



From the  
Headmaster

**This has certainly** been an unusual end to the autumn term. I am very sorry that we had to cancel our annual Carol Service and that we haven't been able to welcome you into school in the past couple of weeks. However, I am delighted that we managed to film the Prep-Prep Christmas plays and many thanks to Mr Corin for putting together a compilation of musical items to get us in to the Christmas spirit. You will find the link to the video on page 31.

I know all the boys had fun on Christmas Jumper Day, the Christmas lunch and tuck shop were particularly popular. We raised over £350 for Save the Children. Thank you very much for your support. Thank you also to the St John's Association for providing wonderful bags of tuck and organising a fabulous online raffle and to Mr Taylor for writing a Christmas Quiz for us again this year. We hope you enjoy having a go. Everyone ran with great determination in the House Cross Country too!

In final assemblies, it was my pleasure to award the Burton Page House Points cup to Lincoln and the "I did my best cup" to Aaran in the Badgers. Many congratulations to everyone who received a trophy or ties for Art, Music, DT and Rugby.

I wish you all a restful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

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## Merry Christmas from all of us



**The boys and** teachers in the Pre-Prep worked really hard to prepare their Christmas plays this term. The Lambs shone and bounced their way through "Little Blue Star", the Robins and Squirrels told us "All about Christmas", the Otters and Owls twittered, flapped and acted "A Little Bird Told Me" and the Badgers and Eagles presented a Christmas extravaganza with Sammy the Snowman, "I Wish it could be Christmas Every Day." Christmas Jumper Day yesterday was full of fun and festive cheer, just what we all needed. We hope you enjoy looking at all the pictures in this bumper edition of The Lamb.







## Prep School final assembly

**This morning Mr Robinson** led our final assembly of the autumn term online for Years 3 to 8. His message to us was all about the joy of giving and reminded us that one of the greatest gifts we can all give is the gift of time. We can share time with our parents, our siblings, our relatives and friends.

Mr Robinson congratulated everyone on an incredibly busy term getting to know their new routines. He said farewell to the staff who are leaving, thanked all the staff for their hard work this term and then encouraged everyone to use the holidays productively and have a good rest.

Finally, he announced the presentations and awards for this term, celebrating the successes across the School. He

announced Lincoln as the Burton Page Cup winning House for this term and Oates as the winners of both the House Cross Country and the House Rugby. After assembly he presented Art and Sport ties, certificates and the rugby trophies.

Liam in 5C was awarded the U10 most outstanding player, the James trophy went to Alexander in 6L and the Canning Cup to Bailey in 6A. Amos in 8J won the cup for the best tackler and the Budd shield for the most improved is shared by Aaron and William, both in 8H. The Watson cup was awarded to Blake, also in 8H and the Palant shield to Jacob in 8J.

Well done everybody.







# Christmas Jumper Day is not just about jumpers

**Yesterday everyone left** their blazers and school jumpers at home in favour of brightly coloured festive Christmas jumpers. In the morning, Years 5-8 took part in the Senior House cross-country (pictures in sports section) after which we were suitably ready for a hearty and delicious Christmas Lunch. After lunch, Years 3-8 enjoyed the traditional House Christmas Quiz, online this year, while munching their pre-prepared bags of sweets, courtesy of the St John's Association. The Quiz was won by Churchill. Altogether a fabulous day which also raised £373 for "Save the Children." Thank you for your generosity as ever.











# Christmas lunch hits the spot











## House Christmas Quiz

**Our St John's** House Quiz is always a big part of our Christmas celebrations for the boys. This year it had, again, to be held virtually, but it was still a great deal of fun thanks to all the hard work by "Quiz-Master" Mrs Savage and our own "Richard Osman", Mr Smith. There was a vast diversity of questions from Mrs McSween's "Where Am I?" round of pictures from around the school, to Mrs Arron's round, in which we were tested on our knowledge of Greek Mythology.

Notable questions were, "What does Ile Flottante" mean and "What was the year of the French revolution?" No prizes for guessing who put those questions in! Thanks to all the staff who put the questions together. The final positions were 1st Churchill, 2nd Lawrence, 3rd Lincoln and 4th Oates. The scores are added to the House Activity Cup which is awarded at the end of the year for combined scores in all the House competitions.











