Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Today in our Gospel Celebration we marked Racial Justice Sunday, which takes place this coming Sunday. The theme, "Whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister," guided our prayers and reflections. We took time to think carefully about how we live out this mission in our daily lives, ensuring that we treat everyone with respect and have the courage to speak up when something is unfair. The children amazed me with their maturity and responses.

Well done to Year 2 for their wonderful celebration service this afternoon. They retold the story of John the Baptist clearly and confidently. Year 2 helped us all to reflect on what it means to listen to God. Through their words and actions, they reminded us that listening to God is not just about hearing, but about responding and making good choices, being fair, kind and generous, and having the courage to do what is right.

A huge well done to the boys' football team who represented Hounslow in the West London finals an amazing achievement and a real source of pride for our school.

Bonnie our chef in the kitchen will leaving in at half term. She is a much valued member of our school, caring for the children through the meals she prepares and the kindness she shows. We thank her very much for everything she has given to our school and wish her every success and happiness in the future. I know the children will miss her lots. Olive our catering providers will be working closely with her for a smooth handover.

Finally, thank you to the parents who joined the PTA online meeting last night. Your views, time and continued support are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to our school community.

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

Stars of the Week
26th January 2026

Rec : Nelia & Evan
Yr1: Thiago & Leonardo
Yr2: Sophia P & Anna N
Yr3: Dawid & Helena
Yr4: Wanda & Leo
Yr5: Sophie D & Gabriella
Yr6: Julia & Kuba





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. David s 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	145
St Andrew	129
St George	137
St David	203
St John	102
Overall Winner	St David

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	6	98.5	0
2nd	3	98.4	0
3rd	5	98.3	0
4th	2	97.5	1
5th	4	97	1
6th	1	96.4	0
7th	Nur	92.8	5
8th	Rec	87.6	5







Congratulations to Year 6 on their 98.5% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates

Tuesday 3rd February
9:00am Nursery Open morning for prospective parents.

Wednesday 4th February
9:00am Reception phonics workshop
- EYFS cake sale
- Young Voices concert

Monday 9th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening N-Y6

Wednesday 11th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening N-Y6

Friday 13th February
- Number day

End of Half term

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:





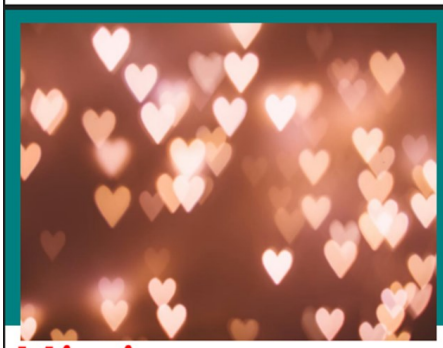
Today we gather to mark Racial Justice Sunday which takes places in our parish churches on Sunday 1st February

Racial Justice Sunday 2026

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister"



Racial Justice Sunday Theme



Racial justice is not just something we reflect on today- it is something we are called to live every day.

Mission

Treat everyone with respect – use kind words, listen to others, and never tease or leave people out.

Speak up when something is unfair – tell a trusted adult and stand by those who need help.



Mission

Lord God,

Send us out as witnesses of your love.
Help us to recognise Christ
in every person and to work for
justice, peace, and unity in our world.
May our school be a place where
everyone is valued and loved.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



West London football finals

For the first time since I have been working here, we represented Hounslow in the West London boys football finals. Previously we have had our girls representing the borough, but this year our boys team was incredibly strong and were the highest ranked small school in the Hounslow competition, after narrowly missing out on the final on penalties.

The standard was a lot higher as we expected with all teams being a lot more organized and well drilled. Our boys were definitely a bit nervous before we began. We didn't really get going in our first match with our opponents having plenty of the ball and lots of shots against us. We did score with about a minute left but unfortunately our opposition equalized. We grew in confidence in the next 2 games playing against much stronger teams and narrowly lost both matches 2-1.

After a lunch break we were going to repeat the fixtures we had already played, but we were switched on now. The team that we originally drew with were first up against us and we were on a completely different level, dispatching them with an incredibly dominant 3-0 performance. Our next game saw us against the eventual champions. We fought really well against them but they had a player from Tottenham's academy who to be fair was brilliant. We tried to mark him out of the game and gave him a really tough battle. Our last game finished in an amazing 2-2 draw which was non-stop end to end action.

George and Szymon played a variety of positions for us, constantly helping support their team no matter what the task. Obafemi and Kahyjel had a nervous first game but after that, their defending was the best I have seen them play, outstanding with their tackling, passing and the bravery against very skilled opponents. Jas was superb all round and our most consistent player, his performances were capped off with a free kick goal from our own half! James saved us on so many occasions and it was great to see how frustrated our opposition and the parents were getting at the amount of saves he made. Theo and Finlay were a persistent nightmare for our opposition with their dribbling skills, turning and football intelligence.

We may not have won this tournament, but this is the furthest we have ever come, so we are incredibly proud of our team. 3 of whom could have the opportunity again next year. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs Waghorne for helping with travel and support.





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.

National Storytelling Week - Feb 2-8th

Next week, Our Lady and St Johns will be celebrating **National Storytelling Week**, a wonderful opportunity to immerse children in the joy of stories, imagination and creativity.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a wide range of storytelling activities, including listening to and retelling stories, drama, role play, oral storytelling, and creative writing. Storytelling helps to develop vocabulary, confidence, imagination and a lifelong love of reading and writing.

We would love families to join in at home too. Sharing stories together, whether reading a book, telling a family story, or making one up, is a powerful way to support your child's learning.
Thank you for helping us make National Storytelling Week a magical experience for all our children.

Mrs McMahon



Raising money for Outdoor table top play equipment

Friday 13th February

Pancake sale

£2 donation via parentmail



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On 13 February we will be having our own pancake day.

Your child will be able to have pancakes, they will get to chose their toppings (lemon sugar chocolate and honey)

They can pick two topping for £2
Parents will be able to pay this on parent mail.
This money will help us pay for play ground games.

By Emily Rose


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INCLUDES
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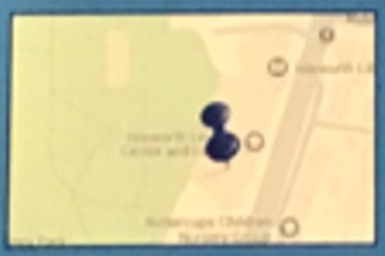
Free hat when you first sign up

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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Isleworth.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk
0208 583 2900

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER SITES

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Brentford.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk

Hanworth Air Park Leisure Centre & Library
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Hanworth.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk

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Chiswick.Leisure@lamptongroup.co.uk

Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre
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Number Day

Friday 13th February







On **Friday 13th February** the School Council have organised for us to take part in Number day.

We are asking everyone to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!), or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

There will be a prize for the most imaginative outfit.

We would love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

The children will be taking part in lots of fun maths activities on the day

Thank you very much
The School Council







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