Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine this week, and it has been a real pleasure to see the children making the most of it during their playtimes. The playground has been full of energy, laughter, and positivity, which always brings such a lovely atmosphere to the school day.

We were also delighted to welcome Sr Silvana from the Westminster Diocese Caritas charity. She thoroughly enjoyed her first visit to OLSJ's, and it was a pleasure to share our school community with her. We very much look forward to welcoming her back again soon.

A gentle reminder to all families that we have high expectations for uniform and presentation, as this supports a sense of pride and belonging within our school. Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform including shoes (trainers or trainer-style shoes are not permitted). In addition, long hair that reaches the shoulders or beyond should always be fully tied up. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining these standards, as it helps create a focused and respectful learning environment for all. We do have lots of pre-loved uniform which parents are welcome to so please ask the school office.

I would like to wish our Chair of Governors, Gary Padbury, the very best of luck as a Liberal Democrat candidate for Brentford West in next week's local elections. This is an important time for our community, and I encourage all adults to take the opportunity to vote and have their say in who will help lead our local area.

Please also remember to make a note of the Summer Term dates. The school will be closed to pupils on Friday 1st May for an INSET day. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week
20th April 2026

Rec :	**Cas & Yared**
Yr1:	**Emelne**
Yr2:	**Sofia & Blen**
Yr3:	**Diana & Eleanor**
Yr4	**Hunter & Giorgio**
Yr5:	**Abie & Ethan M**
Yr6:	**Theo & Lily**





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 St. Andrew's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St. Patrick	126
St. Andrew	155
St. George	113
St. David	129
St. John	113
Overall Winner	St Andrew's



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%
1st	2	99
1st	4	99
2nd	1	98.7
3rd	3	98.4
4th	6	98.2
5th	Nur	96.4
6th	Rec	95.3
7th	5	95.1

Congratulations to Year 2 & Year 4 on their 99% attendance!





Important Dates: April /May

Monday 27th April

9:00 Y6 Kingswood meeting for parents

Thursday 30th April

- Y5 Field trip to Boston Manor Park

Friday 1st May

- INSET DAY

Sunday 3rd May

- 1st Holy Communion



Monday 4th May

- Bank holiday

Tuesday 5th May

- Class photos

Wednesday 6th May

- Y1 Great Fire of London trip

Friday 8th May

8:50 Yr5 assembly

Sunday 10th May

- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 11th May

- Y6 SATS begin

6:00 GB meeting

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

- End of 1/2 term

Mary's Meals

Last half term, Year 5's Catholic Social Teaching focus was 'Community and Participation'. We decided to link this to our Lenten act of Piety 'Almsgiving' to raise money for the charity 'Mary's meals'.

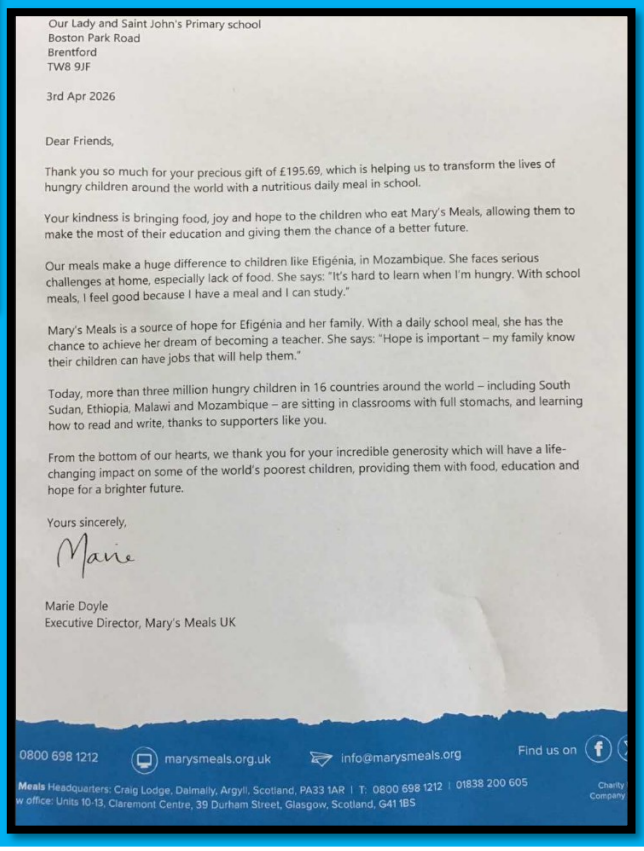
Mary's meals aims to give a hot, nutritious meal every school day of the year to some of the world's poorest children. It is a life-changing service and helps more than three million children every school day. The charity is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who raised her son in poverty. Due to its low cost approach, it costs only £19.15 to feed a child for an entire school year with most meals costing on average 10p per portion.

Year 5 took part in a loose change collection throughout Lent, with a minimum donation of 10p (the cost of one meal). We aimed to raise £19.15, the cost of feeding a child for one school year. Thanks to the generosity of children, staff and families across the school, we raised £195.69 pence which means that we have raised enough money to feed 10 children, an incredible achievement!

