taylors' School.

Well done to all boys in Years 6, 7, and 8 who have applied for schools and awards this academic year. We are proud of your achievements! Mr Russo



# Litter pick for our local community

The entire school was invited to take part in the fifth St John's litter pick. The event was officially opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, alongside Mr Jenkin. Adding a fun challenge, Miss Morgan encouraged the boys to find a sink for Miss Roach's allotment. Spread across three locations, 157 participants set out to collect as much rubbish as possible. With thunder rumbling in the distance, we got to work, managing to gather 75 full bags of litter before heading back just in time to beat the rain and enjoy a well-earned drink with homemade treats. Although we didn't find a sink for Miss Roach, we did come across a microwave! Once again, this event highlighted our incredible School community and the positive impact we can make on our local environment.





# Year 8 presented their IPQ work

Year 8 recently presented their IPQ projects. They spent fifteen to twenty hours investigating a topic of personal interest and building a project. Their research culminated in a presentation and a written report. From particle physics to plankton via the moons of Neptune, the range of topics was impressive.





# We love learning outdoors

Our new outdoor classroom is proving to be a big success with both boys and teachers. Nursery took their diggers down to load-up wood chips and let their imaginations run wild; Year 4 read their class reader in the fresh air ; Year 5 enjoyed a relaxing environment for their PSHE lesson and Year 6 artists were inspired. There's something for everyone!





Congratulations to our boys on their General Knowledge. Two of our QuizClub teams are through to the finals at Oxford University after performing brilliantly in the semi-finals. In the National SATIPs General Knowledge Competition Dilan came 6<sup>th</sup> and Ifan 28<sup>th</sup> in the Junior section. Josh came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Yuva Veer 15<sup>th</sup> in the Senior section.



Our Chamber Choir sang in The Messiah at Merchant Taylors' School. Well done boys!

# AROUND SCHOOL



Our second round qualifiers for the Townsend-History Prize for Prep Schools did extremely well, coming in 88<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> nationally.



Congratulations to the winner of the "I did my best" cup in Pre-Prep



Eid Mubarak



Wellbeing Warriors made cakes for the Junior boys for Easter, to spread a little kindness

# AROUND SCHOOL



Preparing to watch the Eclipse last weekend



Colour Sargeant Stephen Saleh came to talk to us about the exciting musical career opportunities in the Marines.



