Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

At our Stay and Read session on Tuesday morning it was a lovely opportunity to welcome parents into the classroom and share the joy of reading together. A big thank you to all the parents who attended as the children were so excited to read with you. These moments make a real difference in building children's confidence and love for reading. We hope to see even more of you joining us next week.

It has also been a fantastic week of celebrating books and creativity for World Book Day. The children looked absolutely incredible in their amazing costumes, and it was wonderful to see so many imaginative characters come to life. Thank you for all the effort you put into making them World Book Day ready! Today was made even more special by a visit from the poet Justin coe, who shared his poetry with the children and inspired lots of laughter, creativity, and enthusiasm for words.

Next week we are looking forward to our Big Lenten Walk, where the children will take part in a special walk to raise money for CAFOD. This is a meaningful way for us to think about helping others during Lent, and we are very proud of the children for taking part. Parents are warmly invited to join us, and we hope many of you will come along to support the children and this important cause.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
2nd March 2026

Rec :	**Tye & Marlon**
Yr1:	**Mateo & Mabel**
Yr2:	**Carlota & Kerri**
Yr3:	**Miki & Isla**
Yr4	**Pharez & Wanda**
Yr5:	**Albert & Mads**
Yr6:	**Saskia & Julieta**





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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	143
St Andrew	137
St George	183
St David	134
St John	211
Overall Winner	St John's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	1	98.7	1
1st	2	98.7	1
2nd	Rec	98	4
3rd	4	97.3	1
4th	5	96.7	1
5th	3	96.1	1
6th	6	96	0
7th	Nur	94	2



Congratulations to Year 1 & Year 2 on their 98.7% attendance!



Writer of the Month February

Rec : Patrick
Yr1: Aurelia
Yr2: Vesper
Yr3: Pola
Yr4 Yana
Yr5: Otto
Yr6: Obafemi



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

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:
Pharez, Dawid & Emma





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

Tuesday 10th March

2:45 Y1 Celebration assembly

Wednesday 11th March

9:00am Play & learn together Nursery & Reception

Thursday 13th March

- CAFOD Big Lenten Walk

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



Inter school Multi sports

Recently in our P.E. lessons we had been combining 2 of the year group to compete and have fun in a multisport competition. These have been a great success with several children talking about how much they enjoyed it. Each group was comprised of boys and girls from different year groups, as well as different confidence levels and mixed abilities. As the groups were small, each child had lots of opportunities to be involved with possession of the ball, demonstrate and show off their skills as well as showing leadership and teaching to others.

Year 1 and year 2 had lots of shooting challenges and target games. A lot of the year 2s were great at demonstrating certain techniques to the year 1s and working with them until they had mastered them. They had so much fun constantly scoring and celebrating with each other over a whole afternoon, it was great to see.









World Book Day

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day across the school! The children arrived dressed as a wonderful range of book characters, and it was fantastic to see such creativity and effort in their costumes. We held a whole-school costume parade, giving everyone the opportunity to showcase their outfits and celebrate their favourite stories together.

Throughout the day, children took part in a range of exciting reading activities in their classes, shared their favourite books, and explored new authors and genres. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for reading shining through as we celebrated the joy and magic of books together.

Winners of World Book Day



Nur: Rosa & Cruz
Rec : Poppy & Camila
Yr1: Luna & Miles
Yr2: Vespyr & Elezah
Yr3: Jackson & Rebecca
Yr4 Alexa & Ziva
Yr5: Mads & Sophie & Gabriella
Yr6: Lily & Theo



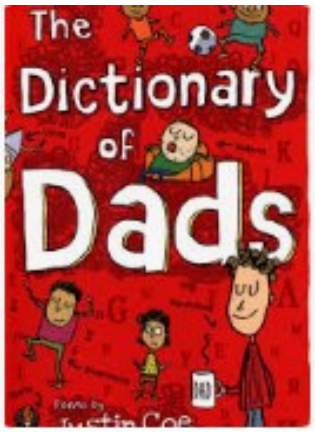


World Book day author

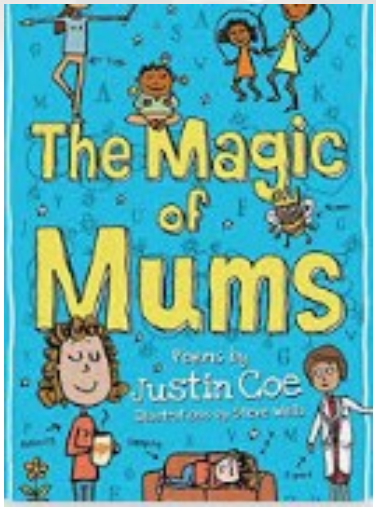


We were delighted to welcome the talented poet Justin Coe to our school on Friday. Justin led engaging assemblies and creative workshops across the year groups, inspiring the children with his energetic performances and imaginative approach to poetry. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating, performing, and creating their own poems under his guidance. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience poetry brought to life, and we hope it sparked a lasting enthusiasm for writing across the school!









OLSJ's Big Lent Walk 2026



You may have seen our wonderful Mini Vinnies this morning reminding our school about THE BIG LENTEN WALK on Friday 13th March. The whole school will be putting Catholic Social Teaching into action and living out our Jubilee Pledge, by walking in solidarity with those in need. EYFS and KS1 will be walking in the playground, whilst KS2 will be walking a little further, to Boston Manor Park. All parents are welcome to join us on our walk which will leave school at 9am.

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

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



PTA Update

Year Group Leaders & Deputies Confirmed

We're pleased to share an update on the refreshed PTA structure and to introduce the newly appointed PTA Year Group Leaders and Deputies. Each year group now has a named parent representative and a deputy to help strengthen communication between families and the PTA, coordinate support for events, and ensure every year group has a clear voice as we work more closely with the school.

PTA Year Group Representatives

- **Nursery** – Group Leader: Camila | Deputy: Tamara
- **Reception** – Group Leader: Magali | Deputy: Martina
- **Year 1** – Group Leader: Amy | Deputy: Beth
- **Year 2** – Group Leader: Angelika | Deputy: Carla
- **Year 3** – Group Leader: Jade | Deputy: Ciara
- **Year 4** – Group Leader: Ciara | Deputy: Vanessa
- **Year 5** – Group Leader: Kerstin | Deputy: Esther

Year 6 – Group Leader: Jo | Deputy: Gillian

A huge thank you to all the parents who have stepped forward to support thei year groups – this is a really positive step in building a more connected and sustainable PTA community.

Further information will follow about how parents can get involved in upcoming events and how to contact their year group representatives.

With thanks,
Elizabeth Horwood (Chair, PTA)
Stephen Smith (Treasurer, PTA)

Our Lady & St John's Nursery September 2026

OLSJ Nursery

- Early Year Teacher led education and childcare
- Caring values-based ethos
- Excellent preparation for school readiness
- 15 or 30 Hours nursery to meet with childcare needs of working families

Government funded 15/30 hours available

Term time nursery up to 30 hours per week, 8.30am to 3pm.

All parents are entitled to 15 hours of Government funded childcare a week for children aged three and four years.

Eligible parents will receive an additional 15 hours of Government funding at OLSJ bringing the total number of Government funded hours to 30 per week.

We also offer breakfast and after school club for nursery children.

Next Steps

For more information visit our website or scan the QR code below.

School Tours - all start at 9am

2026

Monday 19th January, Wednesday 28th January, Tuesday 10th February, Tuesday 24th February







Tours can be booked by calling the school office on 020 8560 7477
or email admin@stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

Please note that the deadline for applications is Friday 6th March.

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.





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
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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