



From the  
Headmaster

Welcome to our weekly newsletter, The Lamb. As I reflect on our second week with boys at school I must say how well the system is working. The bubbles are now well established and routines are firmly in place. I am in constant touch with the teachers who are really pleased with the attitude of boys both at home and at school.

I would like to congratulate Sami on his adaptation of one of our Prospectus photographs and I especially like the inclusion of two merit badges! There has been lots of creativity across the year groups from spider making in Reception, learning about David Hockney in Year 1 to imitating Aboriginal art in Year 2. It was lovely to see the Lambs planting a Horse Chestnut tree as part of our Centenary celebrations.

Boys further up the School have been busy with exams, assessments and class tests but I hope that they have also spent time outside and doing exercise. It is vitally important that they balance screen time appropriately.

Finally, do watch the video sent from the Merchant Taylors' Company as part of their 'History From the Hall' series which can be found on page 2.

S. Robinson

## New remote learning skills



**During lockdown** boys have acquired new skills. Sami (8H) has been using an app on his iPad called Procreate to recreate an image taken for the School Prospectus when he was in Year 1. It is one of his favourite images and holds fond memories of St John's.



Choosing a school for your son is one of the most important decisions you will make and that choice will undoubtedly help shape his personality and future. I am very pleased that you have chosen to consider St John's and hope this prospectus will give you a sense of what is important to us, what it is like to be part of St John's and what our boys gain from their time here.

Our school is a happy, vibrant and successful community where every boy is treated as an individual. They achieve excellent academic results and we aim to extend and develop their talents and interests so that they can grow in confidence and fulfil their potential.

Good manners, thoughtfulness, awareness of others and a sense of community are strongly supported by a contemporary curriculum and the very best learning resources and methods. Our teachers are passionate about their subjects and offer a wide range of clubs, activities and educational visits to cater for our boys' interests. Owned by the Merchant Taylors' Company, our thirty-five acre site provides excellent facilities inside and outside the classrooms. Our experience tells us that the partnership between the Company, home and school contributes to our boys' well-balanced education and I sincerely value the working relationship we have with parents.

Our prospectus is, above all, an invitation to come and see the school in action and you are warmly invited to visit St John's to meet our boys and staff and see for yourself all the many opportunities on offer.

S. Robinson

Sam Robinson  
Headmaster







## Merchant Taylors' Company Mace



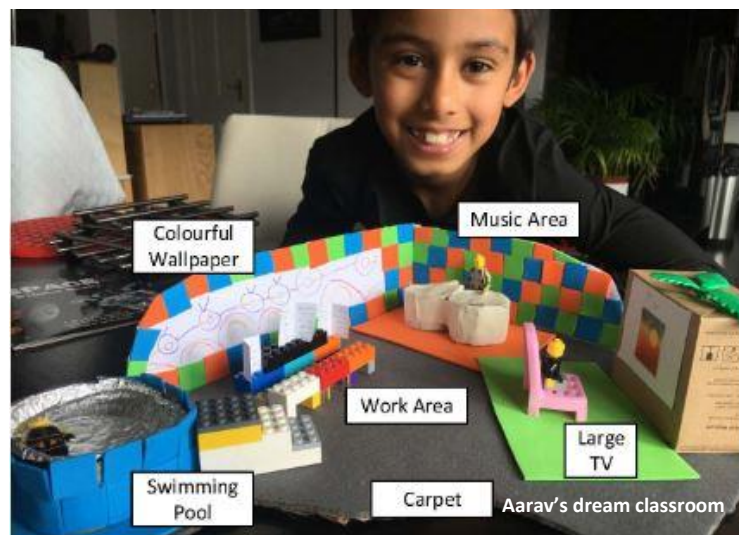
**This week the Merchant Taylors' Company** produced a short video exploring the history of the Company's mace and its relevance to the Company today. Can you spot something familiar? [Watch video.](#)







## Home activities







## More home activities



**Cato (3W)** has been doing his swimming training at home. He used a bungee cord so that he could swim for a long time in his pool. He has now found that wearing a snorkel makes it somewhat easier. Watch his short video [here](#). **Arnav (3H)** has been improving his cycling. His longest ride was from North Harrow to Canon's Park which is about four miles - a great achievement. **Eissa (Otters)**, in conjunction with the Cheltenham Science Festival has managed to turn cabbage water pink with the addition of an acid - lemon juice. Very well done all three boys!







# Incy Wincy Spider!



**This week Reception have** been learning about spiders. All of the boys enjoyed making their own spider to take home and hang up. Are you afraid of spiders? You shouldn't be; they are very useful for catching flies!



