Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Our Lenten Walk this morning was a truly uplifting start to the day, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us. It was wonderful to walk together as a community in support of CAFOD and to see such enthusiasm for helping others. Moments like these remind us of the importance of living out the values we speak about every day, particularly during this special season of Lent. Thank you for the donations your support and generosity makes a real difference.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Year 1 for their beautiful Celebration Service on Tuesday. The children spoke and sang so confidently, sharing thoughtful reflections about the meaning of Lent and how we can show kindness and generosity to others. It was a lovely service and we were very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Harty, Mrs Gunn and Ms Johannes for preparing them and Fr Gerard for his reflections and ongoing support.

Thank you as well to the parents who stayed for the Stay and Read session this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying reading time with the children in the classroom.

As we move towards the end of term, we now have two weeks before we break up for the Easter holidays. This will be a busy and exciting time in school, so please do take a moment to note the upcoming dates and events. We look forward to sharing these final weeks of the term together as we continue our preparations for Easter.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
9th March 2026

Rec :	**Ilaria & Frank**
Yr1:	**Ryan & Lea**
Yr2:	**Anna K & Bianca**
Yr3:	**Ralph & Max**
Yr4	**Eliyka & Tiffany**
Yr5:	**Vinnie & Emma**
Yr6:	**Nathan & Emily Ch**





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 their line manager Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. George's who received the most house points over the last week.

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St. Patrick	96
St. Andrew	132
St. George	136
St. David	90
St. John	100
Overall Winner	St. George's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	3	99.2	2
2nd	1	98.7	1
3rd	Rec	98.6	2
4th	6	98.5	1
5th	5	98	0
6th	2	97.5	0
7th	Nur	90.8	2
8th	4	89.3	0

Congratulations to Max on receiving his pen licence.



Congratulations to Year 3 on their 99.2 % 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.



Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week: Chloe, Rapha & Alexa



Important Dates

March

Tuesday 17th March

2:45 Y3 Celebration assembly

Wednesday 18th March

9:00am Play & learn together Nursery & Reception

- Y6 Road safety theatre

Thursday 19th March

- Y3&4 Multi skills festival

Friday 20th March

- Red Nose Day
- PTA Easter Disco

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



Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on ***Friday 20th March***. We are asking ALL the children to come to school dressed in **'Red'**

We will also be holding a cake sale

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.



Book Fair

What a fantastic turnout we have had last week for our Book Fair.

Thank you so much for your continued support. It was lovely to see the children so enthused about reading and eager to pick out new books.

To date, it looks as if we have sold more books this year than ever before, so we are looking forward to receiving some vouchers for the school with which we can buy new books for the classrooms.

CAFOD Lenten Walk

A huge thank you to everyone that made a donation to this very worthy charity.
We have raised £ 503.00 so far









THE BIG LENT WALK



You can help to beat global poverty and help to turn hope into joy, by donating, what you can, via our Just Giving Page. A better world needs all of us.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/our-lady-and-st-johns-big-lent-walk-2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Please log onto google classroom for more pictures from our CAFOD Lenten walk



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

OUR LADY AND ST JOHN'S PTA
PRESENTS

EASTER DISCO

Friday 20th March | 3:15–5:15 PM

DJ, food station & crafts

Entry £3 per child, £1 for siblings
Pay via ParentMail

All children must be accompanied by an adult



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.

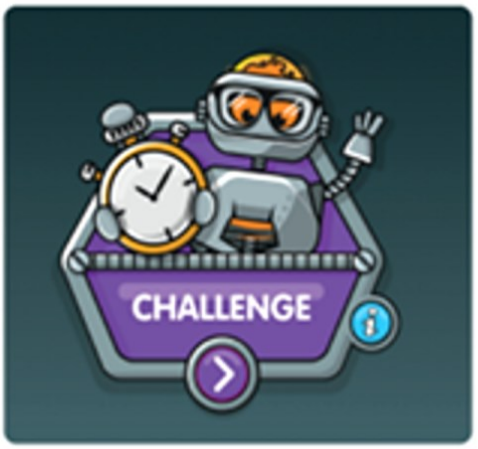
To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to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



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.





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



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
Chiswick.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk

Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre
120 Wood Lane, Isleworth TW7 5FF
Osterley.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk

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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