Springtime at St John's



Mr Horrocks presented our assembly on the theme of kind words and kind hearts



# AROUND SCHOOL



Gardening club have been busy in the sunshine



Speech and Drama success in the Watford Festival

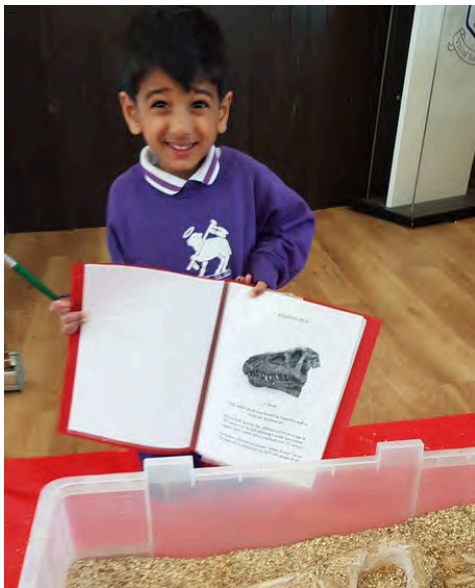


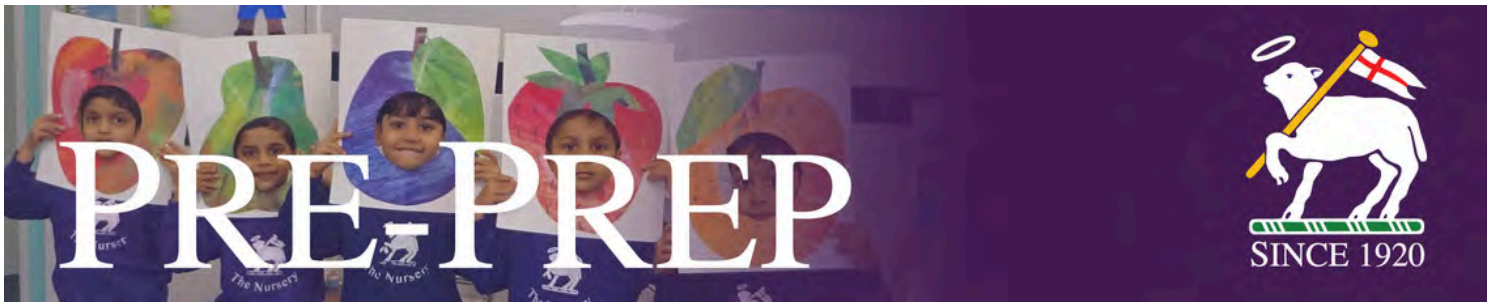
Enjoying a wordsearch together in the playground before school



# Nursery met Reggie the T-Rex

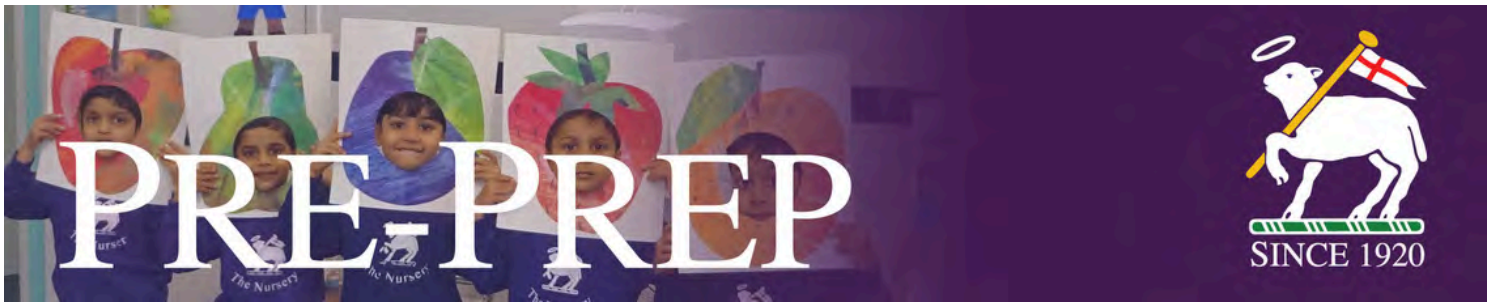
Nursery experienced a Life Long Ago and Baby Dinosaur Animatronics workshop, bringing prehistoric life to St John's! Boys enjoyed being palaeontologists, digging, locating and identifying fossils in large sandboxes. They matched the fossils to some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past - Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops to name a few. Boys then met a baby Parasaurolophus called Poppy and a baby T-Rex called Reggie! It was totally roar-some!





