



From the  
Headmaster

Welcome to the 185th edition of the Lamb. First of all thank you to our Eco-Council representatives for their informative and thought provoking assembly on climate change and for promoting the difference we can make in school.

Year 7 and 8 took on the responsibility of school ambassadors by hosting our visitors to Open Morning on Wednesday. I would like to thank them for their effort and thoughtful preparation.

With the fine spell of weather it has been great to see the Pre Prep enjoying the grounds particularly in their club time.

I know you will enjoy the photographs from the trips to Devon, Northumbria, Normandy, Whitemoor Lakes and Marchant's Hill. By all accounts the boys had some challenges and new experiences.

Our cricketers and athletes have been busy this week. I was very pleased to see our competitive performances in both track and field events at Merchant Taylors' last night. Well done to all of you. Years 4 to 8 have been involved in competitive cricket fixtures against St Martin's.

I know Years 6, 7 and 8 will want to spend some time preparing for their examinations starting on the 4th June.

Finally, I wish all the St John's families a peaceful half term break.

S. Roberts

## Climate change - the impact



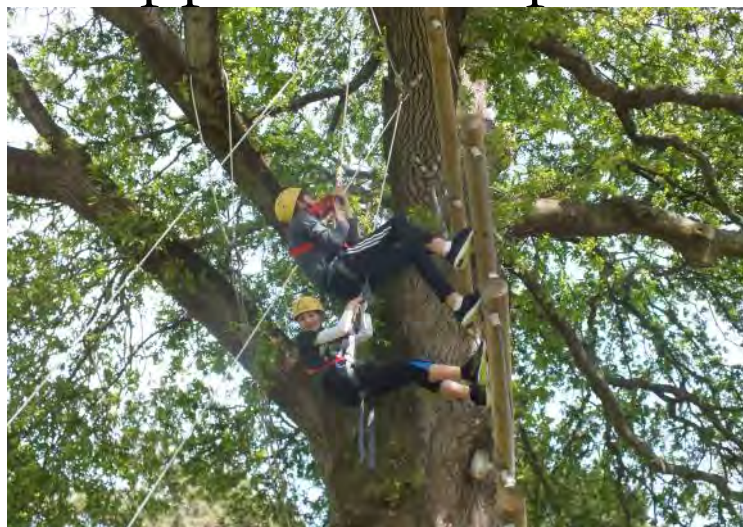
**This week to support St John's 'Walk to School Thursdays'** the Eco Council presented an assembly on climate change. The assembly looked at the causes of the climate crisis and how we can change things in our daily lives to help prevent it. The boys explained that walking to school and 'switching-off' reduces our carbon footprint. We also looked at the environmental impact of eating meat and how this is causing deforestation. It was explained that the loss of these forest habitats coupled with climate change is causing over 200 species a day to become extinct. Part of the assembly touched on the work by environmental campaigners like Greta Thunberg to make government take action on the climate crisis. The boys in the photo below have all taken part in 'Walk to School Thursdays'.







## Knapp House report

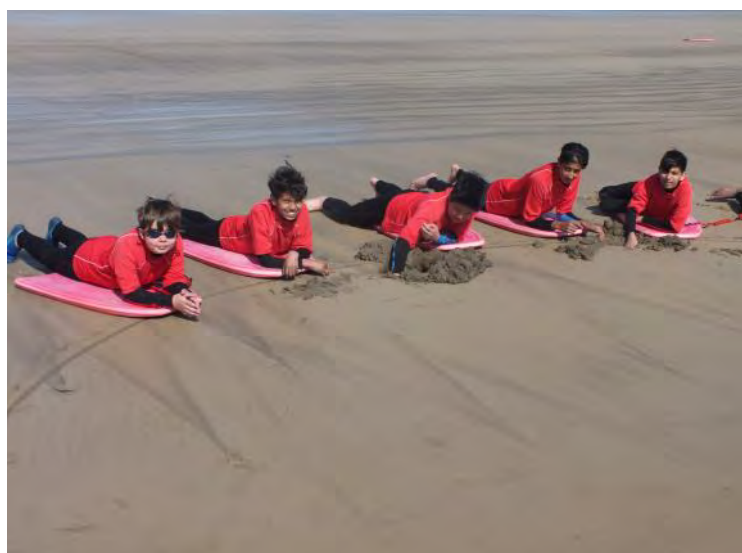


It is always such a treat to have a week away in North Devon with our Year 8 boys. After the pressure of the 13+ examinations, having a week of surfing, canoeing, water skiing, abseiling, tunnelling, coastal exploration (with ice-creams) and climbing in the sunshine of Appledore is a fantastic way for the boys to relax and enjoy their last few months together before they finish their time at St Johns and head off to their Senior Schools. Mr Jenkins, Mr Phillips and Mr Russo were delighted with the behaviour of all the boys. They all enjoyed attempting the various activities and we were blessed with some fantastic weather. Having all the boys in the water, surfing and body boarding on the last morning was great fun and really tired us all out for the long drive home. The coach was surprisingly quiet all the way home! It really is a fantastic week away and Mr Russo is already looking forward to next year!





