Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful start to the week with the official opening of the Year 1 climbing frame. A special thank you to Rose's & Nora's dad who fitted the membrane and bark. Thank you to Vespyr's Dad for the wonderful photographs and JC's Dad for sharing the event with the local press.

On Tuesday we celebrated St Patrick's Day with a beautiful celebration service led by Year 3! The children reflected on what they had learnt about the life of St Patrick, his kindness, and his message of faith and courage. Their singing was wonderful, and they spoke with confidence. Thank you to Mrs Chalker-Hayes, Mrs Nutley and Fr Gerard for preparing the children.

Today we raised money for comic relief and again I have been so amazed by the genorsity of our childeen and families. You are all truly living our the Catholic Social Principle of Preferential Option for the Poor - well done!

We have an allotment in school which we really need to get planting. I wondered if there were any parents or family members who would like to support the allotment and gardening club. Please contact the school office or speak to me.

Thank you to our PTA who have organised this afternoon's Easter Disco. I know it is going to be a very fun event.

A reminder that we finish next Friday at 1pm for the Easter holidays. When we return after Easter the children will be in their Summer uniform.

I also wish Eid Mubarak to our families celebrating today.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week
16th March 2026

Rec : Lorca & Eesa
Yr1: Viksha & Szymon
Yr2: Franek & Selina
Yr3: Alexander & Kian
Yr4 Tom & Dawid
Yr5: Kikiyrah & Matilda
Yr6: George & Emily-Rose



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 their line manager 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 St. Patrick's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St. Patrick	212
St. Andrew	137
St. George	187
St. David	170
St. John	193
Overall Winner	St Patrick's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	2	100	2
2nd	6	98.9	1
3rd	1	98.7	0
4th	4	98.6	2
5th	5	97.4	0
6th	Rec	97.3	1
7th	Nur	96.3	0
8th	3	95.7	0

Congratulations to Year 2 on their 100 % attendance!



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.









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.



Important Dates

March

Monday 23rd March

6:00 GB meeting

- Y6 Ancient Greeks workshop

Tuesday 24th March

9:00 Y4&5 Lenten service

Wednesday 25th March

8:50 Achievement assembly

Thursday 26th March

9:00 End of term mass

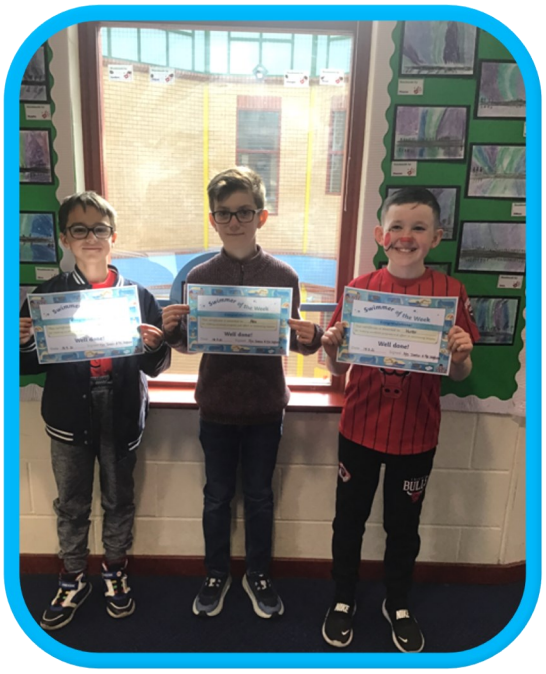
Friday 27th March

1:00 End of term



Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:
Leo, Alex & Hunter





Nursery Reception Stay & Play

We were delighted to welcome family members into our classroom again this spring term. Parents, grand parents and child minders came for stay and play in EYFS on the 12th and 13th March. They enjoyed seeing the children learn and play together.
Thank you for your attendance and continued support.
The EYFS Team.



















Red Nose Day

Parents, you never cease to amaze us. We have always known that we have the most supportive, generous and caring parents. I think I could open a cake shop with the amount of cakes we received.

Thank you for always supporting the causes that we feel need highlighting. The children looked amazing in **RED** today.

This year we decided to raise awareness of Red Nose day and its very worthy cause. The children listened to a range of stories, from children who have been supported by the money that Red Nose Day raises.

They have also enjoyed the many activities that class teachers organised

So far we have raised £189.50

A huge thank you to the school council and Miss Ryan for all their support









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Please log on to Google Classroom to view pictures from today's activities



Red Nose Day fun













Y6 Transition safety theatre visit

Year 6 had a fantastic time taking part in the “Be Bright, Travel Right” Road Safety Theatre workshop, delivered by Performance in Education on behalf of the London Borough of Hounslow. The engaging and interactive performance brought important road safety messages to life, helping pupils to think carefully about how to stay safe as they prepare for their transition to secondary school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, particularly the drama and relatable scenarios, which made the learning both memorable and meaningful. It was wonderful to see them so involved and responsive throughout the session, and they came away with valuable knowledge and increased confidence about travelling safely and independently.





Y3/4 Multi skills

On Thursday 19th March we took part in the year 3 and 4 multi skills festival. This was a great opportunity for some of our students who may not have represented us in the past to showcase their skills.

Prior to the event, some of them were a little bit nervous about competing against other schools, however we had a few practice sessions at lunch time and as they saw the events, they got a big boost as they knew how good they were at each one. All of the games focused on scoring while taking turns, so they got to support and cheer on their team mates for the whole day.

They were all brilliant! Some of them surprised themselves with how well they did and we are hoping to see this confidence on the playground and in our P.E. lessons. Some of the games were target games where we had to throw bean bags, some were scoring goals and some were passing games. It was amazing to see the variety of events and ability of our teams as they all flourished at each task.

There were plenty of high fives and dance moves on show after they had scored. We had a couple of events where our year 3 team scored higher than our year 4s which brought out some very healthy competition and inspired our year 4 team to try even harder.

We had a great day out and our of 25 teams our year 3s finished 7th and our year 4s finished 4th. Another fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs O'Sullivan and the parents who helped with travel and support.



Y1 Playground

After many anticipated weeks, the Year 1 playground is finally finished!

A huge thank you to Nora & Rose's dad in Nursery & Y1 for all his help in ordering and laying the membrane & bark—without your help the playground would not be finished. Thank you also for giving up your time on Saturday and for providing the manpower for this to be completed. We have a very happy bunch of year 1 children.

Thank you also to Vespyr & JC's dad for organising and taking photos for the press release.

We were so fortunate that all this happened so quickly. We were lucky that we had enough money left over from the Disney on Ice fundraising to purchase the bark & membrane.









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.

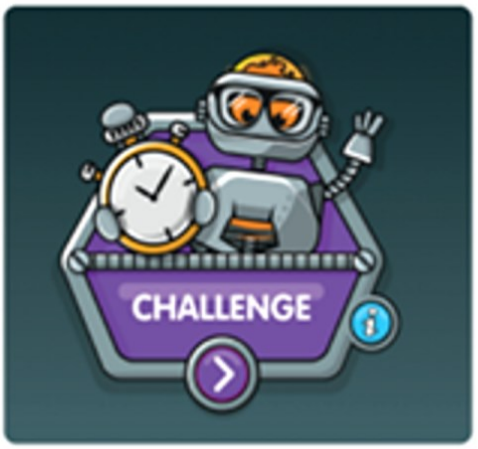
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to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


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ISLEWORTH LEISURE CENTRE & LIBRARY
Scan QR code to sign up today!
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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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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