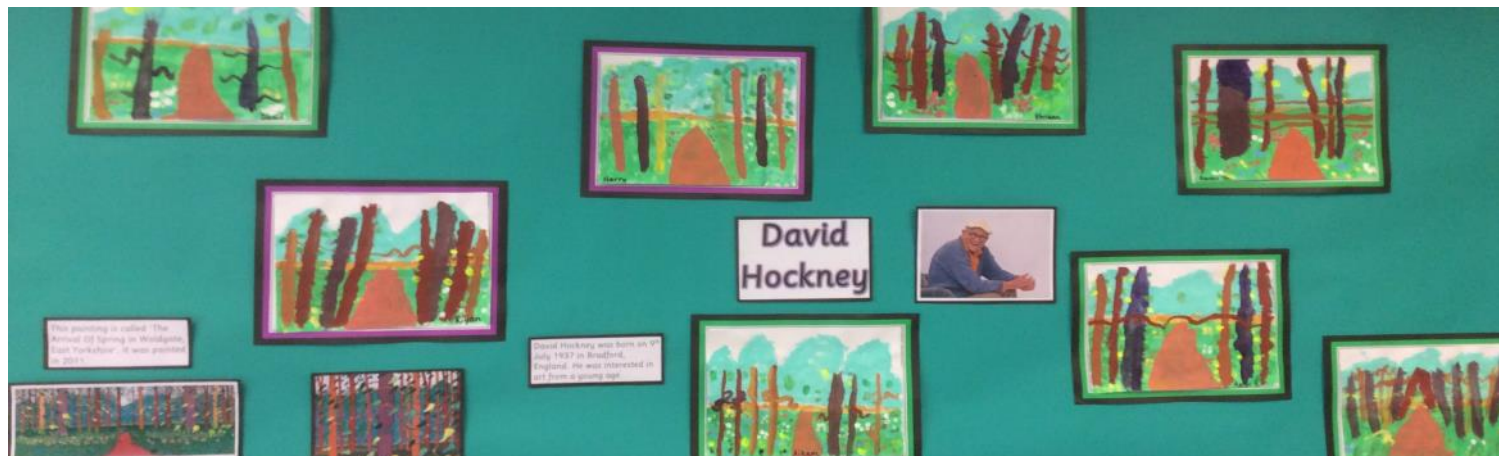




## Meet our Year 1 artists



**Year 1 have been learning** about the artist David Hockney. We painted our own version of 'Arrival of Spring in Woldgate, East Yorkshire' which was painted in 2011.







## Tree planting in the Lambs



**This week the Lambs who are in school** have planted a Horse Chestnut tree for the School's Centenary. They went up to the forest and Mr Dave dug a huge hole for them. They took it in turns to fill the hole with soil and then gave it a good water. The boys are looking forward to watching it grow while they are growing.







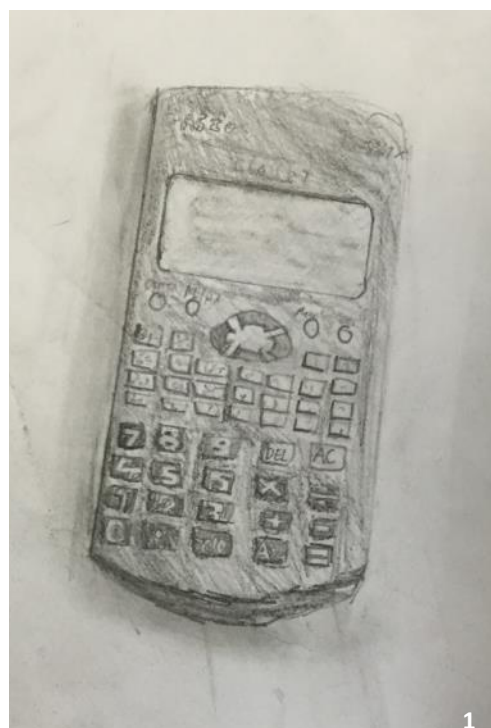
## Year 2 learn about Aboriginal art



**Online learning may have turned** art lessons upside down but Year 2 got down under with their Aboriginal art. They used dots to create pictures of native creatures and the results are very impressive as you can see.







**Year 6** have been working on their shading skills this week and **Year 3** have been learning about the French artist Henri Rousseau. Here are some jungle pictures they have created at home.

1. Leo
2. Cato

3. Niam
4. Laksh

5. Anek
6. Ishaan





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30<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Dear Parent / Guardian**

We hope that you and your families are safe and well. I am sure that you are all looking forward to the safe return of your children to school before and / or after the Summer break.

We are pleased to announce that we will be opening our premises for the Back to School 2020 Season on **15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 9.30am.**

Our absolute priority is keeping you and our staff safe. That's why we're taking great care to put comprehensive social distancing measures in place.

In order to maintain a safe level of social distancing we will initially be opening on an **'appointment only'** basis, and we will be in line with government and industry guidelines. We will be updating our working directives practices on a regular basis in line with government advice. Visit our website for latest information [www.djuniforms.co.uk](http://www.djuniforms.co.uk).

We know these are uncertain times and to help you, we would appreciate your assistance in **booking an appointment as early as you can.**

Please visit our website [www.djuniforms.co.uk](http://www.djuniforms.co.uk) to book an appointment. There are a number of options available and we will notify you of your appointment as early as possible.

I am getting the feeling from an increasing numbers of parents to whom I have spoken that there will be a 'new normal' for Back to School and we hope that the plans that we are putting in place for our re-opening will take away the stress associated with purchasing school uniform.