## Knapp House in photos







## Year 7 traverse La Manche



**Up with the lark on Monday to get to Portsmouth** in time to catch the nine o'clock ferry to Cherbourg and drive on to the Château Les Forges where we were staying. Any tiredness was short lived when we met Julien, our superb French Animateur for the week. The fun had started! Tuning in to constant French took a bit of getting used to, but everyone threw themselves into listening to and speaking as much as possible. *Fantastique!* As the weather was bright and sunny we were able to play in the walled garden and in the evening have a Treasure Hunt – all in French! The weather was fine all week and allowed us to enjoy fully the grounds and activities at the Château de la Baudonnière: archery, aero ball, fencing, climbing and bread making. In between activities the boys were able to play football, complete their diaries (in French!) or relax and watch Kevin, the magnificent peacock, as he patrolled the grounds.

On Tuesday morning we went to the market at Villedieu-les-Poêles where the boys were tasked to buy their own fillings for their baguette and fruit for their picnic lunch. *Fromage* and *saucisson* were popular choices followed by delicious fresh strawberries. On Wednesday we had a full day of activities at the Château followed by an evening at a Crêperie in Coutances. Tasty Galettes and Crêpes were enjoyed with many a clean plate at the end! Thursday saw us at Mont St Michel where we had a tour of the ramparts, taking in the excellent views along the coast. Souvenirs were purchased in the shops along the narrow cobbled street. In the evening we dressed up in our French themed costumes and enjoyed a BBQ. Those who dared had the opportunity to try snails with a few going back for more! Friday sadly saw our departure after our last French breakfast. On the way to Cherbourg we visited the Airborne Museum at St-Mère-Église where we were able to reflect on the heroic actions of both civilians and military during the Second World War. A tiring but fun-filled, French speaking week! *Bravo, les gars!*







## Normandy in pictures







## Year 6 head north to Hexham



**It was a tremendously enjoyable trip this year** and the weather was very sunny throughout. The boys enjoyed staying at Dukeshouse Wood, formerly a school camp that was built in 1939 to house evacuees from Newcastle during the Second World War. Highlights of the trip included the visit to Alnwick Castle and Gardens, Mr Smith's drone flying, the 3G swing and the walk on Hadrian's wall. Mercifully for all, the boys kept their rooms in good condition throughout and the room tidying competition was won by room five, who consistently kept their room in an excellent condition and greeted the inspectors each morning with various theatrical and musical welcomes. An excellent week all round.







## Northumbria in pictures







## PGL - Parents get lost! Our Year 2 adventurers



**The boys were full of excitement as our coach** pulled out of the St John's gates, to set off for our PGL adventure. Very quickly they were put into their groups and set off for their first activity. After an afternoon of fun it was time for supper, and then a water balloon challenge which left them in a state of excitement just before bed! Pyjamas on and a midnight feast before catching a few hours of sleep. The second day started off early with a cooked breakfast and lots of tea for the teachers. The groups then went on their way singing songs in anticipation of their next round of fun filled activities. Some of the boys had the new experience of the 'Trapeze', which involved lots of excitement and bravery. After supper the boys were then taken to sing songs around the camp fire and toast marshmallows before falling into bed exhausted. Before we knew it the final morning was upon us. It took a little more effort to get out of bed, some boys even had to be woken up. They all quickly "packed" before breakfast and our last activity before home. A great time was had by all.







## PGL - Parents get lost!







## Forest Club in Years 1 & 2



**This term Years 1 and 2** have made the most of the dry weather during Forest Club. They have climbed trees, made mud pies, dug huge holes, swung from branches and searched for bugs. With muddy hands and grubby knees they have had great fun outdoors.







