# Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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**Dear Parents,**
Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break and are ready for what will be an exciting rest of term.

What a busy and successful first week it has been! We have enjoyed a number of classes taking part in educational visits and our wonderful Science Week. I have been incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by all of our young scientists.

From the exciting experiments taking place in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, to the fantastic science projects produced by pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The children embraced every challenge and demonstrated excellent scientific thinking, teamwork and presentation skills throughout. A special thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting the children. I am sure you learnt something new from the impressive range of projects on display!

We look forward to announcing the winners of the Science Fair at our Celebration Assembly on Monday. Well done to every pupil who took part – you should all be very proud of your achievements.

You will see later in the newsletter I have included information about 'Smartphone free childhood' please take time to read the information and links to webpages about this important matter.

**Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,**
**Mrs Kelliher**

## Stars of the Week
## 1st June 2026

**Rec;: Symon & Diana**
**Yr1: Fatima & Dana**
**Yr2: Zainab & Modupeola**
**Yr3: Diana & Alexander**
**Yr4; Bella & Natan**
**Yr5: Symon & Maria**
**Yr6: Nathan & Emmanuel**




# Summer Fair
# Saturday 11th July

**Safeguarding**

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.




**We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL**

**Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.**

**Congratulations to the children in St. Patrick's who received the most house points over the last week.**

**The children in St. Patrick's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.**

**The children in  in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.**

## House point winners for this week

| HOUSES | Score |
|---|---|
| St Patrick's | 218 |
| St Andrew's | 76 |
| St George's | 137 |
| St David's | 112 |
| St John's | 80 |
| Overall Winner | St Patrick's |

## Punctuality & Attendance

| POSITION | YEAR | % | Lates |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | I | 97.4 | 0 |
| 2nd | 3 | 96.9 | 0 |
| 3rd | 2 | 96.6 | 2 |
| 4th | 4 | 96.5 | 0 |
| 5th | Nur | 94.4 | I |
| 6h | 5 | 94.1 | 0 |
| 6th | 6 | 94.1 | 0 |
| 7th | Rec | 91.3 | 2 |

**Congratulations to Year 1 on their 97.4% attendance!**










## Important Dates: June




**Wednesday 10th June**
**8:50** Reception assembly

**Thursday 11th June**
- Y5 Fulham Palace

**Tuesday 16th June**
**9:00** New to Reception meeting
**1:00-4:00** Meet the teacher meeting for new to Reception parents

**Wednesday 17th June**
**8:50** Y4 assembly

**Thursday 18th June**
**9:00** New to Nursery meeting
**1:00-4:00** Meet the teacher meeting for new to Nursery parents

**Friday 19th June**
**8:50** Y2 Assembly

**Monday 22nd June**
- Nursery & Reception Sports day

**Tuesday 23rd June**
**9:00-3:00** Meet the teacher meeting for New to Reception parents

**Wednesday 24th June**
**8:50** Y1 assembly

**Monday 29th June**
- Y1-Y6 Sports day

**Tuesday 30th June**
**9:00-10:00** Transition morning for all children N-Y5

## Writer of the Month
## May



**Rec: Ilaria**
**Yr1: Nardos**
**Yr2: Amelia**
**Yr3: Igor**
**Yr4; Elma**
**Yr5: Albert**
**Yr6: Maya**

# Y6 Brentford Library

On Monday morning, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Brentford Library to discover more about the wonderful resources available to them and to encourage reading for pleasure. During the visit, the children took part in a book search activity, exploring different sections of the library and locating specific titles. They also learned how the library manages loans and returns, gaining a greater understanding of how the library service works.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to see all that their local library has to offer and to develop their independence as readers. We hope it has inspired many of them to visit again and continue their reading journey over the coming months!





## Art exhibition

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Art exhibition.

The children worked incredible hard to create their 'Beauty of God's World' designs. It was lovely to see all the work from Nursery to Year 6.

We raised over £500 in profit.

This money will go towards a whole school trip for the children next term.

**Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:**




A huge thank you to everyone that bought ice lollies on the last day of term.

The School Council raised £127.61.