Mary's meals were thrilled with our donation and sent us a letter and certificate to thank us. Well done year 5 and many thanks to all who contributed across the school. Your donations will change lives.







Our Lady and Saint John's Primary school
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3rd Apr 2026

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your precious gift of £195.69, which is helping us to transform the lives of hungry children around the world with a nutritious daily meal in school.

Your kindness is bringing food, joy and hope to the children who eat Mary's Meals, allowing them to make the most of their education and giving them the chance of a better future.

Our meals make a huge difference to children like Efigénia, in Mozambique. She faces serious challenges at home, especially lack of food. She says: "It's hard to learn when I'm hungry. With school meals, I feel good because I have a meal and I can study."

Mary's Meals is a source of hope for Efigénia and her family. With a daily school meal, she has the chance to achieve her dream of becoming a teacher. She says: "Hope is important – my family know their children can have jobs that will help them."

Today, more than three million hungry children in 16 countries around the world – including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Malawi and Mozambique – are sitting in classrooms with full stomachs, and learning how to read and write, thanks to supporters like you.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your incredible generosity which will have a life-changing impact on some of the world's poorest children, providing them with food, education and hope for a brighter future.

Yours sincerely,

Marie Doyle
Executive Director, Mary's Meals UK

Year 5 & 6 Borough Hockey Tournament

On Monday 20th April, our Year 5 and 6 hockey team competed in the borough hockey tournament. We have some very talented players throughout the school but we were only able to take 6 to this competition.

A good warm up with some simple pass patterns and attacking made us feel ready for our matches. There were only 7 teams this year, but most of them were the same strong opponents we have to face each year. For the first round we didn't have a game but were able to watch our first opponents Strand, who we had a very good battle with when we played them next, drawing 0-0. After the first couple of minutes they couldn't get the ball out of their side of the pitch but we couldn't find the goal we deserved.

We hit our stride after that winning all 5 of our other matches to top the group. We showed some amazing passing and finishing as we dominated every opponent we played. We were strong, fast and decisive as we controlled all of our group games.

Results; 0-0, 3-0, 8-0, 7-0, 2-0, 1-0. Some amazing performances across these games with all 6 players in our team scoring at least once. Julia shook off her nerves and won more tackles than anyone else in the team as we moved through our games. Shalom was a brick wall at the back, not letting anyone past her and showing great control of her passes. George went absolutely everywhere and was constantly pressing our opposition making it as difficult as possible for them. James was also great in defence but also managed goal of the tournament where he dived to keep the ball in play, slotting it in from a near impossible angle. Lily and Theo were our goal threats and were so quick with their passing and movement but were also able to create a shooting opportunity in every attack we had.

Unfortunately we drew our semi final 1-1 and lost on penalties despite being the best team in the competition, we just couldn't find that winning goal. We did go on to win the 3rd/4th place play off against the team we drew 0-0 with in the first match. Well done to everyone!

Goals from
Theo 10, Lily 7, George 3, James 2, Julia 1, Shalom 1.



Congratulations to Laurence on receiving his Pen Licence



Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week: Matilda, Chloe & Amelia



The sun is out!

The School council have organised the outdoor play equipment ready for lunch time plays.
The children were very excited to see lots of new games.
Thank you to the school council for giving up their playtimes to help run this,







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.

A poem written by Reina in Year 6

All living things deserve respect

Everything deserves respect,
No one or nothing should be left to neglect.

Everything deserves peace,
Be kind as animal's lives could cease.

Everything deserves love,
A bee, a cat or a dove.

Everything deserves a family,
Those who treat animals lovingly.

Everything deserves care,
You should be kind and that is fair.

Everything deserves to live,
Think thoughtfully about what you give.

Everything deserves respect, even if they like to eat a lime,
So that is why I'm ending this rhyme.

By Reina (Year 6)

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 so much to the families who have already made a donation towards our 50 to Read collections. **Your generosity has enabled us to purchase 43 of the 160 books we need to complete the sets for each class.** We are incredibly grateful for this early support, which is already helping us build a rich and inspiring reading offer for all children. If you are still hoping to contribute, donations can be made via Parent Pay 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.

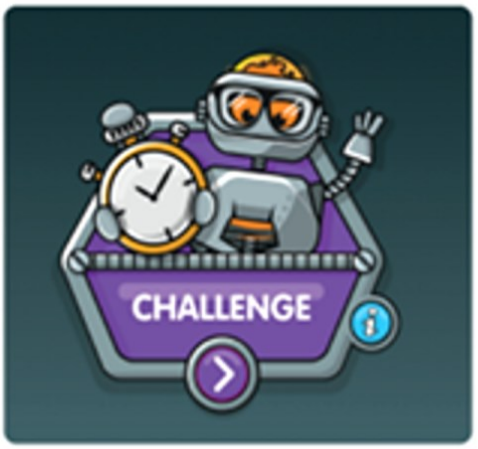
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to 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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NO WAITING LIST
LEARN A BRILLIANT LIFE SKILL
INCLUDES
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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