## Year 4 visit Whitemoor Lakes



**Just some of the comments received from the boys about their trip to Whitemoor Lakes 2019!** I learnt a lot about team work, Whitemoor Lakes was learning about myself, it meant yummy food and a good chance to get to know the boys in 4C, the breakfast was like paradise! I conquered my fear of heights, the biggest stranger to me was myself! Whitemoor Lakes let me get to know myself and my confidence!! The whole experience was amazing! I liked getting worn out, the staff were very encouraging to help me overcome my fears on the zip wire, I learnt to overcome my fears and went on the zip wire and abseiling, we had to work in pairs to go as high as we could on the crate stacking, the food was yum yum yum!!







## Whitemoor Lakes in pictures







# 1st and 2nd XI v St Martin's Monday 20th May

## 1st XI v St Martin's Lost

**St Martin's 136 for 9 off 20 overs, St John's 96 all out for 17 overs**

Aadil 2 for 16, Netanel 3 for 20, Alex 43, Netanel 11

### Outstanding performance: Alex

This was a disappointing loss having started so well with such a good start from Aadil, Shane and Netanel with St. Martins

59 for 6 off 11 overs. Their later batters played well to reach their 136 total. St John's run chase could not have been worse losing the first 3 wickets for 14 before Alex and Netanel put together a very impressive partnership with Alex going on to make his 43 which included 1 x 6 and 4 x 4s. The team battled on to the 17th over before the last man fell. The positives of some very good bowling and potential of more to come with their batting can be taken to the next match.



## 2nd XI v St Martin's Won

**St John's 116 for 6 off 16 overs, St Martin's 19 all out off 13 overs**

Rohan P 22 retired, Rohan M 26 retired, Saam 16, Rohan P 2 for 0, Yusuf 3 for 1

### Outstanding performance: The whole team

St John's batted very well and Rohan P and Rohan M got us off to a flying start with 22 and 25 runs. They both hit a number of fours and the running between the wickets was excellent. Both of them retired and Joe was out quickly. However, Oliver hit a huge six but really needed to play straight to a ball on the stumps which got him out. Both Zac and Saam batted well but Zac was run out brilliantly by a direct throw. In the end we made 116. St Martin's batted but they struggled to score and keep their wickets. Good bowling from Yusuf and Rohan with support from others really made life difficult for St Martin's. The opposition were bowled out for 19 runs and a really good start to the side. Well done!







## U9 teams v St Martin's Tuesday 21st May

### U9 A v St Martin's Won by 12 runs

**St John's 243 off 16 overs, St Martin's 231 off 16 overs**

Kian J 12 off 19, Kabir 11 off 12' Ahaan 3 for 11, Danyal 2 for 18

#### **Outstanding performances:** The whole team

An absolute cracking match with high quality cricket for this age group from both schools. Kian P won the toss and opted to bat first. St John's started well and had a solid first three overs. The last 4 overs saw us lose 5 wickets (-25 runs). St Martin's were particularly strong in the field not dropping any catches and taking 8 wickets in total. St John's finished on 243. The boys understood at the turn of the innings that they would have to be on top of their game to defend their score. They did not disappoint. The standard of bowling and fielding from the whole squad was excellent, not conceding any wides. A strong start saw St John's taking early wickets. The pick of the bowlers were Ahaan with 3 for 11 and Danyal with 2 for 18. Kabir with a maiden over. Kian P with a one wicket maiden over. Mithil and Nishant took some good catches in the field. Good captaincy from Kian P and Kian J. Really well done indeed. Keep enjoying your cricket. Thanks to all the parents for providing match teas and their support during the match.

### U9 B v St Martin's Won by 36 runs

**St John's 289 off 16 overs, St Martin's 253 off 16 overs**

Kush and Rafi 28 runs as a batting pair. Emerson and Rehaan 36 runs as a batting pair.

#### **Outstanding performances:** The whole team

We fielded first and bowled very well throughout the innings taking wickets regularly. We took 9 wickets and this reduced the opposition total by 45 runs which in the end was a massive advantage. The pick of the bowlers were Kush, Aarav and Armaan. The fielding was sharp and we took a number of good catches as well. St John's went into bat after match tea and each pair scored runs to help us on our way to win. Armaan and Aarav 211 runs, Kush and Rahul 225 runs, Kush and Rafi 253 runs, Emerson and Rehaan 289 runs. In the end it was our excellent bowling, fielding and batting which proved too strong for St Martin's. A very good start for the side.







