



From the  
Headmaster

Welcome to The Lamb. I know everyone who attended our Pre-Prep Christmas performances enjoyed themselves. All of the boys played a special role in their play, singing beautifully and delivering their lines with clarity. It was great entertainment and both Miss Morgan and I were very proud of the boys and teachers. I hope you enjoy the photographs.

Our musicians have been extremely busy entertaining in the community this week with their visits to Erskine Hall, Sunshine House and Homeshayes House. These really are enriching experiences for everyone and I particularly enjoyed finding out from the boys about the conversations had at these venues.

The orchestra have led our assembly singing in preparation for next Monday's service whilst Anay, Krish and Alistair prepared and then presented a super assembly on the meaning of Advent.

All of Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an excellent trip to see Sleeping Beauty at the Watford Palace Theatre.

In sport the U10s continued their successful season against The Beacon, whilst the U13A team entertain Gresham's from Norfolk in the annual fixture this afternoon.

I have seen how hard the Parents' Association have been working this afternoon to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar which promises to be a super occasion. Thank you to all of our parents who have supported this event donating prizes for the raffle. I look forward to seeing you there tomorrow.

*S. Robinson*

## Delightful Christmas Plays



**This year's Christmas productions were a great success;** the rehearsals required patience and good humour but the results were well worth the effort. The Lambs sang with gusto in their production of Higgledy Piggledy Nativity leaving many of us with a tear in our eye. Despite the stable being very full and in a muddle, nobody minded because something wonderful had happened. The Reception classes put on a fabulous show called My First Christmas Play. Hopefully, Mr Robinson has heeded Santa's advice and sorted a gift for his wife! The boys in Year 1 put on a spectacular nativity called The Inn-spectors with several laugh out loud moments. Luckily for the Innkeeper the Inn-spectors declared the stable as outstanding... fit for a King. Meanwhile, Santa's Setbacks, performed by the Badgers and Eagles had us on the edge of our seats. Would Santa be able to overcome all the obstacles in his way before Christmas Eve? This was another amazing performance with boys speaking clearly and singing with enthusiasm. The plays were full of all the joy and wonder of Christmas and a true reflection of the tremendous hard work put in by both boys and staff. Well done all!







## Christmas productions in pictures







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## Story time in the Lambs



**This week the Lambs had a special treat** as Mr Robinson came to read them a story. 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' is one of his favourites and all the boys listened very carefully and everybody enjoyed joining in with the actions!







## It's pantomime season!



**The Juniors** went to see **Sleeping Beauty** at the Watford Palace Theatre last Friday and what a super experience it was. The old tale was given a new twist and the princess was woken by a guitar riff instead of a kiss. It was a story full of music and time travel, good and evil, stunning costumes and corny jokes...everything to make a very entertaining bit of theatre for the boys, who thoroughly enjoyed it. Read their comments below.



My favourite character was Sou'Wester the pig, who was the evil fairy's servant. She was very funny and made me laugh with her silly jokes, like when she was asked if she knew of a star with a tail, she replied "Peppa Pig!"

My favourite part was when the nanny was giving the king, the pig and the princess lessons because they kept falling off the bench. It was hilarious.

I liked the songs because there were a lot of songs that I liked like "A million dreams" from the Greatest Showman, "Senorita" by Shaun Mendez and "I don't care" by Ed Sheeran and Justin Bieber.



**I HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT THE PANTOMIME!**

I think the costumes were very funny, clever and well made. My favourite costume was the nanny's because she was wearing a Watford Sports Bra at one point!

It was really funny when the nanny was delivered in a big box with NANAZON on the side!

It was wonderful to have a live orchestra. I saw the drums, piano and guitar.

The music and songs of the pantomime were addictive and they are even in my head right now as I write this account!

This show was 10/10!