# Saying goodbye: staff leavers bid a fond farewell



**Mrs Green**  
 23 years ago, I brought my four year old son, Daniel, to St John's to start in the Pre-Prep. I was so excited for him to come to the School - a warm, nurturing environment and I knew that he was going to have a wonderful time. Little did I know that sixteen years later I would end up teaching here! I have always been very creative and started off as a printed textile designer, designing furnishings and wallpapers. I never set out to be a teacher, however, I decided to get my PGCE as a back-up and I've never regretted it. St John's has been a fantastic place to work, I have made some wonderful friends and it has been an absolute pleasure seeing all the boys progress through the School.

I have always painted - landscapes and flowers are my speciality and I have decided to continue with this full time with the aim of exhibiting. My three children have all left home so hopefully I will have some peace and quiet! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys and staff for making my time at St John's so memorable. I won't forget you.

**Mr and Mrs Kwon**  
 Mrs Kwon arrived at St John's in November 1999 and was soon followed by her husband, who joined in 2003. Between them they have cleaned our school for over 40 years. Many people have never seen Mr Kwon as he works at night, but more of us know Mrs Kwon and many enjoyed chatting to her over the years about her two boys, who they proudly supported through school and university. Mr Lawrence remembers that no matter how dirty the lab floor became, it was service with a smile. They are a delightful couple and we will miss them very much. We wish them all the best with their move and their retirement.







### Mr Wilson-Spellward

Mr Wilson-Spellward's association with St John's School began in September 2002 when the first of his two boys started in the Pre-Prep. In 2010 he was appointed as an English teacher and he has taught and nurtured St John's boys for over ten years. We will all miss the enthusiasm and professionalism that he has shown in his English teaching and his pastoral duties. He is able to quickly assess the needs of the boys in his care and deal with them accordingly. He has been an exceptional form tutor and Head of Lawrence. Mr Wilson-Spellward's glittery assemblies have been a quite a talking point over the years. There is a sense of anticipation when the boys enter the Norman Hall to the sound of pounding

music and flashing lights, the messages delivered are always clear and important. Boys in Year 5 have been very lucky to experience Mr Wilson-Spellward's Drama lessons, especially using his expertise to link the Year 5 English curriculum to characterisation and movement in Drama. He has been a tireless supporter of Drama at St John's, readily lending a hand with rehearsals, performance and lighting. Mr Wilson-Spellward has been the life and soul of the staffroom over the years. He is a brilliant story-teller and seems to have an anecdote about most topics, which he recounts with great skill and humour. He would definitely get the vote for the snazziest dresser and we shall all miss his sartorial elegance. We wish him all the best in his new career.



### Mrs Beardsworth

Mrs Beardsworth came to St John's to help Mrs Foley with the Christmas Lunch seven years ago and she has stayed here ever since. Yesterday she served her seventh Christmas Lunch at St John's. We would like to thank her for looking after us all and wish her a restful and relaxing retirement. In fact, this is her second retirement as before she came to St John's she worked at Merchants Tailors' School for 32 years.







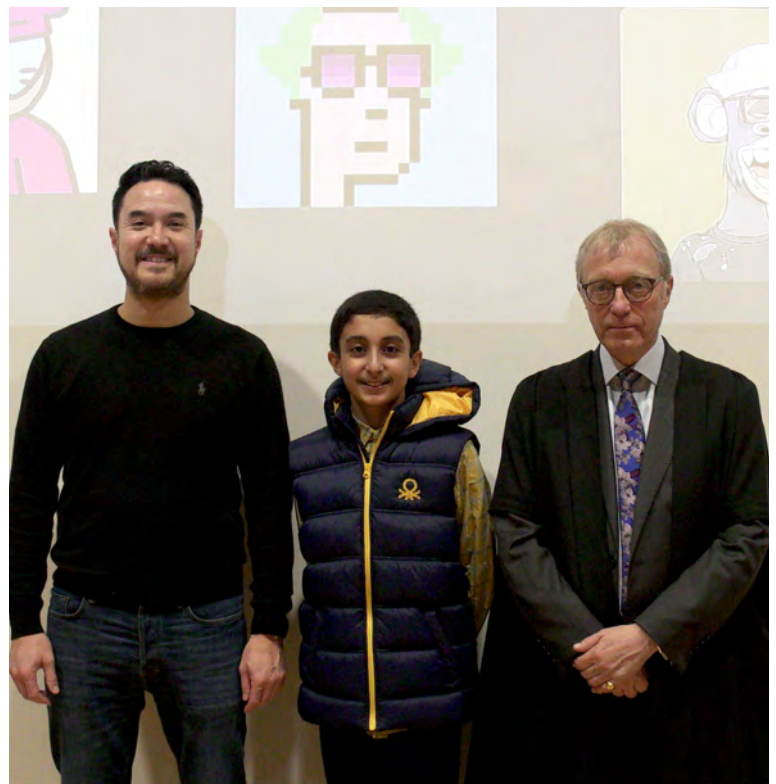
## A surprise for Otto

**Otto** was suitably surprised when Mrs Rizava came to visit 6V this week with a gift for him. He was selected at random to receive Tom Palmer's latest book, "The Arctic Star." Otto says, "I'm so lucky to have been chosen to have this book. It looks thrilling, enticing and adventurous – great". We look forward to hearing all about it after Christmas.