## U9 teams v St Martin's Tuesday 21st May

### U9 C v St Martin's Won by 37 runs

**St John's 272 for 1 wicket off 16 overs, St Martin's 235 for 8 wickets off 16 overs**

**Batting:** Archie & Abdullah Scored 224, Alistair & Roshan Scored 239, Shane & Adam Scored 255, Oliver & Jamie Scored 272. **Bowling:** Jamie 1 wicket, Oliver 2 wickets, Adam 2 wickets, Roshan 1 wicket, Alistair 1 wicket, Abdullah 1 wicket

### Outstanding performances: The whole team

This was an excellent game played in a great spirit against St. Martin's. All the boys got the opportunity to bat, bowl, keep wicket and field on a beautiful summer's afternoon at St John's. The boys scored a magnificent total of 272 for 1 wicket off 16 overs, which was a great innings by all. The bowling and fielding was impressive and the St John's team took 8 wickets in total off 16 overs and St. Martin's could only manage a total of 235. Well done to all the boys. Congratulations on a well deserved win.

### U9 D v St Martin's Won by 63 runs

**St John's 301, St Martin's 237**

Luca and Remika scored 13 and bowled 2 for 11, George and Satyen scored 17 and bowled 3 for 1, Emeka and Jimi scored 5 and bowled 0 for 24, Kian and Daniel scored 14 and bowled 2 for 12

### Outstanding performances: Satyen and George

There was both good bowling and batting on show from all of the 8 players. Lots played both with good form and power. In total 13x 4s were hit, 5 by Satyen and George. What was pleasing was the accuracy of the bowling with many straight deliveries and bowled wickets. Also the running between the wickets caught the eye and there were good catches taken by Luca Jimi and Emeka. This was a very promising opening match from the boys.

### U9 E v St Martin's

A great afternoon for the team who played a long game of diamond cricket. Each player got an opportunity to bat and extend their skillset with exposure to the game, which allowed them to play in a competitive environment whilst getting a long chance to bat and field. Hopefully you all enjoyed the afternoon which was played in great spirit and also in some great weather.







# SPORT

## 1st, 2nd & 3rd teams v St John's Beaumont

**1st XI v St John's Beaumont Won by 33runs**

**St John's Beaumont 91 for 9, St John's 124 for 7**

**Outstanding performances:** Shivam 50, Ashok 2 wickets for 8 runs

A better tactical performance from the 1st XI this time around. We batted first and Shivam opened well finding his way to 50 runs swiftly through a plethora of 4's and singles. The rest of the time we struggled to find our rhythm when batting however Shane hit 2 6's with a few singles to keep the score ticking over. We ended our inning on 124 for 7. Our bowling was much more disciplined this time around which was needed to keep the opposition's score low. Our focus was on the fielding to apply pressure to the batsmen in all areas which was done by increasing our concentration and reacting to changes during the game. Ashok produced 2 wickets in 4 overs whilst only giving away 6 runs at a critical time in the game; whilst Reece bowled 3 overs with one maiden and only giving away 6 runs which kept Beaumont at bay. Well bounced back from last game boys and onto the next one!



**2nd XI v St John's Beaumont Won**

**St John's Beaumont 49 all out, St John's 49**

Rohan M 14 runs, Krish 3 wickets for 2 runs

**Outstanding performance:** The whole team

St John's Beaumont batted first and we bowled and fielded very well to put lots of pressure on the opposition batsmen. Krish bowled very well and took a few early wickets. In the field we hit the stumps twice to get two batsmen run out. The other bowlers bowled at the stumps and the wickets started to tumble. Zac took an excellent catch on the boundary to dismiss a good player before he got going. The last batsman was run out and St John's Beaumont managed to score 49 runs. Rohan P and Rohan M opened the batting and in the first over we scored 14 runs without having to hit the ball with extras. Rohan hit some great boundaries and Rohan P hit a glorious shot to win the match with a four. This was a great team performance.



**3rd XI v St John's Beaumont Won by 48 runs**

**St John's Beaumont 85 all out, St John's 133 for 3**

**Outstanding performances:** Max and Mason

This was a great win for the 3rd XI team. We lost the toss and were put into bat and made a good total of 133 for 3 off 20 overs. The pick of the batsmen were Mason and Max, who both scored 40 runs. We were solid in the field and there were some great wickets taken, in particular Mason who took 3 wickets. This was another fine performance from the 3rd XI team and many congratulations to the whole squad on this performance. Well done.







