Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday, the second group of our children made their First Holy Communion and it was wonderful to see them make this special sacrament. You could see the joy they felt and the love from their families and they became closer to Jesus.

A huge well done must also go to our brilliant Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs this week. They approached each day with a positive attitude and should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you to their parents for supporting them during the this time. Thank you to our amazing staff who gave up their time to lead the Y6 breakfast club during the week. They have arrived at Kingswood for their residential trip this afternoon and I know they will all have a fantastic time.

We are also very proud of Year 5 for leading the Ascension Mass on Thursday so beautifully. Thank you to Fr Gerard for his support, Mrs Poterachi for the music and our dedicated altar servers for the help.

Today, we said goodbye and thank you to Jayden, our temporary Chef Manager and we wish him every success as he moves back to New Zealand. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Elisabetta the permanent chef manager to OLSJ's.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend,

Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
11th May 2026

Rec :	**Weza & David**
Yr1:	**Vienna & Susie**
Yr2:	**Sophia & Delilah**
Yr3:	**Helena & Bruno**
Yr4	**Diar & JC**
Yr5:	**Chloe & Viviene**
Yr6:	**James & Julia**





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.

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.

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.

Important Dates: May

Friday 15th May

- Y6 residential trip



Monday 18th May

- Y6 residential trip returns
- Walk to school week

Wednesday 20th May

8:50 Y3 assembly

- Art exhibition or all years

Thursday 21st May

- Science projects begin for Key stage 2

Friday 23rd May

- May Procession for children, donations of flowers.
- End of 1/2 term

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick's	86
St Andrew's	164
St George's	134
St David's	1
St John's	80
Winners	St Andrew's

Punctuality & Attendance



POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	5	100	0
1st	6	100	0
2nd	Nur	96.9	0
3rd	2	96.1	0
4th	1	95.9	0
5th	4	95.8	0
6th	3	95.6	0
7th	Rec	88.3	1

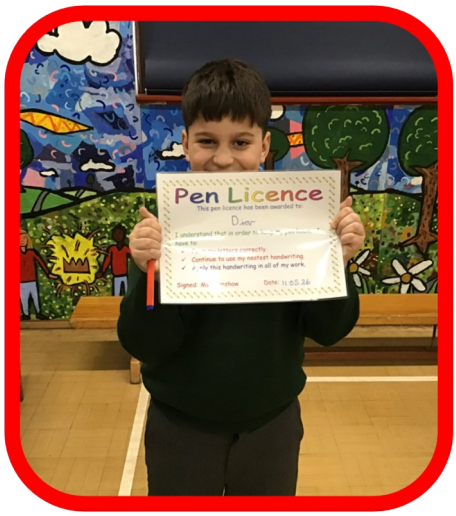
Congratulations to Year 5 Year 6 on their 100% attendance!

Summer Fair Saturday 11th July





Congratulations to Diar on receiving his Pen Licence's



It's 'Walk to School' week next week!

Art Exhibition
Save the Date!

We are excited to invite all parents and carers to our
School Art Exhibition
on
Wednesday 20th May from **2:30pm-3:30pm**
The children from **Nursery to Year 6** have worked so hard to create a special piece of artwork based on the theme:
"The Beauty of God's World."
Each child's artwork has been carefully **framed and will be displayed** as part of the exhibition.

You are warmly invited to come along, enjoy the children's creativity, and celebrate their hard work.
You will also have the opportunity to **purchase your child's artwork** as a keepsake.
Cost per artwork: £5
Payment method: via ParentMail.
The money we raise will go towards a whole school trip—more details to follow
We hope you can join us for this special event on **20th May**.

Well done to ALL our Year 6 children on completing their SATs this week.

You have worked tirelessly and deserve a much needed break.

We hope you have an amazing time on your school journey this week-end and we look forward to seeing all the pictures and

hearing all the stories on

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.

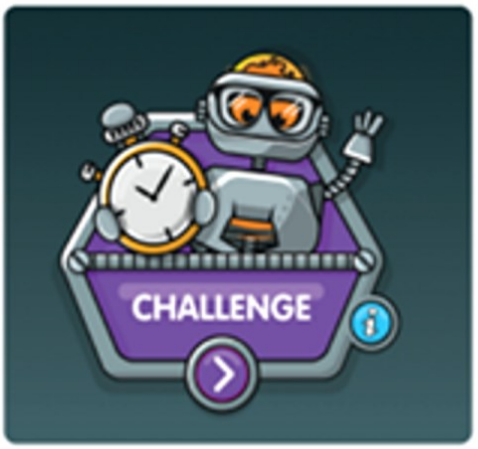
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to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



HOW THE GAME WORKS

Numbots

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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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 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