## Benyamin delivers a lecture at Pembroke College

**Benyamin in Year 7** recently delivered a lecture at Pembroke College, Oxford on his experience in the crypto and NFT space. The feedback from staff and students was hugely positive. Benyamin is now the youngest person to have delivered a lecture at Pembroke College, which was founded in 1624. You may be interested to know that JRR Tolkien was Fellow of Pembroke College from 1925 to 1945. Recently, Ben has been working with Work in Fintech, founded by Ying Cao (former head of Digital at Barclays Investment Bank) and Matt Cheung (CEO and cofounder of ipushpull). Benyamin is pictured right with Sir Ernest Ryder, master of Pembroke College, and Matt Cheung, CEO of Work in Fintech and ipushpull.







## The planets are aligning

**Over the next** few nights you will have the opportunity to see a lovely alignment of planets in the evening sky. If you look south after sunset you will see the brilliant planet Venus shining brightly and as you turn to the east you should see the much dimmer Saturn, which will show its rings in a small telescope, and further round you will see the bright planet Jupiter, the biggest planet in our solar system. In the top photo, taken last Friday with my phone you can see the moon in the top left and if you follow the line down, you can see Jupiter, Saturn and then Venus. I took the shot of the crescent moon with a mobile phone using an 8" telescope. Maybe you could try take your own pictures of the heavens over the holidays.







## Primary Maths Challenge

The boys in Year 5 and 6 all took part in the Primary Maths Challenge on the 5th of November. Everyone did really well and the boys enjoyed the experience. We achieved 8 Gold Certificates, 14 Silver and 17 Bronze. Congratulations to Daanish, Darsh, Aiden, Laksh, Otto, Zain, Yuvraj for their gold awards. Particular congratulations go to Joshua who achieved the highest mark in the School. We would also like to give a special mention to Yuvraj and Laksh in Year 5, it's quite an achievement for Year 5 boys to qualify for a Gold Certificate.

Here's a question from the paper: The floor of Milo's rectangular bedroom is completely covered with square carpet tiles. When he measures the room in tiles, he finds that it is 11 tiles long and 8 tiles wide. How many carpet tiles do NOT touch the walls? A. 34, B. 38, C. 50, D. 54, E. 88 (answer on the back page)



## Ansh receives Grade 3 distinction

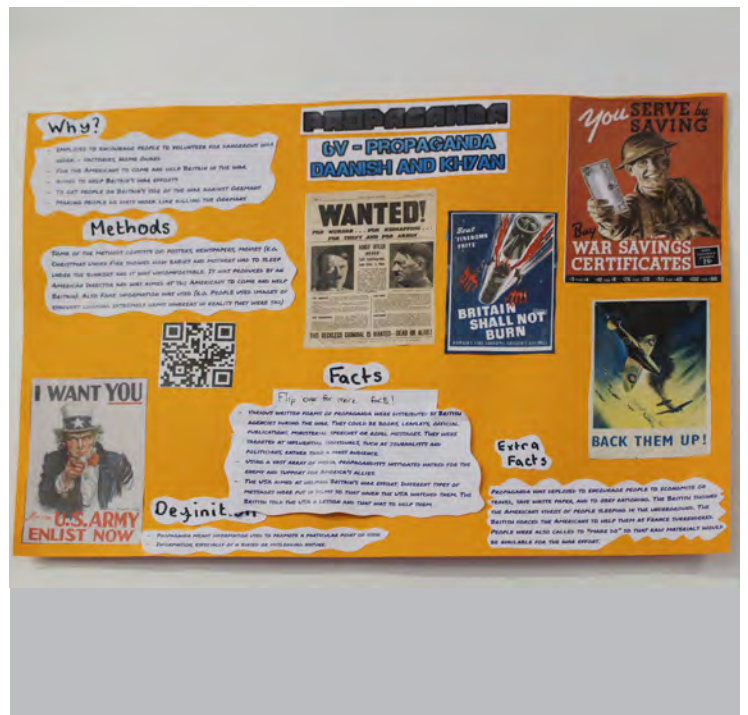
Ansh in 5M was recently awarded with a Distinction for his Grade 3 Lamda Acting examination. Very well done Ansh and we look forward to seeing you in a production at St John's soon.





