Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful final week of the Spring Term. Year 4 and 5 led a beautiful Lenten Service with such solemnity and reverence. They spoke clearly and sang beautifully. Thank you Mrs Poterachi and Ms Grimshaw in preparing them.

On Wednesday we had our Achievement assembly. Well done to the children you were awarded. The rest of the children were so supportive of their friends and I know how hard they have all worked this term. A thank you to the wonderful staff at OLSJ for their dedication and hard work.

Yesterday the whole school celebrated our Lenten Mass in Church. Thank you to Y5 for their wonderful reading, our altar servers and children who led the offertory procession. Thank you Mrs Poterachi for the music and Fr Gerard.

A reminder that when we return children can wear their Summer uniform—please check our website if you are not sure.

Sadly, Mrs Barrow our Reception Early Years AT will be leaving us after Easter for a new role closer to her home. Her last day will be the 16th April and I thank her for all her support and guidance with the children.

Thank you for your generosity to support our chosen charities through Lent. Thank you also for supporting your children to complete their recent RE homework which was to create a prayerful card welcoming Archbishop Richard Moth. I will be sending these to him and I hope to share a response from him with you all.

As we are not in school for Holy Week, please take time to engage with all the services at St John's Church or if you are away your local Catholic Church. This is the most important part of the Church's year and our Catholic faith. Easter is a time for renewal and hope, may the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with peace, love and happiness. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the break refreshed and ready for the Summer Term. Wishing you a happy and holy Easter. God Bless, **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week
23rd March 2026

Rec :	**Marcelina & Claire**
Yr1:	**Sam & Szofia**
Yr2:	**Zavier & Elezah**
Yr3:	**Eliora & Posy**
Yr4	**Francis & Finlay**
Yr5:	**Albie & Maria**
Yr6:	**Laurence & Sofie**





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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St. Patrick	73
St. Andrew	55
St. George	120
St. David	151
St. John	142
Overall Winner	St David's

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St. Patrick	675
St. Andrew	642
St. George	765
St. David	668
St. John	774
Overall Winner	St John's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	1	98.7	0
2nd	4	98.6	2
3rd	5	98	0
4th	2	97.5	0
5th	3	96.1	0
6th	6	95.3	0
7th	Rec	90.6	2
8th	Nur	88.8	0

Congratulations to Year 1 on their 98.7 % attendance!



Congratulations to all of the children in St John's

They were invited to come into school, wearing their own clothes on

Friday 27th March

wearing a symbol of white



Library Club

Library club began 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.

Achievement awards

	Achievement	Effort	R.E
Rec	Inaaya	Tye	Oka
Yr	Nardos	Nicole	Szymon
Yr2	Salina	Mia	Alexander
Yr3	Bruno	Maks	Dawid
Yr4	Diar	Emma	Alexa
Yr5	Victoria	Artin	Jaxon
Yr6	Kahyjel	James	Maja

Congratulations to the children who received their award this morning.





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.

Red Nose day

Once again a huge thank you for all your support for Red Nose day.

Our final amount raised is an amazing

£293.20

Congratulations to Victoria in Y5 on receiving her pen licence.



Important Dates: April /May

Monday 13th April
- Back to School

Thursday 16th April

9:00 Beginning of term mass—all parents welcome

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

Ancient Greeks

This week, our Year 6 class stepped back in time to explore the fascinating world of Ancient Greece during our Crew Workshop. Through a range of engaging and hands-on activities, pupils discovered Greek mythology, daily life, and the lasting impact of this remarkable civilisation on the modern world. From philosophy and democracy to art and architecture, the workshop brought history to life and sparked curiosity in every learner. It was a fantastic experience that the students thoroughly enjoyed!









Lenten service



This week, years 4 & 5 led a beautiful Lenten Service through prayer, drama and song, which depicted Jesus' journey to Calvalry. 14 captivating tableaus, of the Stations of the Cross, reminded us of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us and inspired us to reflect on our own actions.

The heartfelt readings and singing, added to this reflective and thought-provoking service.

Thank you to all those who helped prepare and support the children.

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.



PTA News

Thank you so much to everyone who helped set up and run the stalls at the Easter Disco — we truly appreciate all your time and support.

A special thank you to Elizabeth for pulling everything together so brilliantly — it really made the evening what it was.

It was lovely to see the children having so much fun, and we hope you enjoyed it too.

We're delighted to share that together we raised an amazing £1,048.63!
Thank you again for being part of such a successful event. See below how the PTA are supporting the school this week. 😊







We are excited to share plans for a new initiative we hope to launch next year: *50 to Read*! This project aims to enrich every classroom with a carefully chosen collection of 50 high-quality books to inspire a love of reading and broaden our pupils' experiences across a wide range of authors, genres and themes. To bring this vision to life, we will be working to source 50 new books for each class. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA, who have generously donated a portion of the proceeds from the recent Easter Disco towards purchasing some of these books. Their continued support makes a real difference to the opportunities we can offer our children.
If you would like to support this initiative, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can help foster a lifelong love of reading in all our pupils.
Many thanks,
Mrs McMahon

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!

Stay & Read

We are delighted to invite you to our new Stay and Read sessions with your child, starting after half term.

Taking place every Tuesday morning from 8:30–8:50, this is a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to spend a few special moments sharing a book with your child during our soft start to the day.

We warmly welcome all families, including our multilingual parents, to read a story in any language that is special to you. Sharing books in your home language is a wonderful way to celebrate our diverse community and nurture a love of reading.

We would love you to join us and help foster a love of reading together.



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.

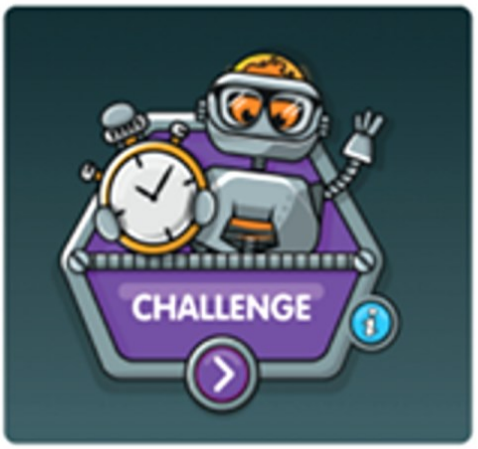
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to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





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


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 Weekend: 1:00pm - 5:00pm



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0208 583 2900

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER SITES

Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre
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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
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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