Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. What lovely news this week that we have a new Pope. We ask God to be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church. May he walk in wisdom and humility, and lead us, to embody God's love for the world.

Last week and this week, children from Years 3 and 4 have made their first holy communion at St. John's Church. It is lovely to see them all at church, dressed in their finery and become full members of our church community. Other pupils have made their holy communion in their own parishes – congratulations to you all!

Year 5 started our class assemblies today. They shared the story of the road to Emmaus which reminded us that Easter is just the beginning. A beautiful and powerful assembly – Year 5 you were amazing! My thanks to Mrs. Poteratchi and Mrs. Waghorne for preparing the children.

Year 6 have been working hard preparing for their SATs which begin next week. We wish them all the best of luck and we know they will all shine!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

6th May 2025

Rec: Luna & Coco
Yr1: Grace & Modupeola
Yr2: Hanora & Kian
Yr3: Oscar & Arnisa
Yr4 Kikiyrah & Sophie D.
Yr5: Bella & Kahyjel
Yr6: Sheena & Arabella



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	155
St Andrew	207
St George	113
St David	162
St John	144
Overall Winner	St Andrew's



Important Dates: April /May

Sunday 11th May

- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 12th May Y6 SATS begin

6:00 GB meeting

Tuesday 13th May

- Y3 trip to Gunnersbury Park

Friday 16th May

- Y6 residential trip

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	3	99.1	4
2nd	Rec	98.3	4
Rd	5	98.2	5
4th	Nur	98.1	1
5th	4	97.5	1
6th	2	97.2	2
7th	6	96.6	1
8th	1	96	2







Congratulations to Reception & Y3 on their 99.1% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Writers of the month



Congratulations to Dawid on receiving his Pen Licence



VE day celebrations

This week we celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day in school. We kicked off our preparations with an assembly on Wednesday and then on Thursday the children took part in a range of activities to celebrate the end of the war in Europe. There were a wide selection of activities taking place, including: cake decorating, flag colouring and listening to stories of the people who had experienced the war and the celebrations after. In the afternoon, we had a tea party in the playground and as a whole school practiced, learnt and danced the 'Lambeth Walk'. It was a lovely afternoon and the children had lots of fun.











VE day celebrations













EYFS Cake Sale

Thank you for all of the contributions of cakes for our cake sale.

We managed to have enough cakes to sale at break and two times after school.

We appreciate your support. We raised £160 to use for resources in EYFS.







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

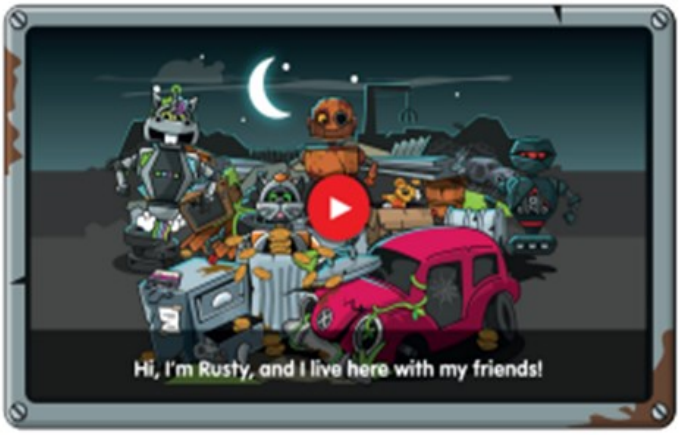
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