## Year 6 Home Front Posters

We started out by splitting into pairs and then we chose our different topics from the Home Front. We then did research on the ipads and laptops although Mr Horrocks also encouraged us to use books from the history room and the library. The subject we chose was The Blitz. Other options were the Vengeance Weapons and the Battle of Britain just to name a few. We finished our research and started making a poster. We also used pictures to show what our subjects looked like. We really enjoyed this project and it was very interesting. *By Bailey and Thomas 6G*







# THIS WEEK

## St John's Association Christmas roundup

The St John's Association were delighted to be able to host our first in-person event this term since the start of the pandemic in the form of Fireworks Night. And what an event! We sold over 1,000 tickets, the rain stayed away and the whole evening was a rip-roaring success. It was wonderful to be able to get the St John's community back together after so long and we are so grateful to Nisha and Sukhaina for organising such a fabulous night, and the rest of the SJA and all the staff for helping to ensure it ran so smoothly.

We were pleased that the Christmas Tuck Shop could also go ahead with the boys being able to buy sweets and help us raise £249.50 for charity. And while we were disappointed

not to be able to run the Christmas Bazaar this year, we are pleased that the Christmas Raffle could be transformed into an online event with prize-winners being announced by Mr Robinson in the final assembly of term. Well done to all the winners and thank you to the wonderful class reps for providing such a scrumptious selection of hampers, and to all those who generously donated prizes too!

A huge thanks to all the staff and parents who tirelessly help us to put on and run events. We could not do it without you all. We really are blessed with a fabulous community at St John's. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a restful break from all of us at the SJA.





# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS



Votes for Schools is a way of connecting us to what is going on in the world around us, through topical debate. Use the Votes for Schools Google Classroom to access the material and discuss at home and at school. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs McSween [vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk)



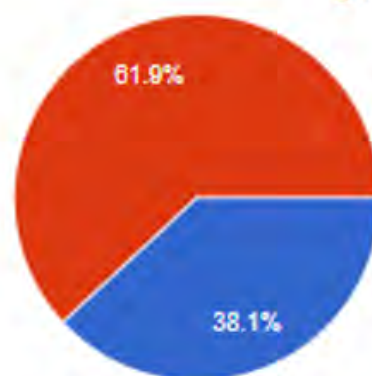
## Last week's question

Should students use smartphones in school?



## Results

● Yes  
● No



## Your thoughts

If you go on the school bus, I think it would be helpful to have your phone, but you shouldn't be able to have it in school till certain age. Rahul, Year 4

I think yes and no. I think yes because if people need to walk home from school, they might need to phone their parents to let them know that they are safe and where to pick them up. I also think no as people might go on games and say mean messages to others during lessons when they are meant to be focusing on work instead of playing and failing school. Rohan, Year 6

Children shouldn't use phones in school because teachers can't monitor what they are doing on their phone, but the school can provide pupils with iPads or laptops and then the teachers can monitor them, and children should separate time on their phone to time at school as your phone should be just used at home and outside of school. Owen, Year 6

Thank you to everyone for sharing your opinions through Votes for Schools this year. We discussed some super topics and I have been impressed by all your contributions. Stay informed over Christmas and we look forward to more VfS in 2022. Mrs McSween







# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

On Tuesday the Pre-Prep boys got into the Christmas spirit with jumpers, lunch and the best Christmas parties in Northwood when Pre-Prep was transformed into a party venue. There were seven themed rooms with musical bumps (well, sitting down as quickly as you could with crossed legs in "assembly position") a bran tub, bingo, balloon tennis, pinning the nose on Rudolph or a carrot on the snowman, a Christmas disco and a very special room where all the boys 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.

