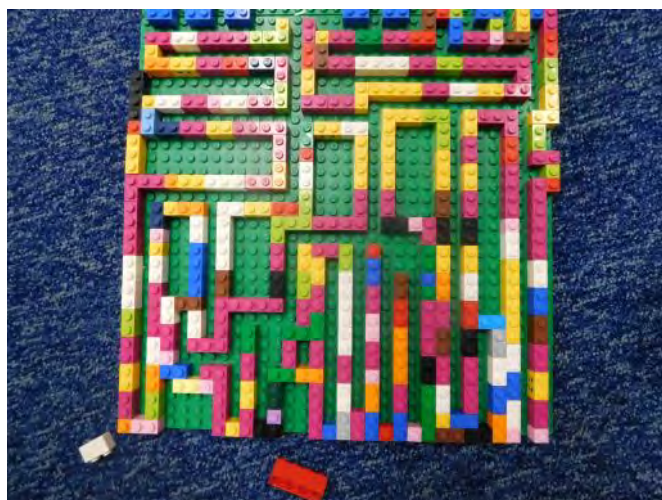




## Lego Club creations



Who knows what the present Lego Club members will be doing in the future, but these architects, designers and constructors have begun their training. There has been a theme of security in all their projects. Towers, a hotel, a bowling alley and a garage have been built this term. Well done boys.







## U10 teams v The Beacon 29 November

### U10 A v The Beacon

**Try Scorers:** Oliver 2, Shane 1, Nishant 1

**Outstanding performances:** Jimi, Rafi, Kush and Emerson for the great determination they have shown over the whole season.

This was a really tough fixture to end the season on, with The Beacon bringing two sides along to play our A Team. We played three matches, putting up incredibly gutsy performances in all three encounters. None of our players took a backwards step at any point and gave The Beacon very little opportunity to use their array of attacking talent. The visitors had to work so hard to make any sort of dent in the St John's defensive line and had to tackle for their lives when we went on the attack. The Beacon were clearly very strong at the breakdown and competed expertly for the ball, but they certainly met their match in these areas and in the end there was very little to choose between the teams in any of the games. Wonderful performances from each and every one of this fantastic team as always, but a special mention to Jimi, Rafi, Kush and Emerson for their quiet determination over the season. A big thank you also to all of the parents for their unwavering support over the season. I know the boys have really appreciated it. Very well done to everyone.

### U10 B v The Beacon

**Try Scorers:** Alistair 2, Adam 2, Luca 1

**Outstanding performances:** Daniel

We started well and some of our runners managed to breach the opposition defence. However, we needed to get closer support as the bigger Beacon players held us up and drove us back in the tackle. Also without the close support, the Beacon players were able to counter ruck and win more ball. However, a few players played really well. Daniel was everywhere making tackles, running hard, getting to most rucks and supporting all the other players. Alistair and Rehaan ran well in attack but the pick of the tries was from Adam who run on the left and beat several Beacon players. We need to get closer support to the ball carrier and move the ball away quickly with two passes which will enable our players to score tries. In defence, Ahaan made a number of outstanding tackles which stopped a number of tries. A very good effort against a strong Beacon side.







## U10 teams v The Beacon 29 November

### U10 C v The Beacon

**Try Scorers:** Kian A 2, Kabir 2, Abdullah 1

**Outstanding performances:** Kabir, Kian P, Kian A and Abdullah

In a fixture that usually results for us in the weeping and gnashing of teeth the Under 10 C Team acquitted itself outstandingly well. From the off our boys were straight into the game and working their way up the field courtesy of strong running by Abdullah, who duly scored. The boys' defence was also remarkably consistent with Kabir making excellent tackles and a huge hit from Kian A in the early part of the second half put some of their players off the idea of taking the ball into contact altogether. They made a real impression on the match and showed such a tough mentality. It was a good way to end the season and well done to all of them.



### U10 D v The Beacon

**Try Scorers:** Rahul 2, Remika 4, Mihir 1, Anay 1

**Outstanding performances:** Whole team were outstanding

This was a highly competitive fixture against an athletic Beacon team. In the first half we had the downhill advantage and used this effectively scoring 6 tries before the half. This included a Remika hat-trick and a quick try from Rahul just 8 seconds after being substituted onto the field. In the second half, everyone found their attacking form with some great running especially from Anay, George R and both James's making crucial metres up the hill. Unfortunately for us The Beacon also found their attacking form which was somewhat halted by some flying tackles from George L, Mihir and Kian D; but the opposition was just too strong going down the hill. In the final minutes of the game, we were trailing by one try and managed to pin them in their own in-goal area with some great pressure; but with tired bodies didn't turn this sustained pressure into points. Well done to the whole team for playing a game with such good spirits and pushing for the final try right till the end of the game.





