Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week Year 1 had their class Assembly. The theme was 'friendship' and really captured the way year 1 all get on together and support each other so well. The children said their lines and sang beautifully and they were all so confident – well done! Thank you to Mrs. Harty, Mrs. Gunn and Ms. Sanchez for preparing the children and to Mrs. O'Connor for playing the piano.

This week Ms. Grimshaw and I took a group of the Mini-Vinnies to Westminster cathedral for a celebration service to mark the jubilee year. It was a beautiful service and we even got to meet the Cardinal! See below.

Reception and Nursery had their sports day this week – all children participated so well and showed off all their skills to their parents. Thank you to Mr. Bovington for organising the morning and to our year 6 sports leaders for helping out.

We have had another very warm week and the weather is getting hotter over the next four days. Unfortunately, as a result of this, we have had to take the decision to cancel sports day. We will be arranging 'mini' sports day events at school with year groups over the next couple of weeks.

Have a lovely weekend and try to keep cool!

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

23rd June 2025

Yr1: Jayden & Amelia
Yr2: Oliver & Diana
Yr3: Finlay & Nathaniel
Yr4 Emily & Emma
Yr5: Annie & Emmanuel
Yr6: Giovanni & Molly

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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	160
St Andrew	210
St George	137
St David	157
St John	144
Overall Winner	St Andrews



Important Dates: June/July

30th June

Infant & Juniors Sports Day

1st July

9:00-10:00 Transition morning for all children

2nd July

8:30& 2:00 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

- Y3/4 Tennis festival

3rd July

8:50**& 2:00** Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

- Reports home

4th July

- No work day

7th July

8:50 Piano assembly

2:00-3:00 Open afternoon for Y1-6

9th July 2:00pm Mrs Cunningham's retirement mass—all parents welcome

10th July 6:30pm Y6 production

11th July French day

14th July 6:00 GB meeting

15th July

1:00pm Y6 mass/presentation followed by refreshments

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	3	98.6	1
1st	6	98.6	5
2nd	4	97.4	2
3rd	5	97.1	2
4th	2	97	1
5th	Rec	96.3	0
6th	1	95.6	3
7th	Nur	88.8	4







Congratulations to Years 3 & 6 on their attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Sky Studios

Last week, Year 6 went to visit Sky studios. They had spent lots of time in class preparing for the visit and collecting facts about our planet in order to create a news report. The team at Sky were fantastic and helped the children to film each segment and blend it seamlessly together. We were then able to watched the finished news report, which the children had edited and scripted. The class had a great time.









Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents that were are able to support the Nursery & Reception Sports day. The children had such a lovely time and it was so lovely to see them demonstrate all the skills they have learnt in their PE lessons.

















Please log onto Google classroom for more pictures

Mini Vinnies

Festival of Hope Westminster Cathedral

Earlier this week, myself and Mrs. Cunningham accompanied a small group of children, who were great ambassadors for our school, to Westminster Cathedral, for a Festival of Hope.

As we approached the Cathedral, we were greeted by a wonderful steel drum band.

Once inside, we followed the Cathedral trail, including various activities based around the themes of: Peace, Forgiveness and Love. During the liturgy, we watched a powerful role-play, which reminded us that God is always with us, even when we are tempted not to follow the right path in life. This was followed by adoration of the blessed sacrament.

We all departed feeling uplifted and comforted by the presence of God in our lives.

Ms Grimshaw







3 & 4 Quadkids

On Tuesday 24th June we took 2 teams to compete in the Hounslow year 3 and 4 quad kids finals. Each child would have to complete a vortex throw, standing long jump, 60 meter sprint and a 400 meter run.

I have never been as amazed as I was by both our teams. Every jump, throw and run were some of the best ones there. The boys began with the 400 meters and the girls with the vortex. Every race we finished in the top 6 out of 12, most finishing in the top 3, a few winning! Jas managed a 1 minute 18 seconds in his race which was miles ahead of his opponents, followed by Szymon finishing in 1.19 - the boys were off to a flyer! The girls throws were even better than in training, all clearing the 10 meter mark, most around the 15 and Vivien beating the 20 meter cone!

When we swapped it was just as impressive, 3 of our boys threw further than the 30 meters of cones they had measured out, big shout outs there to Szymon again, Jaxon and Mads! The girls smashed their 400 meters aswell, again all in the top 6 and a few in first and second, we could see how hard they were trying as they came round the final corner.

Jumps and sprints were just as good. A lot of our jumpers setting new personal bests - I think they enjoyed jumping into a sand pit over landing on the playground! We finished in the top few in each race as well in all our sprints.

I have never seen a team (actually we brought 2 teams) be as consistent as we were. I was amazed by every event they competed in and how hard they were working to achieve the best scores they could.

The only unfortunate part of the day is that we weren't given the results. I'm very optimistic about how both teams have done, good luck to both our squads and well done - such amazing performances.

Thanks to Jas and Mads' parents for helping with travel, thanks to Ziva's mum for her help. A massive thank you to Vinnies mum whose support was incredible - she even ran around the track with our kids encouraging them during their races!

Mr Bovington



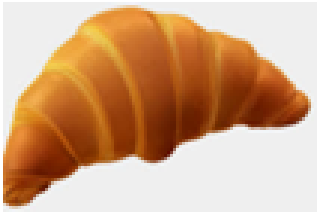


Celebrate French Day at OLSJ!