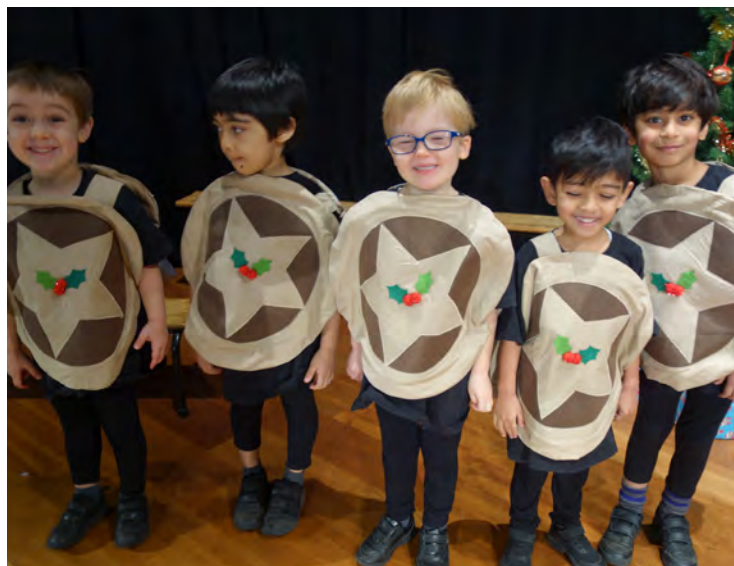


# Filming the Pre-Prep Christmas Plays

Although we were very disappointed not to be able to invite families in to see the performances in person, we were all excited to film the plays for you to watch at home. The boys performed very professionally and were not at all distracted by the cameras. The singing was excellent, particularly well done, as the week before the recording was a “no-singing” week for everyone. All the boys had worked hard to learn their lines and speak them clearly. Well done boys. We hope you have enjoyed watching the play with your son.



















# Badgers and Eagles Christmas bakeoff

**Just in case** there was a shortage of food for the Pre-Prep Christmas parties, the boys from the Badgers and Eagles had great fun baking Christmas biscuits.







# Leo joined in the fun from home

**Poor Leo.** He was stuck at home this week but he still managed to join in the fun with this fantastic Christmas hat. Well done Leo and we look forward to seeing you next term.



# Aarun did his best

**Despite a challenging** term, the Pre-Prep boys have all risen to the situation and kept going. This made choosing an individual for the 'I did my best' cup even more difficult this term. Finally, we decided that Aaran in the Badgers was the worthy winner. He shows real determination, resilience and perseverance to always try his best. Congratulations.

# After school creativity







## Oh yes we did!

We **may not** have been able to go to the pantomime this year but our Pre-Prep boys weren't going to let that spoil the fun. Here are just a few of the things we did instead.







# Christmas jumpers and hats in the Juniors

The Juniors had a rather intense Christmas experience this week after an equally busy online week last week. They made hats, had a Christmas party, attended the Junior Christmas Quiz, (boys even joined in online), ate a Christmas Lunch, ran a cross country and took part in House rugby matches all in the space of two days. Everyone worked very industriously to produce hats and the standard was very high. Many congratulations to Christopher in 4H and Lucas in 4L who pipped the others to the post. The winners in Year 3 were Arjan in 3W and Rishi in 3L.







## Frank the skeleton visits Year 3

**Year 3** were excited to meet Frank the Skeleton this week when learning about bones. We started the session by sharing which bones we already knew and marking them with a post-it. It was fun to share this knowledge as a class. Mrs Wagemaker and Mrs Luke then taught us the names of some

other bones. Did you know that the adult skeleton is made up of 206 bones? Some bones we have as children fuse together as we get older. We will continue with this topic after Christmas as our knowledge of the human skeleton develops.







## Teddy is a tennis star

**Before Covid struck** again Teddy in 4H took his place in the national tennis finals that he has been working towards since entering his club championships in October. He won his club and regionals and played at the nationals on Sunday. In October Teddy entered his club tennis tournament and came first! This put him through to the Regional Championships where he played both singles and mixed doubles and won both! Now a Regional Championship winner he then went on to compete in the National Championship Finals held on Sunday 5th Dec in Coventry. Of the 1400 entrants he finished up 11th in the boys singles and 4th in the mixed doubles! What a great achievement!



## Dilan's piano merit

**Dilan in 3W** achieved a merit in his piano Grade I exam. we hope to see him performing in the St John's House Music Competition next term.

## Cards for Erskine Hall

**The craft club** boys made Christmas cards for Erskine Hall residents. Big thanks to Mrs B for all her help with getting them ready to be delivered in the next few days.