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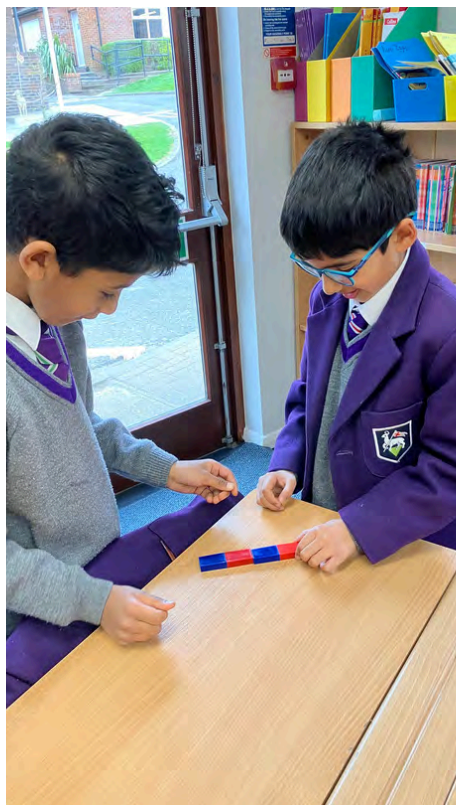
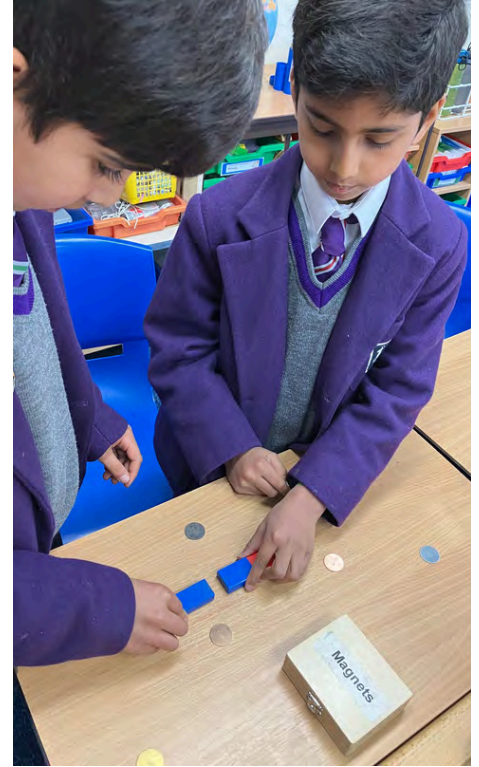
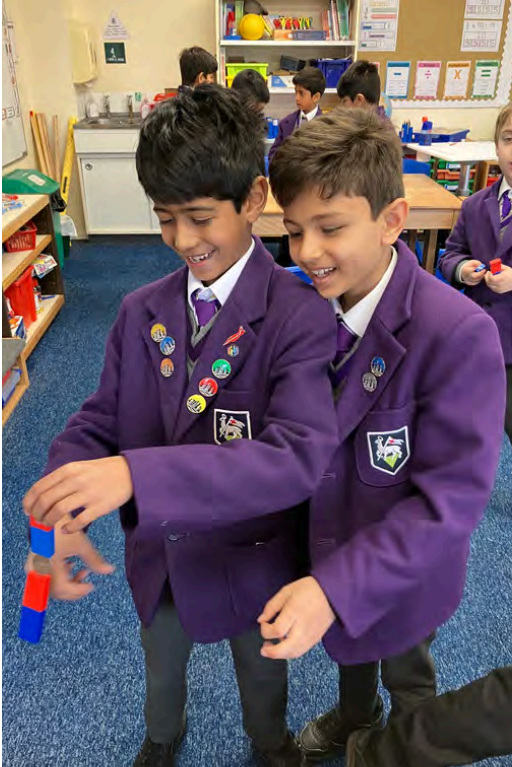
Potato planting, learning the life cycle of Toby the tortoise, Easter baking, making baskets and cards





# The mystery of magnets

Year 3 have been learning all about magnets. They have been testing different materials to see if they are magnetic.





# Hallelujah!

Our Chamber Choir joined choirs from Merchant Taylors' and St Helen's to sing The Messiah in the Joint Concert on Monday. This was an amazing achievement for our boys, some of whom are in Year 3. It was a special opportunity for the boys to experience singing in a mass choir and sitting in the middle of an orchestra. They are already looking forward to their next choral performance!



