Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start with my sincere gratitude for the extremely generous gift that was presented at my retirement mass. I am truly humbled and touched by your generosity. I would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to the children and staff for making the mass so special. We have had so many compliments about the singing, the readers, the altar servers and the prayerful way the children conducted themselves at mass. The Bishop was really impressed!

This week started with the children who have piano lessons show casing their talents in a special assembly. It was a beautiful start to our week – the children were amazing! My heartfelt thanks to Mrs. O'Connor for all she does for our school, teaching piano and playing at assemblies and masses – the school is very lucky to have her.

We held our open afternoon on Monday – thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to see their child's work.

This week we had our Year 6 production of 'The Amazing Adventures of SuperStan' – the show was amazing- the singing, the choreography and the superb acting! There was lots of laughter and applause from the audience - what a talented class you are! A huge thank you to Mrs. McMahon, Ms. Ryan and Mrs. Waghorne for all their hard work with the directing, stage backdrop, props, lights and costumes.

Today we had our French day – a lovely way to finish the week.

With only one week to go, I would like to congratulate everyone on their amazing attendance this year. We continue to be above national figures at 96.2% and remain at the top of Hounslow borough – well done!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
7th July 2025

Rec :	**Susie & Aurelia**
Yr1:	**Cleo & Elezah**
Yr2:	**Eli & Oliver**
Yr3:	**Grace & Alek**
Yr4	**Mads & Szymon**
Yr5:	**Emily Rose & Julia**
Yr6:	**Naana & Emilia**



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 Cunningham 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 Cunningham to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. David's who 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	104
St Andrew	122
St George	96
St David	130
St John	102
Overall Winner	130



Important Dates: July

14th July 6:00 GB meeting

15th July

1:00pm Y6 mass/presentation followed by refreshments

16th July 8:50 Achievement assembly

18th July 1:00 End of term

Congratulation Julia on receiving a pen licence



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	3	100	3
2nd	6	99.3	0
3rd	2	98.5	1
4th	4	98	0
5th	5	92.8	2
6th	1	91.2	4
7th	Rec	90.6	0
8th	Nur	80.9	1







Congratulations to Years 3 on their attendance!

Piano assembly

Congratulations to all the children who performed at the piano assembly on Monday.

The children played beautifully and with such confidence.

A huge thank you to Mrs O'Connor for all she does for the children and for the school.

French Day

On Friday 11th July, OLSJ celebrated French Day! It was lovely to see so many of the children come to school in the colours of the French flag- red, white and blue- and the spirit of *joie de vivre* was in the air. All children enjoyed a French breakfast and all classes were able to take part in activities to celebrate the French culture and language. Many classes produced beautiful artwork inspired by French artists such as Monet. A big thank you to all the children and staff for making it such a success and we have raised £294.84 profit which will help to buy more French dictionaries, more musical instruments including glockenspiels and art resources across the school.

Merci beaucoup!

Mrs Poteratchi











On Thursday evening, Year 6 performed their end of year play, 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan' to their families. It was a great success. They had worked exceptionally hard to learn a lot of songs and dance routines which were fantastic to listen to and watch. The play was based on comic book superheroes and had lots of funny lines. Well done Year 6! A special thanks to Ms. Ryan and Mrs Waghorne for their help with costumes and props.

Mrs. McMahon









Y5 British museum

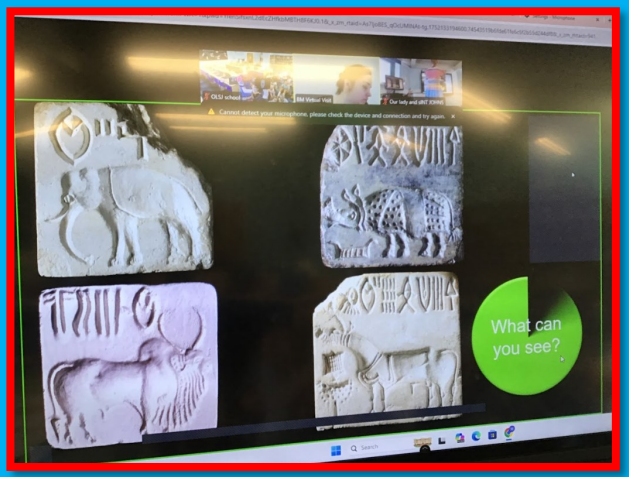
On Thursday 10th July, Year 5 took part in a virtual visit from the British Museum to support our History work on the Indus Valley - an ancient civilisation which flourished almost 4,000 years ago.

An Indus Valley expert joined us virtually to help us investigate five key questions: Who were the Indus Valley people? When did they live? Where did they live? What objects have archaeologists found belonging to the Indus Valley people? Why and how did they use those objects? We then explored actual Indus Valley artefacts held by the British museum.

Finally, we took part in a fun virtual quiz to demonstrate how much information we remembered. It was a very interesting and engaging activity- we really enjoyed it!

