Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome Year 6 back from their Kingswood residential on Monday. The children returned full of smiles and fantastic memories from their adventures. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Sheehan, Mrs Poterachi and Mrs Waghorne for giving up their time and making the experience such fun and such a special opportunity for the children.

We have also had a very busy and joyful week across the school. Year 3 led us beautifully in their Holy Communion celebration assembly, reminding us all of the importance and sacredness of receiving the Holy Sacrament. The children spoke and sang with such pride, and we are very grateful to Mrs Chalker Hayes and Mrs Nutley for preparing the children. Alongside this, we were treated to an amazing art exhibition this week. I was truly blown away by the creativity and talent shown in every piece of artwork. Each child's creation was completely unique and a wonderful reminder that they are the true beauty in God's world. Thank you parents for supporting the school and purchasing their art.

We ended the week with a beautiful May Procession in honour of Our Lady. It was especially moving to see so many children excitedly gathering at playtime while we prepared, eager to see the statue of Mary and quietly kneel to pray by her.

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish all of our families a restful and happy break. Enjoy the sunshine and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed.

God Bless, Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
18th May 2026

Rec; Celine & Inaaya
Yr1: Nicole & Nora
Yr2: Keriwoyna & Bianca
Yr3: Rebecca & Kian
Yr4; Tiffany & Wanda
Yr5: Sofie & Ethan N
Yr6: Kingswood



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. Andrew's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. Andrew'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	137
St Andrew's	156
St George's	129
St David's	148
St John's	123
Overall Winner	St Andrew's

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick's	797
St Andrew's	756
St George's	794
St David's	836
St John's	683
Overall Winner	St David's

The children in St David's will come in to school on Tuesday 2nd June dressed in their own clothes, wearing something yellow.

Important Dates:

Monday 1st June
- Back to school

Thursday 4th June
2:00pm Science Fair for Key stage 2 parents

Friday 5th June
- Y6 Barnes Festival



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

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	6	100	0
1st	1	100	1
2nd	4	98.9	0
3rd	5	98	0
4th	2	94.5	0
5th	Rec	92.7	2
6th	Nur	92.1	1
7th	3	91.5	0

Congratulations to Year 1 & Year 6 on their 100% attendance!







Y6 School Journey

What a wonderful time we had away for the Year 6 Residential trip. The children were so fortunate to have experienced so many activities. 3G Swing, Campfire, Zip line, Archery, Leap of Faith to name but a few. The children were amazing and came back a little tired, to say the least. A big thank you to all the teachers that made the weekend possible















Brentford Library

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Brentford Library this week. The children were excited to explore the library, discover different types of books and learn how a library works.

During the visit, the children had the opportunity to browse the shelves and choose books that interested them. They were fascinated to learn how books are organised and how library cards are used to borrow books.

The visit has inspired many of the children to continue reading at home and encouraged them to make future visits to the library with their families. We were informed by the library staff that children can borrow 25 books at a time and can keep them for 3 weeks once they have a library card.

Happy reading everyone!













A Gallery of God's Creation!

On Wednesday Our hall was transformed into a breathtaking art gallery as we hosted our spectacular whole-school Art Exhibition!

From our youngest creators in **Nursery all the way up to Year 6**, the children have been hard at work designing unique, heartfelt masterpieces inspired by the **"Beauty of God's World."**

The hall was bursting with vibrant colors, texture, and incredible creativity, reflecting everything from stunning landscapes to the tiniest wonders of nature.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, families, and friends into the school to view the exhibition. The children were absolutely thrilled to showcase their talent and share the inspiration behind their work with you.

If you fell in love with your child's masterpiece you can purchase their framed artwork for just **£5**.
All proceeds will go towards a whole school treat.

Thank you to our amazing young artists for their hard work, and to all the parents for making the exhibition such a memorable and successful event!







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Walk to school week

This week, the children in our school took part in the Walk to School Week. It was wonderful to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school throughout the week.

This year's theme was Mission Move. The children were encouraged to take part in a variety of activities ranging from a Scavenger hunt, obstacle course and designing a detective badge. Special thanks to the JTAs in Year 5 and Year6 who helped with the organisation.









May procession

Today we were blessed to come together for a beautiful May Procession in honour of Our Lady. It was a prayerful and joyful celebration where we gathered to honour Mary and reflect on her love and guidance. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies and Fr Gerard for leading the celebration, Mrs Poterachi for providing the wonderful music and Ms Grimshaw for her help in organising. A heartfelt thank you also goes to all the parents for their generous donations of flowers, which added such beauty to our procession. It was a truly meaningful
occasion for our whole school community to pray together and celebrate Mary with faith and devotion.



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Mini Vinnies

Jubilee Pilgrim's Walk of Hope 2026

As Pilgrim's of Hope', we continue to live out our Jubilee Pledge '***We promise to be pilgrims of hope by loving God, caring for one another and sharing hope wherever we go.'***

As part of our Jubilee legacy, we showed our faith in action and commitment to our pledge, as we walked together to St Mary's Primary School in Chiswick, where we handed over our beautiful art-work. This work, which will be taken to Westminster Cathedral, symbolises our Catholic identity, ethos and Jubilee pledge.



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Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:



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 12:00-12:20	Years 3-6 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.

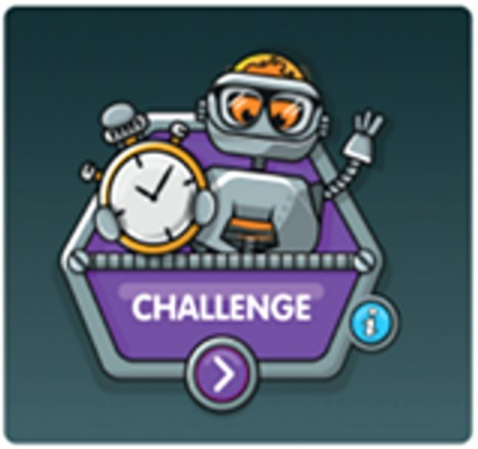
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to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




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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 Weekend: 1:00pm - 5:00pm



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CHECK OUT OUR OTHER SITES

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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