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## Out in the community this week



**Our musicians have had a very busy time** of it this week going out into the local community to entertain our neighbours. Senior Choir, Brass Band, Chamberlain Ensemble, Guitar Group and our String Quartet have all been involved in visits to Erskine Hall BUPA Care Home, Homeshayes House and RNIB Sunshine House School. Their music was warmly received by everyone and they were able to chat with their audience afterwards and wish them all a very merry Christmas. It has definitely marked the start of the festive season.







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1. **Year 3** have been extremely busy making a beautiful, Christmas paperchain.

2. **Enzo** in Year 3 has made a lovely card.

3. Boys in **Year 6** have been working hard on their portraits. Well done boys!

4. Kandinsky Autumn leaves by **Matthew** in Year 4.





# OUTLOOK



# ST JOHNS CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 7TH  
DECEMBER 2019  
10.30 AM TO 2.00PM**

**Lucky tree - Santa's Grotto - Secrets Room  
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## Calendar and important dates

**Saturday 7th December:** St John's Association Christmas Bazaar (10.30am)

**Monday 9th December:** Carol Service Rehearsal (9.30am)  
Carol Service at Emmanuel Church (7.00pm)

**Tuesday 10th December:** Junior House Cross Country  
Pre-Prep Pantomime Trip

**Wednesday 11th December:** Pre-Prep Christmas Party (1.30pm)  
Junior Christmas Party (2.00pm)  
Rugby v The Beacon: U13 A, B (a), U12 A, B (h) (2.30pm)

**Thursday 12th December:** Christmas Jumper Day  
Senior House Cross Country  
Christmas Lunch  
House Christmas Quiz

**Friday 13th December:** End of Term Nursery & Reception (11.00am)  
End of Term Years 1 & 2 (11.10am)  
End of Term Years 3 & 4 (12.00pm)  
End of Term Years 5 & 6 (12.10pm)  
End of Term Years 7 & 8 (12.20pm)



**Vivaan (6M)** won 2 Bronzes medals and a Silver in the West London Piano Competition recently. What a super achievement!

## 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 [@stjnsnorthwood](https://twitter.com/stjnsnorthwood).



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

## Notices and Reminders

**Christmas Bazaar** is TOMORROW from 10.30am to 2.00pm!

**Christmas Jumper Day.** This is just round the corner on Thursday 12th December. We hope that all boys will come to school in a Christmas jumper instead of their blazer or school jumper and bring in a donation for Save the Children. There will also be a tuck shop at lunchtime and boys may bring in a maximum of £1 to spend.



**Spring Term Calendars.** You will receive a hard copy of next term's calendar during the course of next week and it will also shortly be available to view on the website.

**Pre-Prep Christmas Plays.** Through your generosity we raised **£358.71** for Playskill this week after the retiring collections. Thank you very much.

**St John's Carol Service.** This important event in the school calendar is on Monday evening at 7.00pm at Emmanuel Church in Northwood. Parking is limited so please car share where possible. This is a compulsory event for Years 3-8 unless you have been given permission to be absent by the Headmaster.

**Activities next week.** A reminder that there are no after-school activities next week.

**The famous St John's Christmas Quiz** is on sale now from Mr Taylor, priced £2.00. It will also be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar. It is fiendishly difficult and totally unique but you are allowed to use any resources you like including the internet, books, friends and family. The competition closes at the end of January and there are prizes for the best scores. It is for a charitable cause so don't be shy about having a go!

**Votes for Schools.** Question carried over from last week: **Are disabilities still misunderstood?** Please discuss at home over the weekend. New question for the new year: **Can Homelessness affect anyone?**

**House Point Totals. Lincoln:** 57.08 **Churchill:** 55.60, **Oates:** 54.60, **Lawrence:** 50.88  
Enjoy the weekend and hope to see many of you at the Bazaar tomorrow.