## Sharing Christmas one way or another

We were very sorry that our annual Carol Service could not take place this year. The boys have worked so hard, in continued challenging circumstances and we wanted them to be able to share with you their musical festive greetings. Here is a video with a selection of favourite Christmas carols and songs from the St John's family. Each year of the Pre-Prep and some members of our Brass and Wind Bands are performing in this video. We do hope you enjoy the compilation and thank you for your continued support with all things musical this term: <https://sites.google.com/st-johns.org.uk/st-johns-music-department/ensembles?authuser=0>







## Can't stop the music

**In class lessons**, the Nursery have enjoyed exploring action and movement music, Year 3 have made excellent progress with their recorder karate playing and many musicians in Year 7 have been rehearsing independently, working on pieces of their own choice.

Boys will have an opportunity to perform their Arts Evening performances with each of their ensembles on Tuesday 18th January 2022. We encourage all boys to continue to practise

their music and look forward to seeing them in the New Year with their instruments and music.

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual House Music Competition during the Spring Term. Details on how to enter the competition will be released at the start of next term. We encourage boys to begin thinking about which pieces they would like to play on their instruments or sing, in advance of the coming term.





# MUSIC



**It's Back!**



## **The Watford Festival of Music, Speech & Drama 2022!**

**Festival Dates:**

**Sun 27th Feb -  
Sun 13th March**

**Finale Date:**

**Sun 20th March**

**Festival Location:**

**The Pump House  
5 Local Board Rd  
Watford  
WD17 2JP**

**Finale Location:**

**Watersmeet Theatre  
High St  
Rickmansworth  
WD3 1EH**

**Closing date for Entries**

**December 17th**

**New User deadline: December 10th**

## **Information**

**There are categories for all music, speech and drama enthusiasts.  
Please go to the website for all the exciting details!**





# Year 8 catapults

Year 8 have made up for lost time this week by building and testing their catapults.







# End of term DT displays

Displays of Year 4 hydraulics projects, cuddly cushions from Year 6 and fairground rides by Year 7.







# Year 3 make a start on their shaduf projects







# Portfolio Art club creating winter bird pictures

1. Oscar in Year 8 has used biro and paint on his picture. 2. This robin has been painted by James C in Year 7. 3. Remika in Year 7 has used paint, chalk and biro on his bird picture.







# Around the art studio this week

1. Year 4 have been drawing snowman selfies. 2. Theodore in Year 3 is pictured with his sparkly snowflake. 3. Josh in Year 5 has used tinting and shading to draw a snowman picture. 4. Year 6 has been making 3D snowflake stars out of paper.







## Senior House Rugby 2021

On Wednesday, 20th October we played the Senior House Rugby Competition with Years 7 and 8 combined. The format of the House Rugby was Ready for Rugby, a touch-based game. The running and handling displayed by all the teams was excellent to see. Players of all abilities played with each other and the support from each House to all their own players was exemplary. There were some exciting passages of play, with the ball being moved around and all the players working very hard in defence to get back on-side. However, the Houses who were able to move the ball at speed into space had more success.

### Year 7

Matches	House Teams	Result	1st Place	Oates
Match 1	Churchill vs Lawrence	0 - 30	2nd Place	Lawrence
Match 1	Lincoln vs Oates	10 - 30	3rd Place	Churchill
Match 2	Churchill vs Oates	15 - 15	4th Place	Lincoln
Match 2	Lawrence vs Lincoln	15 - 0		
Match 3	Churchill vs Lincoln	25 - 15		
Match 3	Lawrence vs Oates	5 - 20		

### Year 6

Matches	House Teams	Result	1st Place	Churchill
Match 1	Churchill vs Lawrence	25 - 0	2nd Place	Oates
Match 1	Lincoln vs Oates	0 - 10	3rd Place	Lawrence
Match 2	Churchill vs Oates	5 - 0	4th Place	Lincoln
Match 2	Lawrence vs Lincoln	15 - 10		
Match 3	Churchill vs Lincoln	25 - 0		
Match 3	Lawrence vs Oates	0 - 15		







## Senior House Rugby 2021 Year 5

Matches	House Teams	Result
Match 1	Churchill vs Lawrence	15 - 20
Match 1	Lincoln vs Oates	0 - 15
Match 2	Churchill vs Oates	5 - 5
Match 2	Lawrence vs Lincoln	10 - 0
Match 3	Churchill vs Lincoln	20 - 0
Match 3	Lawrence vs Oates	20 - 5

1st Place	Lawrence
2nd Place	Churchill
3rd Place	Oates
4th Place	Lincoln



## Year 4

Matches	House Teams	Result
Match 1	Churchill vs Lawrence	5 - 10
Match 1	Lincoln vs Oates	10 - 20
Match 2	Churchill vs Oates	5 - 15
Match 2	Lawrence vs Lincoln	5 - 5
Match 3	Churchill vs Lincoln	10 - 15
Match 3	Lawrence vs Oates	10 - 15

1st Place	Oates
2nd Place	Lincoln
3rd Place	Lawrence
4th Place	Churchill







# Senior Cross Country

**The House Cross** Country is our annual way of making sure we have a big appetite for the School Christmas dinner. The course is the same every year so you can see how our boys compare to St John's historical record holders.