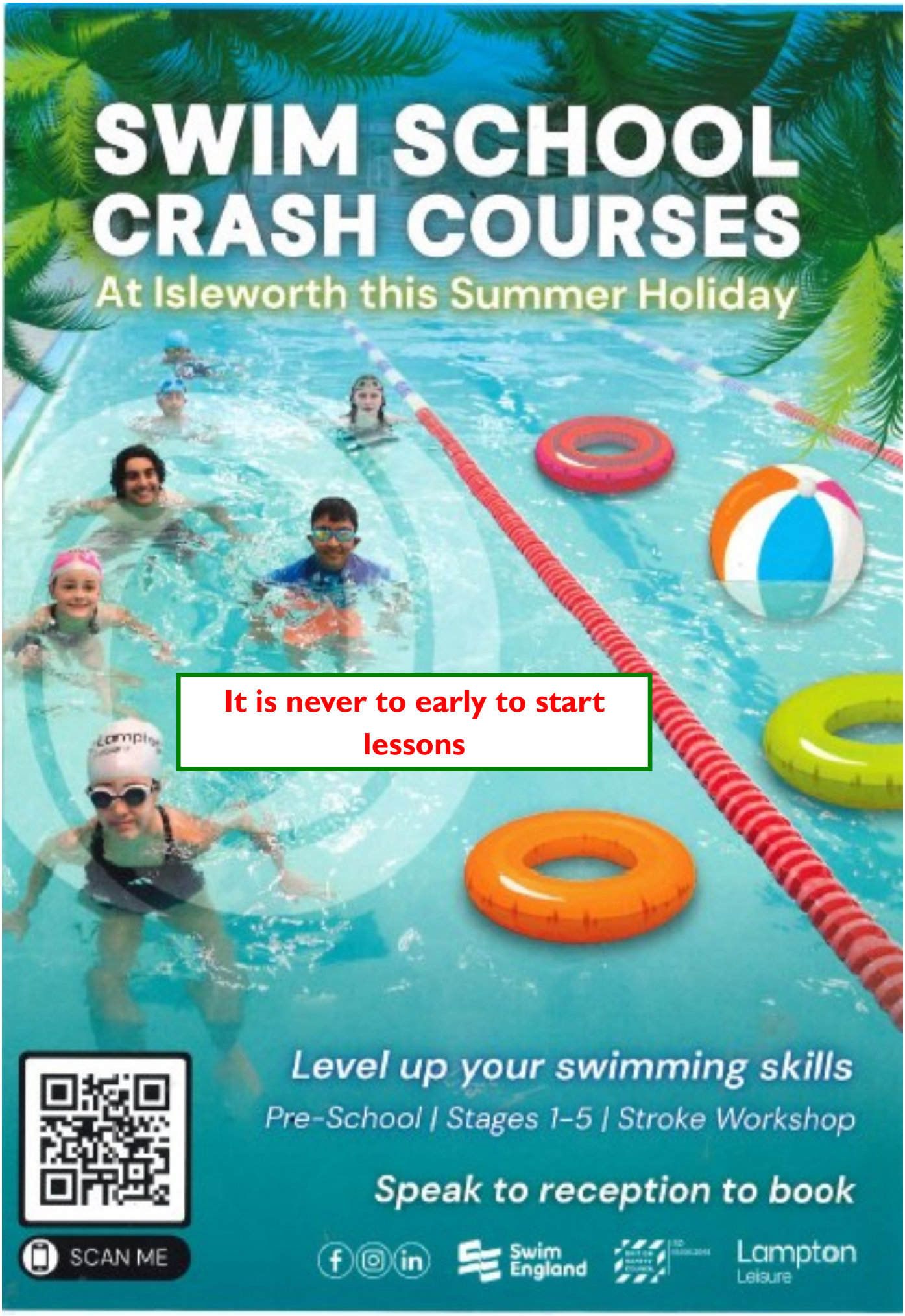
At OLSJ, we will be celebrating French Day on Friday 11th July. All Key Stage Two children receive French lessons, therefore we have decided to hold a day celebrating the French culture, language and traditions.

On Friday 11th July, children from all year groups will be invited to wear red, white and blue clothes to school. They will also have an opportunity to practise their language skills as they enjoy a French breakfast in their classes and listen to some French music. In class, the children will take part in a range of activities to promote the French language and culture.

We are asking for a £2.50 contribution per child to be paid via ParentMail. Funds raised from Bastille day will go to French, Music and Art resources across the school.



Bon appétit!


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

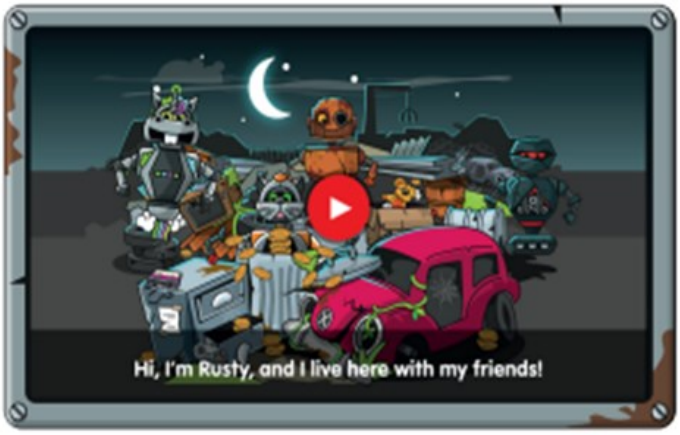
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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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Numbots

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.

