Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term, I would like to thank you for all your help and support over the last 5 weeks.

It was lovely to welcome back Year 6 from their residential trip to Kingswood on Monday. They were all exhausted but had a wonderful time. I would like to say a 'huge' thank you to Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Nutley and Mrs. Poteratchi for accompanying the children. The adults were full of praise for how amazing the children had been – see below for a few photos of their trip.

This week we had Year 4 class Assembly. What a lovely way to remind us all of the importance of Mary. The children spoke and sang so confidently. Thank you to Ms Grimshaw for organising the assembly and Mrs. O'Connor for playing. A huge 'congratulations' to Y4– I loved 'Let it Be'!

You will have seen on parentmail that the Friends have had to postpone the summer fair. Unfortunately, it clashed with another local event and some of the organisers were away. This will now be held in the autumn term – please look out on parentmail of ways you can support with this.

Have a wonderful half term,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
19th May 2025

Rec: Aidan & Ajris
Yr1: Anna & Delilah
Yr2: Pola & Bruno
Yr3: Emma & Diar
Yr4 Julia & Frank
Yr5: Emily-Rose & Nathan



Congratulations Gabriella on receiving her Pen Licence



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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	141
St Andrew	127
St George	156
St David	144
St John	135
Overall Winner	St George



House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	629
St Andrew	618
St George	503
St David	725
St John	649
Overall Winner	St David's

The children in St David's came to school today in their own clothes.

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	6	100	0
2nd	4	99.3	2
3rd	2	97.7	1
4th	5	95.3	0
5th	Rec	94.6	5
6th	Nur	94.1	0
7th	1	94	2
8th	3	9	1







Congratulations to Yr6 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates: June

2nd June Back to school

3rd June Y1 trip to Gunnersbury museum

4th June Y5/6 Kwik cricket tournament

5th June Y6 trip to The Lyric theatre

Science fair for Key stage 2 parents

11th June 8:50 Reception assembly

13th June 8:50 Y3 assembly

PJ day

17th June

9:00 New to Reception parents induction meeting

Y5 trip to Boston Manor park

18th June Y2 assembly

19th June 9:00 New to Nursery parents induction meeting

20th June 8:50 Nursery assembly

23rd June 9:00 Nursey & Reception Sports day

25th June 8:50Y1 assembly

27th June Y5 trip to Fulham Palace

30th June Sports day– Y1-6

Walk to school week

We have had another successful Walk to School Week! This year's theme was based on Space. Each day, children were encouraged to participate in fun activities, such as, making rockets, clay aliens and we even made a tasty space breakfast.

Thank you to the JTAs for organizing each morning and to all the parents and children who walked, cycled or used scooter to come to school.

Mrs. Baranska







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.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the Friends of Our Lady & St John's for raising the money to provide the children with 32 laptops in our ICT suite.

These are now ready to use after half term.





Kingswood

What a wonderful time we had away for the Year 6 Residential trip. The children were so fortunate to have experienced so many activities. 3G Swing, Campfire, Zip line, Archery, Leap of Faith to name but a few. The children were amazing and came back a little tired, to say the least. A big thank you to all the teachers that made the weekend possible















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

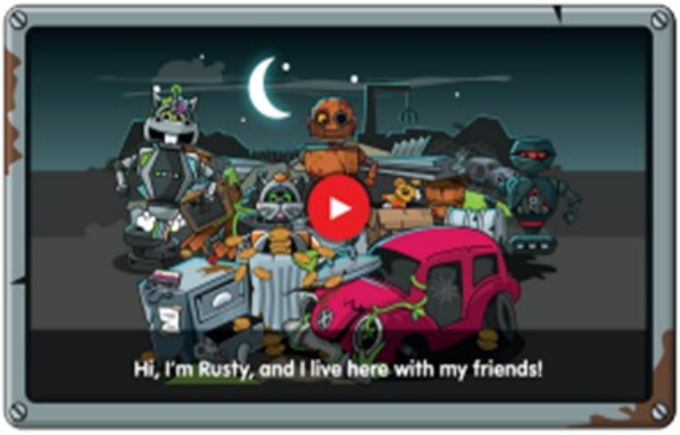
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