This is going to go towards our school trip

# London City of  Languages

Earlier this year, a new initiative called 'London City of Languages'  was established to celebrate London's linguistic diversity, inspire people of all ages to learn a new language and engage communities to support language education. Primary and Secondary school children from across London were invited to create a logo for this new organisation, including the Key Stage Two children in OLSJ. Competition was fierce as there was a huge volume of entries from schools across the capital and the competition organisers said the standard of creativity was very high.

I am delighted to announce that a winner and a shortlisted commended entry were selected from Our Lady and Saint John's Primary school to promote London City of Languages first ever Festival of Languages! A huge congratulations to Julia in Year 6 (winner) and Laura in Year 5 (commended). Their entries were praised for their creativity, originality and ultimately for portraying a love of languages. We will keep you posted on events taking place during the festival and the link to the festival has been posted on google classroom so you can view other entries.

Once again, a huge congratulations to Laura and Julia and a big 'thank you' to all the children in Key Stage Two who entered the competition.

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# Y2 Kew Gardens

Year 2 had a fabulous time at Kew Gardens on Wednesday. We had an exciting hunt for different types of leaves and flowers being able to identify them from our list. There was a magnificent play area where we could all run off some energy until we were super hungry and ate our lunch inside a lovely warm café.

After that we had a guided workshop by a lovely lady from Kew who taught us some very interesting facts about different plants from around the world that even the adults didn't know! Learning for all!

Having walked around for 5 hours we were all a little weary and enjoyed sitting down on the bus home. "This is the best trip I've been on!" (Jayden).

Thank you to Miss Ryan , Mrs Johannes and the three parents that came on the trip, Mums of Sofia.P, Bianca and Salina, we couldn't do the trips without you.

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# Science Fair

What a great week it has been for science at Our Lady & St John's! Children in the younger years have been carrying out min investigations and experiments throughout the week, and the children in Key stage Two have worked hard to research, resource and prepare science projects. Topics ranged from Space, Fossils & volcanoes in Lower Key Stage Two, to the circulatory system and Light in Upper Key Stage Two. As ever, science week has been eventful, informative and chaotic – and we have loved every minute of it. The children have demonstrated impressive research, skills of self-directed learning and topped it all off with confident, informative presentations. Parents then joined us on Thursday afternoon so that children could showcase their projects. We hope you enjoyed it! A huge well done to all of the children and a big thanks to all our parents who have supported the children with resources, knowledge, and arranging for children to get together outside of school over half term. It is very much appreciated. Winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Monday.















# Science Fair

























# SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

## Let's reclaim childhood

Smartphones have fundamentally reshaped childhood. Not because this is what any of us want for our kids. Just because, until now, choosing another path has felt impossible.

That's why this movement exists. Not to judge or divide, but to *stand together.*

To say: maybe this isn't inevitable. Maybe we can pause. Maybe if we work together we can reset – and give our kids something better.

## A new frontier of parenting

In little over 15 years, smartphones have changed the shape of childhood. And the evidence they're doing more harm than good has become impossible to ignore.

Yet we've been left to figure this out alone. There's no roadmap. No NHS guidance. No government policy. Just families everywhere trying to do their best, up against the most powerful and persuasive companies on the planet.

**You can email your MP about raising the social media age to 16.The government is making its final decision in the next two weeks, and your MP can still influence the outcome. It only takes 60 seconds and the email is already written: https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/final-push**

**The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.**

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.

It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact, and the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm.

https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact

## Stay & Read

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents that were able to stay for 'Stay & Read' this week.
The children said they
**'loved sharing this time with you'**

Stay & Read will continue each **Tuesday** from **8:30-8:45am**.
If you are able to come in and read with your child you would be most welcome.




# Library Club

Library club continued this week.
Lots of children made the most of this and spent their allocated slot reading in the library with their friends.

A huge thank you to the teachers for running this extra curricular club. We look forward to seeing many more children attending next week.
Please see the attached poster for timings.

Blessed Mary is the mother of Jesus and the mother of all God's people.

In school, we have displayed images of her in different cultures, using varied clothes, colours, and styles, that reflect people around the world who love her.

These diverse images remind us that everyone belongs in God's family and that people live out their faith in different ways.

Our school community respects these differences and understands that the Church is universal and welcoming to everyone.