# St John's Athletics Meeting at Merchant Taylors'



**This was an excellent athletics meeting yesterday** for St John's boys to test themselves against some strong competition. The Under 10's looked very strong across the board and coming 1st or 2nd in most of the events. Rafi and Emeka ran superbly in their events. In the relay they won with each member of the team running very well. In the under 11's Thomas ran a great race in the 800 metres and Oliver S and Rakshaan did very well in the 1500 metres by running in the year above. Ethan and Krish got good times in their respective 800 metres races with Krish coming second in his. Rohan M ran superbly to win the U14 800 metres event. Oliver S and Yuri won their long jump events with excellent distances. Skye ran very well in the 200 metres to come second and Alex won the shot. This was a great experience for all the athletes to compete against other schools and on the Merchant Taylors' tartan track. All the athletes did well and many congratulations to those boys who have qualified to compete at Eton on the 10th June.



**1st The Beacon 173      2nd Davenies 155      3rd St John's 148      4th St Martin's 104      5th Gayhurst 77**

**Mithil 1st** in Cricket Ball

**Emeka 1st** in 200 metres

**Rafi 1st** in 100 metres

**1st** in U10's 4 x 100 metres

**Oliver W 2nd** in 800 metres

**Thomas 2nd** in 800 metres

**Oliver 2nd** in Javelin

**Ethan 2nd** in 800 metres

**Harman 2nd** in Shot

**Oliver S 1st** in long jump

**Krish 2nd** in 800 metres

**2nd** in U13's 4 x 100 metres

**Yuri 1st** in Long jump and **2nd** in 300 metres

**Skye 2nd** in 200 metres

**Alex 1st** in shot

**Rohan M 1st** in 800 metres





## St John's Athletics Meeting at Merchant Taylors'







## Sporting success out of school



**Teddy in the Owls has been awarded U6 Player of the Season by Ruislip Rugby Club. Many congratulations to him.**



**Congratulations to Zachariah in the Badgers who has been selected for the U8 Middlesex County Boys Tennis Team. Zachariah was invited to compete for a place on the County team against 15 other top County players following strong performances and wins in tennis tournaments this year. Zachariah competed well against fierce competition over the tough two hour assessment and now has a place on the squad to train with some of the best tennis performance coaches and one of the best County Tennis teams in the country. Very well done Zachariah!**





1 & 2. **Freddie** and **Bailey** have worked hard creating their Greek pots.

3 & 4. **Albert** and **Niam** have painted these beautiful Koi Carp in watercolour.

5. **Year 8** are continuing with their fabulous mosaic tables.

6. **Year 6** have really enjoyed making their initials out of threads.





## RPLF Summer Activity 2019

The RPLF has a single goal, **TO BUILD LEADERS**. The RPLF have run many events where we have taught young people;

- How to do some basic first aid, that could one day help you be a hero!
- How to navigate the old fashioned way, using a map and compass!
- How to be a leader, leading a group of people a similar age as you to try and solve problems.
- How to work as part of a team, solving challenges you can't solve on your own.
- Important survival skills.



And now we are back!

With the RPLF Summer Activity, our biggest event yet, we are running four days of exciting outdoor activities where young people work together to become leaders. It is during these days they will save the world, bring criminals to justice and meet new people.



At the end of the four days, these new Beginners will achieve a RPLF Command Task badge, get a great t-shirt, and will be equipped with skills for many years to come!

Our events have been described by attendees as 'The best holiday camp ever! Can you run it for the whole summer?', with parents saying 'My kids loved it! They were so tired they slept the whole way home!'

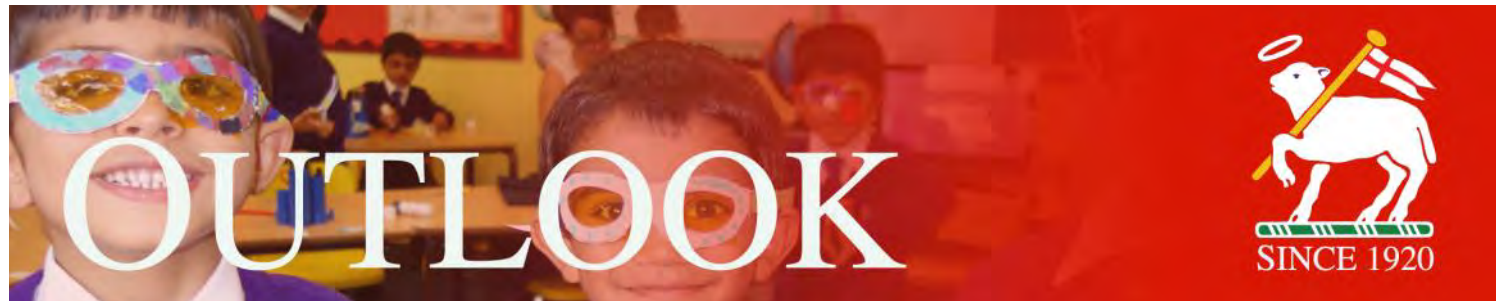
So why not come along?  
We can't wait to see you!