**Y8 Record Holder, Matthew Crow 10m, 15 seconds (2016)**

	Name	House	Time
1	Lucas	Oates	12:22
2	Jacob	Lawrence	12:24
3	Oscar	Churchill	13:03

**Y7 Record Holder, Alex Bickerstaff 10m, 50 seconds (2016)**

	Name	House	Time
1	George	Churchill	12:19
2	Emerson	Churchill	12:25
3	Kian	Oates	13:36







#### Year 7 & 8 results

House	Position	Position avge (Lowest wins)
Churchill	1st	7.5
Oates	2nd	8.66
Lawrence	3rd	14.66
Lincoln	4th	34.66

#### Overall results Year 3-8 (4 points for lowest avg position, 3 for second etc.)

House	Position	Position avge (Lowest wins)
Oates	1st	12
Lawrence	2nd	11
Churchill	3rd	11
Lincoln	4th	6





# Middle School Cross Country

**Y6, Record Holder Rohan Mangat, 11m 05 seconds (2016)**

	Name	House	Time
1	Bailey	Churchill	12:10
2	Leo	Oates	13:15
3	Khyan	Oates	14:34

**Y5, Record Holder, Matthew Crow, 11m, 30 seconds (2013)**

	Name	House	Time
1	Zachariah	Lawrence	14:33
2	Arnav	Oates	14:34
3	Noah	Lawrence	14:57







**Year 5 & 6 results**

House	Position	Position avge (Lowest wins)
Oates	1st	7.16
Churchill	2nd	14.16
Lincoln	3rd	15
Lawrence	4th	16.6





# Junior Cross Country

## Y4 - Record Holder - Matthew Crow (11.56.30)

	Name	House	Time
1	Luca	Lawrence	14:07
2	Dylann	Lincoln	14:16
3	Micah	Oates	14:25

## Y3 - Record Holder - Alex Bickerstaff (12.50.33)

	Name	House	Time
1	Niam	Lawrence	13.39
2	David	Lawrence	15.56
3	Aarav	Lawrence	15.59







#### Year 4 results

House	Position	Position avge (Lowest wins)
Lawrence	1st	7.16
Oates	2nd	13
Lincoln	3rd	16
Churchill	4th	16.3

#### Year 3 results

House	Position	Position avge (Lowest wins)
Lawrence	1st	5.3
Churchill	2nd	13.5
Oates	3rd	17.5
Lincoln	4th	18.15



Open for boys and  
girls ages 5 to 13  
years.



STEM DEN is open during the Christmas Hols!

★ Christmas Program includes-

Exploring how gears work, building an automata using a crankshaft, taking part in Christmas STEM challenges, building a Santa trap, finding out how we can make machines travel more quickly in our 'hands on, minds on' activities.

[www.stemden.co.uk](http://www.stemden.co.uk)

16th/17th Dec, 20th, 21st,  
22nd Dec 2021







# Krüger Sports Camps



## December Sports Camp

Thu, 16th Dec = INDOOR CRICKET

Fri, 17th Dec = INDOOR CRICKET

Mon, 20th Dec = FOOTBALL

Tue, 21st Dec = FOOTBALL

Wed, 22nd Dec = COURT SPORTS

(Dress up Day! Christmas themed!)

For more information go to [www.krugercamps.co.uk](http://www.krugercamps.co.uk)





# OUTLOOK



It's time  
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## ST JOHN'S ONLINE CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2021