**With that in mind, we would like to see the Hail Mary prayer represented in different languages in school.**

**If you are able to, please send a copy of this into school, beautifully decorated.**

We look forward to seeing the many different languages that you and your children speak, displayed in school.



# 50 to Read



We are excited to announce that from September we will be launching our new 50 to Read programme across Reception to Year 6. Each class will have a collection of 50 high-quality books covering a wide range of genres, from adventure and fantasy to poetry, non-fiction, classics and graphic novels. Children will
receive a certificate for every five books they read, helping us celebrate their progress and encourage a love of reading.

Thanks to books from school stock, funds raised at the
Scholastic Book Fair and contributions from the PTA Easter Disco, we have already purchased a large number of titles.

UPDATE:
Thank you once again to all the families who have contributed to our 50 to Read collections. Thanks to your continued generosity, we have been able to purchase a further 14 books this week, bringing us to 101 of the 160 we need to complete the sets for each class. Your support is making a remarkable difference to the richness and diversity of our reading offer, and we are so grateful for the momentum this project is gathering. If you are still hoping to contribute, donations can be made via Parenttmail and will go directly towards purchasing the remaining books.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a joyful, ambitious reading culture for all our pupils.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have noticed that a significant number of library books have not been returned to school, including many new titles.

Our school library is an important resource for all pupils, and when books are not returned it reduces the number available for other children to read and enjoy.

Please could you take a few moments to check at home for any school library books and ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible. If you do find a book, your child can simply bring it back to their class teacher.

We would really appreciate your support in helping us keep the library well stocked so that all children can continue to develop a love of reading.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Mrs McMahon

# Book Swap

Well done to all the children who have already started bringing books into school for our Book Swap — we are absolutely delighted with the response so far!

We are very excited to launch this initiative, as we believe it will inspire an even greater love of reading. Sharing books that friends have already enjoyed is a wonderful way to spark curiosity and encourage children to discover new stories and authors.

We would like to reassure parents that every child will have the opportunity to choose a book from the Book Swap, whether or not they have brought a book into school. All we ask is that once a child has finished reading their chosen book, it is returned to school so another child can enjoy it.

The Book Swap is open to all year groups, and each class will have its own box for books to be shared. Any support you can give in helping us keep the Book Swap well stocked and running smoothly is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the Book Swap, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.
Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading.

Thank you for a great response!



# Library Club

We are delighted to share that, after half term, we will be launching a Library Club at lunchtimes as part of our ongoing commitment to promoting a love of reading for pleasure.

Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 will be invited to visit the library during their lunchtime, where they can relax and enjoy books in a calm and welcoming space. They may choose to read independently, share a story with friends, or enjoy reading with a member of staff. To make the experience even more comfortable, children are welcome to bring in a small cushion to sit on.

We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for children to develop a lifelong love of reading in an enjoyable and pressure-free environment. Please encourage your child to take full advantage of this exciting opportunity on their allocated day.

## Library club timetable

| | Years 1&2<br>12:00-12:20 | Years 3-6<br>12:30-12:50 |
|---|---|---|
| Monday | | |
| Tues | | Year 3&4 |
| Weds | Year 1&2 | |
| Thurs | | |
| Fri | | Year 5&6 |

# HOW THE GAME WORKS

**Numbots**

## BEFORE THE GAME

Children are welcomed to the game with an opening video, where they are introduced to the central character, "Rusty". In the video, Rusty asks for help in his quest to find new parts to upgrade him to a diamond robot, so he can "shine inside and out, like a Diamond". Next, the child will be able to choose a bot name they will play under, as well as their own robot character.




## PLAYING THE GAME: STORY MODE

The game starts in 'Story Mode'. There are 18 stages - from Rust to Diamond - and each stage is made up of a number of levels. Players start at Rust level 1 and, to unlock the next level, they need to earn at least 2 out of 3 stars.

