Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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12th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Year 6 for their hard work and mature attitude to the SATs this week. They all gave it 100% and we could not have asked for more from them – well done! My thanks to all the staff who helped with breakfast for them, which was a lovely way to start each day.

We waved our Year 6 off on their school journey to Kingswood today. There were lots of tears (parents) and smiles (pupils)! We wish them well over the weekend; they will have a great time and we will hear all about it on their return. Year 6 parents can see how they are doing by looking at Google classroom where a daily update will be posted.

Next week we have our 'Walk to school week'. The JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) have lots of activities planned. Please arrive at 8.15am to take part. Parents are asked to stay with your children until 8.30am.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cunningham

Stars of the Week
12th May 2025

Rec: Mabel & Skyler
Yr1: Blen & Franek
Yr2: Dawid & Ray
Yr3: Elijah & Leo
Yr4 Gabriella & Victoria
Yr5: Emily & Laurence
Yr6: Keeva & Alys





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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	139
St Andrew	108
St George	73
St David	127
St John	162
Overall Winner	St John's



Important Dates: May

Monday 19th May

- Y6 residential trip returns
- Walk to school week

Thursday 22nd May

- Science projects begin for Key stage 2

Friday 23rd May

8:50 Y4 assembly

- End of half term

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	2	100	1
1st	6	100	1
2nd	Rec	98.3	2
3rd	5	98	2
4th	1	97	6
5th	3	95.8	3
6th	4	94.3	1
7th	Nur	87.3	1







Congratulations to Y2 & Y6 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

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

It's Walk to School week next week!

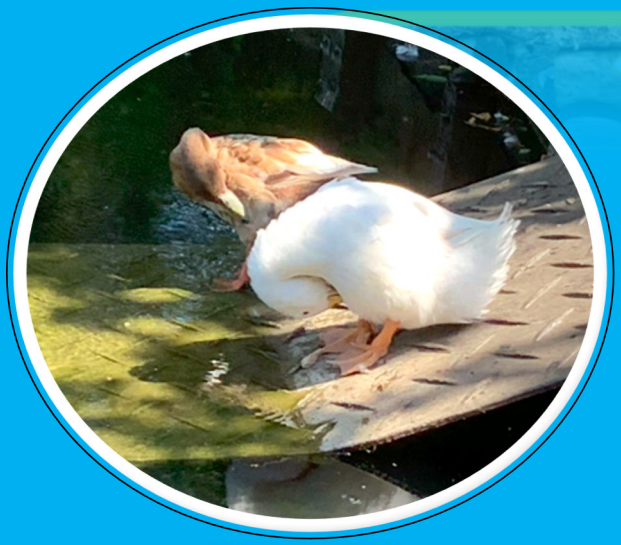
Yr3 Boston Manor Park

Year 3 had a lovely trip to Boston Manor Park on Tuesday. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and were able to have our lunch as a picnic in the shade.

We were on the hunt for wild flowers and kept a tally on how many we found. We listened to an amazing woman (Tasha) who was able to show and tell us how the urban environment in our local area has adapted to help plants and animals and how we can help to look after them. At the end of the workshop all the children and adults helped to keep our local environment clean by grabbing our litter pickers and finding any rubbish to remove.

We are very lucky to have Boston Manor Park so close to our school, it has been developed over the past few years and is definitely worth visiting, it's a wonderful park where we had a wonderful day!







Well done to ALL our Year 6 children on completing their SATs this week.

You have worked tirelessly and deserve a much needed break.

We hope you have an amazing time on school journey this weekend and we look forward to seeing all the pictures and hearing all the stories on your return.

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

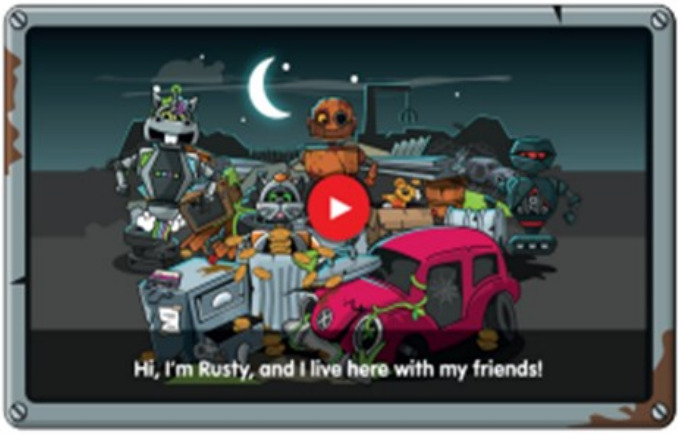
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