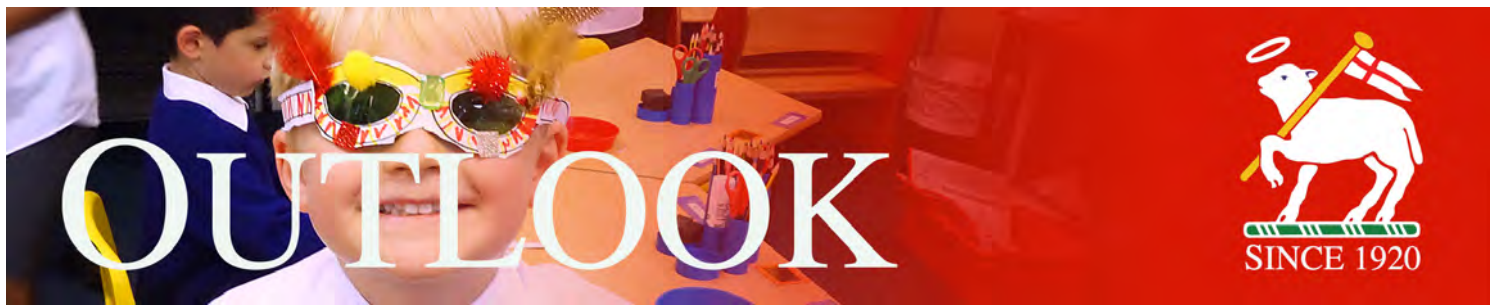
We're starting to feel festive in school and its time to get your thinking caps on for our ever-popular Christmas Quiz. Its free to enter, just for fun and open to all family and friends of St John's. Just follow this [link](#) to a feast of festive fun. As you will see, the quiz consists of two general knowledge and two cryptic



sections. Feel free to enter whichever ones you wish. Should you get stuck then internet research is positively encouraged. Once you've completed the quiz, it will 'self-mark' to produce a final score. If you enjoyed the Quiz then you might wish to make a voluntary online donation to Place2Be.

[Place 2Be Just Giving Page.](#)





## Calendar & important dates Contact details

**Tuesday 4th January:** STAFF INSET  
4+ Assessments

**Wednesday 5th January:** Beginning of Spring Term (8.25am)

**Friday 7th January:** Haberdashers' Entrance Examinations

**Monday 10th January:** First swim at Merchant Taylors' Prep School Clubs and Activities begin  
Cross-Country v York House: U13, U11 (a) (2.00pm)

**Wednesday 12th January:** Aldenham Entrance Examinations  
4+ Assessments (12.30pm)

**Thursday 13th January:** Cross-Country v York House: U9 (a) (2.30pm)

**Friday 14th January:** Hockey v Highgate: U11 A, B (a) (2.30pm)  
Hockey v Highgate: U10 A, B (a) (2.30pm)



***Picture of the week:** Mr Johnson getting into the Christmas spirit. We wish all our school staff a very Happy Christmas*

**Updates:** Please continue to visit [www.st-johns.org.uk](http://www.st-johns.org.uk) for all the latest information on sports fixtures and results. The website will have announcements in case of emergency.

You can also follow us on twitter @stjohnsnorthwood and our sports department @StJohnsNwSport

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## Notices and reminders

**The Famous St John's Christmas Quiz:** You can find the link on page 49 Its free and just for fun. If you enjoy it, maybe you would like to make an online contribution to our charity for this year, [Place2Be](#).

**Christmas Jumper Day:** We have raised £373 so far. There is still time to donate Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Link - Click [here](#) to donate! Thank you for all your support.

**January examinations:** Boys in Years 5, 7 and 8 will have examinations in January. Please read the revision lists emailed Mr Russo. These are also available on the Parent Portal. Year 8 need to prepare for the Common Entrance. Examinations week for Years 5, 7 & 8 is the week beginning the 24th January. Revision is best done in short and frequent sessions and start early.

**House Music Competition:** We we will be holding our annual competition during the Spring Term. Entry details will be released at the start of next term. We encourage boys to begin thinking about which pieces they would like to play on their instruments or sing, over the holiday.

**School Calendar:** The Spring Term calendar will be available to view on the School website and Parent Portal shortly. Your son will receive a hard copy on the first day of next term.

**Swimming at Merchant Taylors:** The first swim next term will be on Monday 10th January.

**Merchant Taylors Photography Competition 2021:** Unfortunately, we didn't have any winners this year, but we are very proud of all our photographers.

**Primary Maths Challenge Answer:** D. 54

**Burton Page Cup:** Congratulations to Lincoln who are the winners of the Burton Page Cup this term. They managed to beat the other Houses to gain the most House points.

**House Points:** 1st Lincoln 58.67, 2nd Churchill 58.47, 3rd Lawrence 56.76, 4th Oates 55.38.

**The Lamb:** The next edition of The Lamb will be on Friday 14th January. St John's wishes everybody a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022. We look forward to welcoming the boys back on Wednesday 5th January.