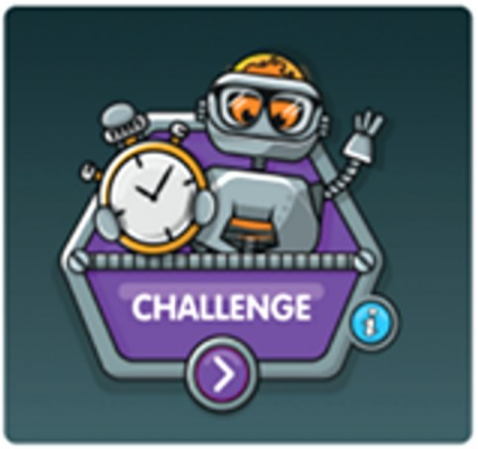
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to the next level until they show they are prepared for it.

Story Mode starts with very basic maths (subitising numbers) and progresses steadily and rigorously to addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers.




## PLAYING THE GAME: CHALLENGE MODE

When players complete Stage 3 (Tin): Level 35 in Story Mode, they will unlock Challenge Mode. Here they can race the clock to test themselves on how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute. There are 20 different challenges to choose from; each challenge testing a different skill, for example number bonds to 10, adding single digits or subtracting double digits.



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## THE CUSTOM SHACK

For every maths question answered correctly, the child will receive coins to spend in the Custom Shack. Here, they are able to purchase new parts to upgrade and personalise their own robot character. As well as earning coins, children are kept motivated throughout their NumBots journey by collecting badges and winning trophies to reward their achievements.




## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

We recommend children get 3 minutes a day four or five times a week. There will be times when they need your help understanding what to do (to help with that, there is an info slide before each level begins) or even with typing in the answers. They may need encouragement from time to time and they may benefit from being reminded that making mistakes is something perfectly natural.

They could also reach a point in the maths that is beyond their reach for now; if it feels like they've reached a blocker, we'd recommended returning to earlier levels and trying to complete them with 3 stars. If they are regularly struggling to achieve 2 stars, it may be worth speaking to their teacher abour possible strategies and asking them to change the Story Controls for your child, which will give them longer to pass each level.




SWIM SCHOOL
ISLEWORTH LEISURE CENTRE & LIBRARY
Scan QR code to sign up today!
FIT AROUND YOUR SCHEDULE
NO WAITING LIST
LEARN A BRILLIANT LIFE SKILL
INCLUDES
Weekly 30-minute lesson • Free Public Swimming
Free hat when you first sign up

## 30-45 MINUTE LESSONS DEPENDENT ON STAGE

| | |
|---|---|
| Baby with Adult | 3 - 18 months |
| Toddler with Adult | 18 months - 3 yr 6 months |
| Pre-School 1 & 2 | 3 yr 6 months - 5 years old |
| Stage 1 - Stage 7 | 5 years old + |
| STAGE 8, 9, 10 (COMPETITIVE SWIMMING) INCLUDE 45-MINUTE LESSONS. | |
| Adult Lesson Beginner | 16 years old + |
| Adult Lesson Intermediate | |
| Adult Lesson Advanced | |

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday - Friday | 3:00pm - 7:00pm |
| Weekends | 8:30am - 2:00pm |
| Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Lunch Lesson) | 11:30am - 1:30pm |
| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday (Adult Swimming) | Evening: 6:45pm - 9:00pm<br>Weekend: 1:00pm - 5:00pm |



**Isleworth Leisure Centre & Library**
Twickenham Road, Isleworth TW7 7EU
Isleworth.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk
0208 583 2900

## CHECK OUT OUR OTHER SITES

**Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre**
658 Chiswick High Road, Brentford TW8 0HJ
*Brentford.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk*

**Hanworth Air Park Leisure Centre & Library**
Uxbridge Road, Feltham TW13 5EG
*Hanworth.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk*

**Heston Pools & Fitness**
New Heston Road, Heston, Hounslow, TW5 0LW
*Heston.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk*

**New Chiswick Pool**
Edensor Rd, Chiswick, London W4 2RG
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**Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre**
120 Wood Lane, Isleworth TW7 5FF
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**To all our parents, grandparents and carers.**

**We really need your help.**

**With the increasing demands on the curriculum, we are finding it more and more difficult to provide 1-1 reading for our children.**

**Although this is not an expectation of the curriculum, it is something that we have always valued in the hope that it provides children with a love of reading from an early age.**

**So, if you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let me know, we would be eternally grateful.**

**This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.**

**Thank you in advance**

**Mrs Sheehan**