The safety of our staff and customers is our priority and we look forward to opening again with the following social distancing measures in place:





1. One parent/carer per pupil by appointment only; we have made provisions for siblings that also require uniform.
2. Unfortunately as per the government guidelines our fitting rooms will be closed, we are not able to allow children to try on the garments;
3. We encourage everyone to order online if possible. There are options of delivery or click and collect from the shop;
4. In order to minimise contact, we prefer Card only payments; and
5. We strongly advise all parents to purchase the uniforms as early as possible.

As a reminder, the best form of communication is currently email.

- If you wish to place an order please visit our website – [www.djuniforms.co.uk](http://www.djuniforms.co.uk) or email [info@djuniforms.co.uk](mailto:info@djuniforms.co.uk)
- If you have a query on an existing order - [info@djuniforms.co.uk](mailto:info@djuniforms.co.uk)
- Our store is closed until 15th June 2020 but please refer to the website for updated information on opening hours.

Once again, many thanks for your co-operation and support during these challenging times.

We wish you and your families the very best over the coming weeks. Stay safe and well and we look forward to getting back to as normal as possible, in the very near future.

Girish Mehta & All the staff at djuniforms





## The Outfitters

Schoolwear & Sportswear

23 High Street, Harrow-On-The-Hill, Middlesex HA1 3HT, Tel: 020 8422 1045

### School uniform arrangements for September 2020

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent,

We understand that your child will be entering St John's School in September 2020.

During the current **COVID 19 crisis**, we have introduced a number of measures to ensure that you are able to purchase your child's new uniform safely and in good time.

How to buy your uniform this year:

**Buy online** via our website [www.theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk](http://www.theschoolwearspecialists.co.uk)

- Click on the St John's link on the home page and follow the prompts to select the items required.
- We have extended our returns policy so goods purchased any time before 15<sup>th</sup> July can be exchanged or returned up until 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Please note that this year due to safety issues surrounding COVID 19 all refunds and exchanges for online purchases can not be made through the shop and must be returned back to us by post.
- We are offering a **10% discount** on uniform purchases for new starters up until 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Please see flyer for full details.

#### **Buy in Store**

- The uniform for St John's is available from 'The Outfitters' at the address detailed above.
- Currently our store is temporarily closed due to Government advice. However, when we do reopen, we will be operating strict social distancing measures inside, so we will be limiting the numbers of persons allowed in the store at any one time.
- Only one adult will be permitted to accompany those children requiring uniform.
- All major credit cards are accepted and we are encouraging customers to use this method of payment as much as possible for safety reasons.
- We are looking at adopting an online appointment system on reopening our shop so please visit the website for details.

#### **At School**

- We are looking at the possibility of having a dedicated selling event at the school in a safe and controlled environment although this has not been confirmed.

Whether buying online or in store, we strongly urge all parents to purchase uniform as early as possible this year.

Please refer to our website for all up to date information and we very much look forward to being of service to you during these unprecedented times.

With best wishes

Mrs Rita Denli  
Director





## Birthday boys this week

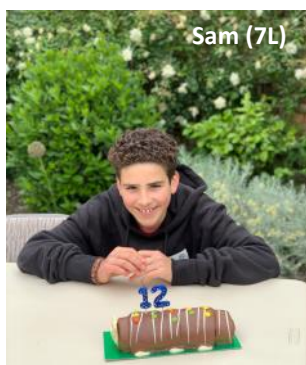
## Contact details



Liam (3H)



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Sam (7L)



**Mailings:** if you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: [Lamb Editor](mailto:Lamb.Editor@stjohns.org.uk). Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

**Photographs:** Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

## Notices and Reminders

**School uniform.** Please see letters on the previous pages from both of our uniform suppliers giving details of how to purchase uniform for September.

**Word Mania.** Literacy Planet are currently holding a special Word Mania competition. The competition rounds runs from the 24<sup>th</sup> May until the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please encourage your son to play by logging into Literacy Planet and clicking on the banner – Word Mania. Word Mania isn't just a fun game! It's proven to develop key literacy skills including spelling and vocabulary. During the competition teachers will have **full access to Literacy Planet's features**.



If you play through the arcade it is not part of the competition. The finals will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> June. It would be fantastic if St John's was able to make it into the finals.

**Year 8 Drugs Talk.** Every year a visiting speaker, Simon Leigh, comes to speak to Year 8 boys about the dangers of getting involved with drugs. On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am this presentation will take place through a Google Meet and will last 90 minutes. Please make sure that you know the joining details.

**Votes for Schools.** This week's question was **'Will the recent anti-racism protests lead to change in the US?'** 66.7% of you said yes and 33.3% said no. Our new question for the week is **'Do we appreciate uniqueness?'** Please discuss over the weekend and don't forget to vote.



**House Point Totals.** House points are still being awarded for good work and here are the current totals: **1st Lincoln 121.95, 2nd Churchill 117.35, 3rd Oates 115.80, 4th Lawrence 110.19**

Enjoy the weekend and hopefully some dry weather.