Dates: 27th to 30th August 2019  
Time: 10:00 - 16:00  
Location: Mill Hill School  
Costs: £100.00 for four days, or £30.00 a day  
Ages: 10 – 14 years old

If you want to help create the Leaders of tomorrow, then why not come along! Contact us;

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Come to school ...  
no lessons...  
Just have fun!

Sunday  
30TH JUNE  
2019  
11AM-3PM

# ST JOHN'S SUMMER FUN DAY

Bring along the whole family and join the rest of the school for our annual fun day. There will be lots to do for all ages.

Laser Quest - Traversing Wall - Bouncy Castle - Last Man Standing  
Pitch Burst - Crazy Golf - Bowling - Table Tennis - Tug of War  
BBQ - PIMMS - Ice Cream - Snacks  
...and many more!

## **FUN DAY RAFFLE**

**Lots of prizes to be won!**

If you are able to donate a prize for the Raffle such as theatre tickets, vouchers, an experience or day out, toys or any new unwanted gifts, please contact Gaby Gower at [gaby222@me.com](mailto:gaby222@me.com) or on 07970954521





## Calendar and important dates

**Monday 3rd June:** Years 3 & 4 Examinations

Year 5 Parents' Meeting (R-W) (6.00pm)

**Tuesday 4th June:** Years 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 Examinations

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U9 A, B (h), U9 C, D (a) (2.15pm)

St John's Association Meeting (7.30pm)

**Wednesday 5th June:** Years 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 Examinations

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Prep: 1st XI (h), 2nd & 3rd XI (a) (2.15pm)

**Thursday 6th June:** Years 6, 7 & 8 Examinations

Cricket v Merchant Taylors' Prep: U8 A, B (h), U8 C, D (a) (2.15pm)

**Friday 7th June:** Charity Day & St John's Association BBQ

**Saturday 8th June:** York House U13 Cricket Tournament (10.00am)

Orley Farm U11 Cricket Tournament (10.00am)

## Contact details

**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 [@stjsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjsnorthwood).



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

## Notices and Reminders

**Charity Day.** Friday 7th June is our annual charity day which coincides with the end of school exams for boys in Years 6 - 8. You will have received a letter and your son has hopefully brought home a sponsor form. Please help him to collect some sponsors over half term. All Prep boys will be taking part in an orienteering activity and Pre-Prep boys will do seven activity challenges. Put the date in your diary to come and support Magic Breakfast and take advantage of the St John's Association BBQ and drinks tent from 3.00pm. It promises to be a great day.

**Clubs and Activities.** These will take place as normal during exams the week after half term.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.** Senior Drama boys are working very hard in preparation for our production of 'Joseph' and would really appreciate full houses at both performances. Please put the dates in your diary and come along to what promises to be a great event: **Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th June at 7.00pm.**

**St John's Association Fun Day.** Please see the flyer on the previous page and come and support the Association.

**The second half of term** is only just over five weeks long and is packed with a wide variety of public events. Please put the following dates in your diary:

**7th June:** Charity Day and St John's Association BBQ (3.00pm)

**12th and 17th June:** Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meetings (4.30pm)

**17th June:** Pre-Prep Sports Afternoon (1.15pm)

**25th and 27th June:** Senior Drama Production (7.00pm)

**30th June:** St John's Association Fun Day (11.00am)

**2nd July:** Junior Prize-Giving & Sports Afternoon (2.30pm)

**4th July:** Year 8 Leavers Evening (7.00pm)

**6th July:** Senior Prize-Giving and Sports Afternoon (11.00am)

**9th July:** End of Term

**Votes for Schools.** Current question: **Do superhero films promote a healthy body image:** Yes 34.8%; No 65.2%. New question for after the half term break: **Do social media companies listen enough to young people?** Click on the image to access the PowerPoint when you are logged into your St John's email account.



**House Point Update.** Churchill 117.03; Lincoln 113.84; Oates 112.67; Lawrence 108.33

Have a super half term and Bank Holiday weekend.