Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful start to the week during our achievement celebration where the prizes were handed out from Children in Need. A huge congratulations to all the winners who you will see photographed later on in the Newsletter.

We are very proud of our Year 3 and 4 girls football team who showed excellent team work and enthusiasm for one of their first competitions.

We have started our EYFS stay and play sessions this week so thank you to the parents who have been able to join in these sessions. We even had a younger sibling take their first steps in our Reception classroom which was very special.

The weather has been very cold this week and I understand that we may not have been as prepared for this. However, a reminder that hats, scarves and gloves should be a bottle green colour.

Thank you to the PTA members who joined the hybrid meeting yesterday. There will be a Christmas Fair on the 12th December and your PTA reps will be in touch next week with the plan of how each class can help to make this a fun fair for all. The more help the more fun that can happen.

Next week is a short week for the children as the **school will be closed on Friday 28th November** as it is one of our INSET days.

Have a lovely weekend, **Mrs. Kelliher**

Stars of the Week

17th November 2025

Rec : Patrick & Marcelina
Yr1: Soliana & Szymon
Yr2: Sophia & Amelia
Yr3: Eli & Isla
Yr4: Alex & Tiffany
Yr5: Amelia H & Chloe
Yr6: Kuba & Emmanuel



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	147
St Andrew	98
St George	138
St David	148
St John	119
Overall Winner	St David's



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	4	100	2
2nd	5	99	1
3rd	6	98	0
4th	3	97.6	0
5th	1	97.4	3
6th	2	96.6	3
7th	Nur	95.4	2
8th	Rec	95	1







Congratulations to Year 4 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play



Important Dates

Tuesday 25th November

2:45 Y3 Celebration Service
- Y6 Benjamin Franklin museum
- Y4 Pedestrian skills

Wednesday 26th November
- Nursery & Reception Stay & Play
- Y5/6 Sports hall tournament

Friday 28th November
- INSET DAY
- Y5/6 Best football

Wednesday 3rd December

9:00am Nursery nativity
- Y3 cake sale

Thursday 4th December
- Y4 Live nativity @Gumley House

Friday 5th December

9:00am Reception nativity
- Reception height & weight checks

Monday 8th December
- Bikeability for Y6 all week
- Dance festival
- GB meeting

Wednesday 10th December

9:00 Y1/2 Christmas production
- Y5/6 Tag rugby competition
- Select children in Y5 to sing at Nursing home

Thursday 11th December

8:30 Speech & Language Coffee morning

Friday 12th December

9:00 Achievement assembly

3:00-5:00pm PTA Christmas Fair

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week: Emma, Aatifah & Bella



EYFS 'Stay & Play'

In EYFS the children enjoyed having their parents come and see their learning. Thank you to all the parents that came to stay and play on Wednesday. We have another session available next week. The children enjoyed showing their parents their classroom and friends. The children were busy learning about people who help us, writing the harder to read and spell words, building, being dentists, etc. We look forward to next week's sessions on Wednesday 26th November.









Y3&4 Girls football

On Monday 24th November we competed in the year 3 and 4 girls football competition. It was a cold day and there were 15 schools in attendance to contest with, but that didn't matter to our team!

Our girls had been practicing almost every lunch time and it was evident in every match how determined they were to win every tackle and not let our opponents have time or space. We got off to a frustrating start drawing our first couple of games finding it difficult to create space and chances for ourselves. But our defending and tenacity was amazing.

We were getting better and better each game, creating more chances, starting to play some nice passes and finding spaces. We had so many more shots as our girls spread out and were incredibly difficult for our opponents to get through.

We ended up winning 2 games, drawing 2 games and losing 2 games. But with a very young and inexperienced team we couldn't be prouder of how well they played. I'm sure that with this start we will have a very competitive team in the next few years.

Big shout outs to Helena who's effort and energy was a constant bonus for us, as well as Wanda who protected and saved us on so many occasions. Goals were from Eliora 2, Rebecca and Helena. Thanks you also to the parents who helped with travel and support, it was very much appreciated. Onwards to the next one!!



Guess how many sweets are in the jar

Winners



Raffle prize winners



We held a cake sale after school on Monday for Children in Need

Our final total for children in Need is

£1207.62

Thank you everybody

Guess the name of the teddy winner



The teddy is called Flow

Guess the weight of the cake winners



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

November: Month of Remembrance

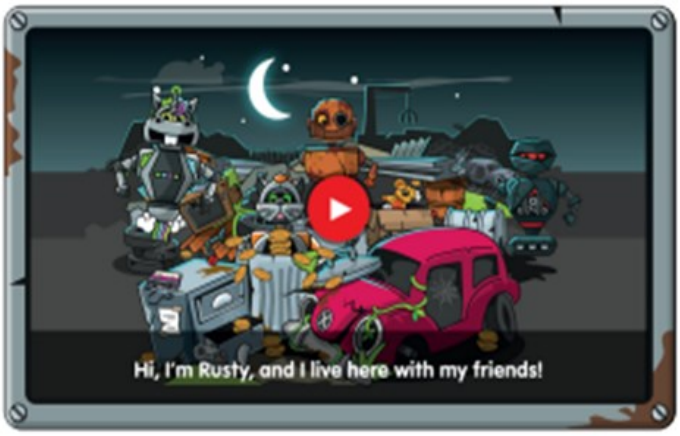


Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord,
and may perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all the
faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace.
Amen

HOW THE GAME WORKS

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

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.