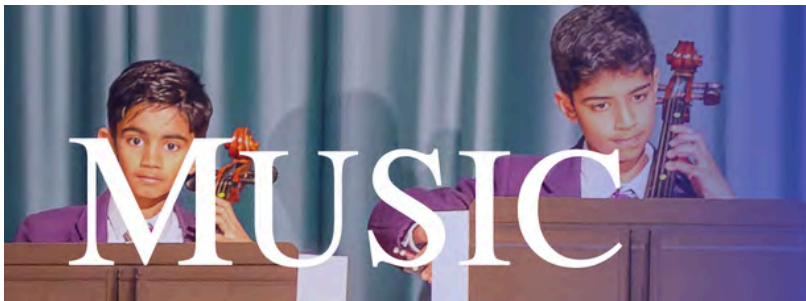


# House Music was stunning!

What a wonderful afternoon of music-making. Mr Keith Brown, Head of Middle School at Haberdashers' (Girls) kindly adjudicated. He congratulated all the boys on their preparation, confidence, and enthusiasm, before awarding St John's Young Musician of the Year to Noah Ladak in Year 8. There was a slight change to the format this year with heat finalists competing in sections. Pre/Initial Grade, Grades 1 & 2, Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6 and Grades 7 & 8. Each section had a representative of each House competing. The winners were: Zak, Ray, Jay, Liam and Aary. The Bumping Cup, awarded by St John's staff, was won by Liam in Year 8. The hotly contested House Singing Cup was awarded to Lincoln this year.



Lawrence



Lincoln



Winning House - Lincoln



Churchill



Oates







# Thank you Mum!

The boys enjoyed creating lots of lovely Mothers' Day flowers, pictures and cards.

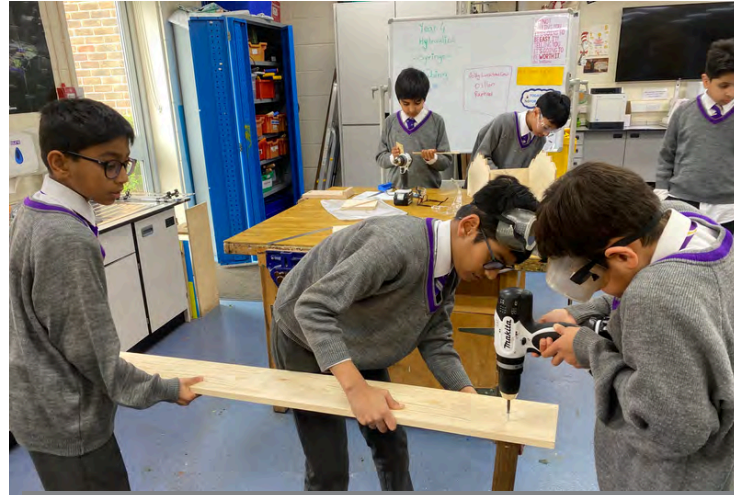




# From squirrel obstacle course to catapults



Mr Hodes taught Year 3 about plywood



Making a squirrel obstacle course



Using a scroll saw



Watch out, James is a good shot!



Year 8 testing catapults



Does the fairground winder work?



# DT & E



Year 5 working on their playground rides



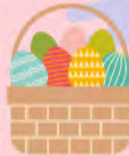
## HOP INTO STEM DEN'S 4-DAY EASTER CAMP!

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!



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

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# What a term!

There was no let up on the sporting front right to the end of term. The Under 9s played their first ever hockey match against York House; our Under 10 & Under 11s played their last rugby matches of the season against Edge Grove with rugby 7s dominating the weekends. Our Under 13 As and Under 11 As both attended St John's Beaumont 7s tournament and the Rosslyn Park National 7s where they were excited to play some of the top Prep schools in the country. All boys deserve praise for their sporting efforts across the term.



Under 8 rugby players



Under 13s on the charge



Mr Spackman with the Under 13A 7s team at Rosslyn Park



Under 9 B and C hockey players



Under 11 Rugby 7s v St John's Beaumont



Under 10A v Edge Grove



Under 9 D, E and F hockey



U10A hockey



What a game!