Number Day

What an amazing Number Day we had today.
A huge thank you to all the children and parents for making such amazing efforts with number day costumes—the children looked superb!

A huge shout out to all the teachers for preparing such engaging activities for the children.

There will be some very tired children this evening!

Please log onto Google classroom to see more photos.





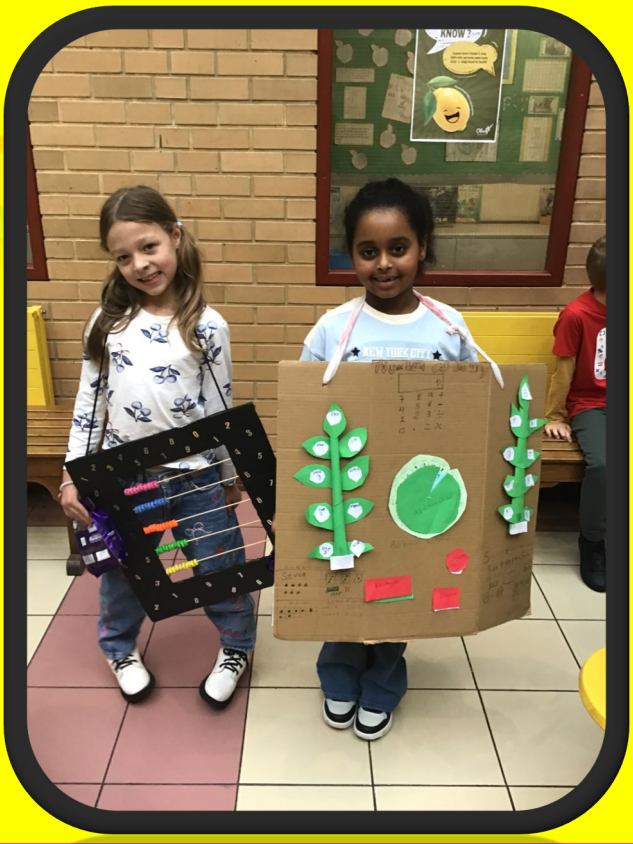


Number Day winners









Number day winners cont.d









Class photos









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Pancake Sale

A huge thank you to the School Council for all their hard work today, organising the Pancake sale. Thank you also to all the parents that helped too.
The children really enjoyed their pancakes and at the same time the School Council managed to raise £412.
This money will go towards purchasing equipment for the playground



Year 1 Playground update

We are really excited to announce that over the half term work will start on the Year 1 playground.

When we return after half term the frame will be in place. We will then have to organise for a new membrane to replace the old one. Once this is completed the playground will be ready to use. Once again a huge thank you to JC for his endless fundraising to make this happen.

What is Lent?

Lent

Lent is a special season in the Church year that helps Catholics prepare for Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday, begins on 18th February and ends at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Lent lasts for forty days, reminding us of the forty days Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry.

During Lent, Catholics are invited to grow closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to reflect on our lives, turn away from sin, and renew our relationship with God.

Key points:

·Lent is a season of reflection, prayer, and preparation for Easter.
·The forty days of Lent mirror Jesus' time in the desert, encouraging self-discipline and spiritual growth.
·Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Despite being one of the most-attended holy days of the year, it is not an official holy day of obligation. During Mass, ashes are placed on the foreheads of the faithful in the shape of a cross, with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The priest may also say, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Turn away from your sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This reminds us of human mortality and calls us to repentance and humility.
·The word Lent comes from "lenten," meaning springtime, the season of lengthening days and new growth.

How do Christians mark Lent?

Lent is a time for reflection, self-discipline, and growing closer to God. Christians focus on three main practices:

1.Prayer – Spending more time talking to God, listening to Him, attending Mass, or reading Scripture.
2.Fasting – Giving up a treat or habit to practise self-control and reflect on the sacrifices of Jesus.
3.Almsgiving – Helping others through charity, fundraising, or acts of service, such as supporting a foodbank, writing to the elderly, or helping those in need.

These practices help us grow in compassion, generosity, and empathy, and encourage everyone to follow Jesus more closely during this season of preparation.

How is Mass different during Lent?

·The word "Alleluia" is not said or sung.
·The Gloria is omitted.
·Flowers are removed from the church, and statues may be covered with purple cloth during Holy Week.
·This simpler style helps the faithful focus on reflection, penance, and preparation for Easter.



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 their 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

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


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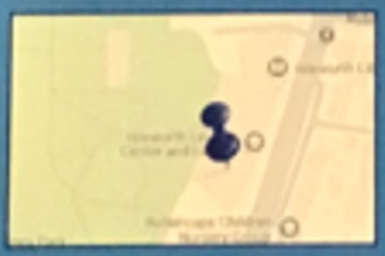
30-45 MINUTE LESSONS DEPENDENT ON STAGE

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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Twickenham Road, Isleworth TW7 7EU
Isleworth.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk
0208 583 2900

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER SITES

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