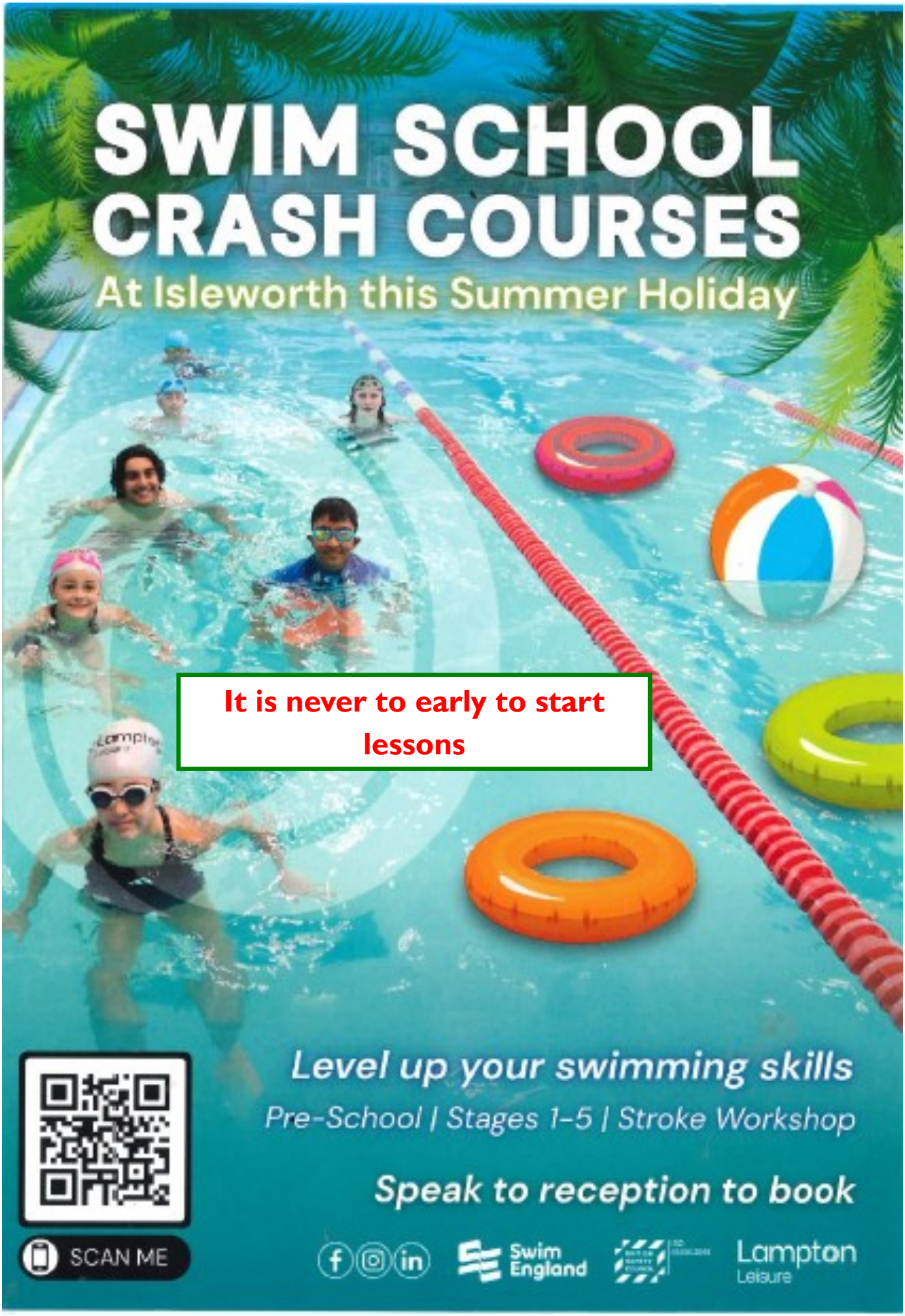











SWIM SCHOOL
CRASH COURSES
At Isleworth this Summer Holiday
It is never to early to start lessons
Level up your swimming skills
Pre-School | Stages 1-5 | Stroke Workshop
Speak to reception to book
SCAN ME
Swim England
Lampton
Leisure

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

Homework club

Mrs. Sheehan & the School council will be running a homework club for the juniors in the ICT suite.

Monday & Tuesdays

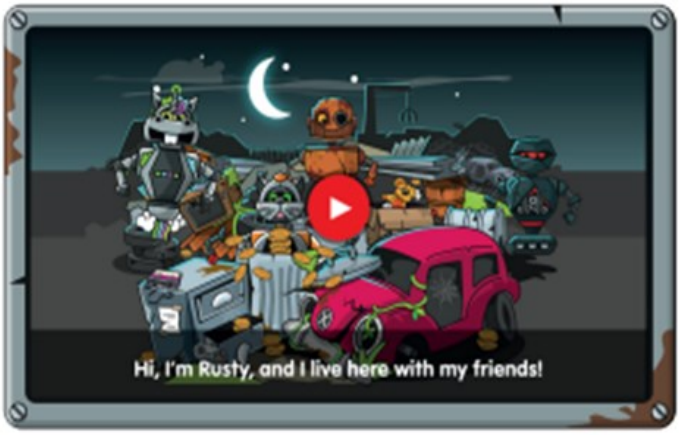
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.



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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.

