Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This Sunday and next Sunday, children from Years 3 and 4 are making their first holy communion at St. John's Church. Please keep all the children in your prayers as they complete this special sacrament and become full members of our church community.

A huge 'thank you' to the Friends for organising the Easter disco last Friday. It was lovely seeing so many children and parents enjoying themselves! The total raised will be announced soon.

As you know school is closed to pupils tomorrow (staff INSET day) and there is a bank holiday on Monday, so we will see everyone back on Tuesday 6th May.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
28th April 2025

Rec: Faith & Emeline
Yr1: Alexander & Rosa
Yr2: Leen & Antoni
Yr3: Alexa & Richard
Yr4 Stella & Jas
Yr5: Daniel & Obafemi
Yr6: Nadia & Tymek



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	194
St Andrew	176
St George	161
St David	292
St John	208
Overall Winner	292



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	Rec	98.3	1
1st	3	98.3	2
1st	4	98.3	0
2nd	6	97.5	2
3rd	2	96.3	0
4th	5	94.8	0
5th	1	91	1
6th	Nur	88.5	1







Congratulations to Reception, Y3 & Y4 on their 98.3% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates: April /May

Monday 5th May

- Bank holiday

Friday 9th May

8:50 Yr5 assembly

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

Congratulations to Amelia on receiving her Pen Licence



Félicitations à Amelia D et Bella!

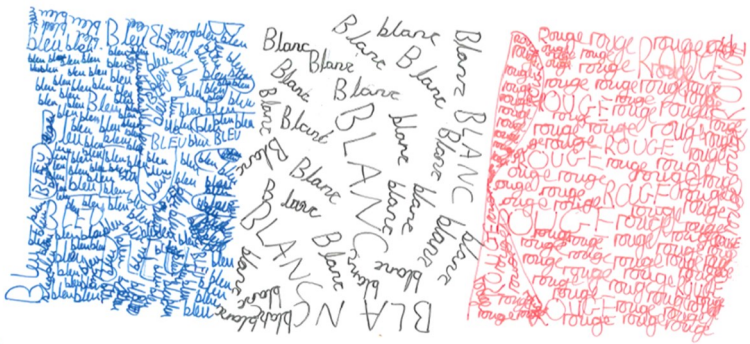
Earlier in the Spring term, all of the children in Key Stage Two were invited to submit a Calligram using French vocabulary to a competition run by the Association of Language Learning. Selected entries would be chosen to appear in a special e-book which will be published on their website.

Congratulations to Amelia D in Year 4 and Bella in Year 5, whose beautiful entries was selected to appear in their e-book , 'Calligrams from Primary Classrooms 2025. Judges said that with the selected entries, they were impressed by the care and pride taken and the attention to handwriting and neat presentation.

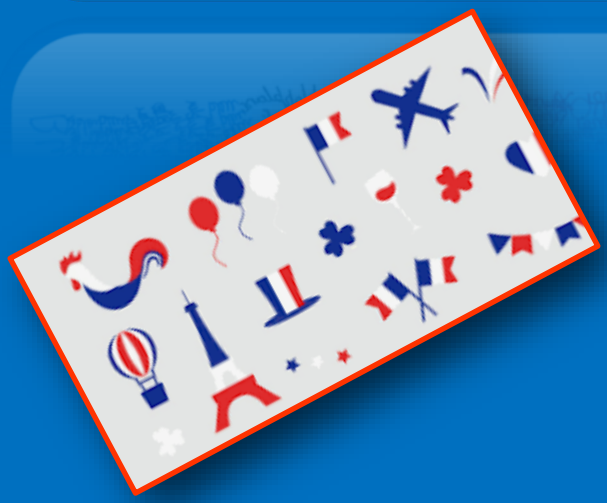
Many thanks to everyone who submitted entries- I was impressed by your creativity and enthusiasm!

Mrs Poteratchi

Bella Year 5









Amelia Y4





Year 5 and 6 borough hockey competition

On Friday 25th April we competed in the year 5 and 6 borough hockey tournament, this is a competition that we have been consistently good at over the years so we were looking forward to it.

After a brief warm up we got going, luckily all teams were playing at the same time so there was no waiting around between games although we did have to follow a rotation which meant 2 of our players were not on the pitch for each game. Whichever of our 2 girls and 2 boys that were in play were unbelievable from the first second.

Both teams got off to winning starts with their first games finishing 3-0. We pressed on from there with the B team winning 4 out of 5 from their group and the A team winning 5 out of 5. A standout result from the A team was 19-0!! The highest score the school has achieved in any sport during my time, possibly ever.

A team results; 3-0, 4-0, 6-0, 19-0, 3-2.
B team results; 3-0, 4-0, 4-0, 0-1, 4-0.

They played some amazing hockey throughout the group stages. We were really direct, displayed great control of the ball, showed some great passing, were tenacious in winning the ball and always hungry for more goals. Both ours and St Mary's teams finished first and second in the groups meaning that our A team had to play our B team in the semi final and the same for them. Our A team won that 4-1 to progress to the final. Our B team then played a third and fourth place play off which they drew 0-0 – even after penalties. Well done to the B team finishing third in the borough.

The A team went on to the final and won!! 3-1. An incredible performance showcasing great skill and desire every moment of the match. This is the third time in the last 4 years we have been Borough champions at hockey and we now progress to the west London finals! Well done to everyone and thankyou to the parents who helped with travel and support.

A team goals; Franky 11, Arabella 7, Tymek 5, Victoria 4, Dawid 3, Sheena 2
B team goals; Lily 8, Gabi 6, Ellie 2, own goal



Mini Vinnies

Last Friday, 23rd April, we, the Minnie Vinnies were invited to an exhibition all about Blessed Carlo Acutis. The exhibition displayed a variety of artworks and interesting facts about him, which were made by the students of St Michael's and St Martins school. We really enjoyed seeing all the amazing displays and it has inspired us to be just like Carlo Acutis, never wasting an opportunity to make God proud. Carlo Acutis is a great example to us, truly proving that anyone, no-matter how old you are, can become a Saint.

By **Nadia & Julia** (Year 6)



VE Day

Next Thursday, 8th May, is the 80th anniversary of VE day. As part of our school celebrations for the day we would like the children to come dressed in red, white and blue. Throughout the day, they will explore the history of VE day and make a treat to be eaten in the afternoon when we will have a VE day picnic in the playground.

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

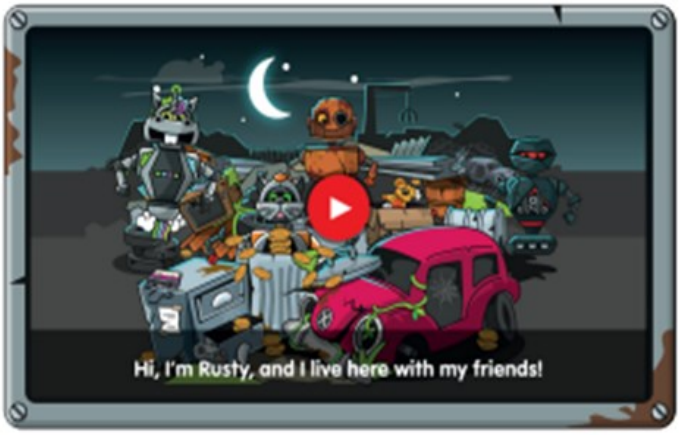
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

