Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Year 6 SATs meeting. If you were unable to attend, all information will be on google classroom.

We are continuing to experience more cold weather. Please remember to label all items of uniform, particularly **coats**, hats, scarves and gloves. During this cold spell we have seen an increase in children wearing ear muffs. These are not school uniform but we appreciate that your child needs to be warm coming to school. Please stick to the school colours of green or black. You can purchase school hats from the school office.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Nursery Applications for September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they can start in the nursery class in September 2025. To apply for a place please download an application form from the school website. The form should then be posted or emailed to the school office. We have both 15 hour and 30 places. We have an open morning on **Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 9.00am.** Please tell all your friends and relations about our wonderful school nursery!

Stars of the Week
13th January 2025

Rec :	**Vienna & Ajris**
Yr1:	**Wiktor & Anna**
Yr2:	**Ralph & Taylor**
Yr3:	**JC & Diar**
Yr4:	**Maria & Julia**
Yr5:	**Emily & Daniel**
Yr6:	**Mason & Keeva**



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. 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	258
St Andrew	245
St George	219
St David	283
St John	338
Overall Winner	St John



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	1	100	3
2nd	4	99.3	2
2nd	6	99.3	3
3rd	2	98.5	1
4th	3	96.6	2
5th	5	95.1	0
6th	Nur	93.2	1
7th	Rec	92	4







Congratulations to Year 1 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates January/February

Monday 20th January
- Yr5/6 Sportshall finals

Tuesday 21st January
- Year 3/4 Sportshall competition

Wednesday 22nd January
- Yr3 cake sale

Friday 24th January
9:00 Yr6 Class mass in church—parents welcome

Tuesday 28th January
2:45 Yr2 Celebration service—parents welcome

Friday 31st January
- Y5/6 Best football competition

Tuesday 4th February
- Y4 cake sale
- Open morning for prospective Nursery parents

Friday 7th February
- Number day

Monday 10th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Tuesday 11th February
- Young voices concert
- Y3/4 netball competition

Wednesday 12th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening
- Nursery & Reception cake sale

Thursday 13th February
- KS1 Sportshall competition

Friday 14th February
3:00 End of term

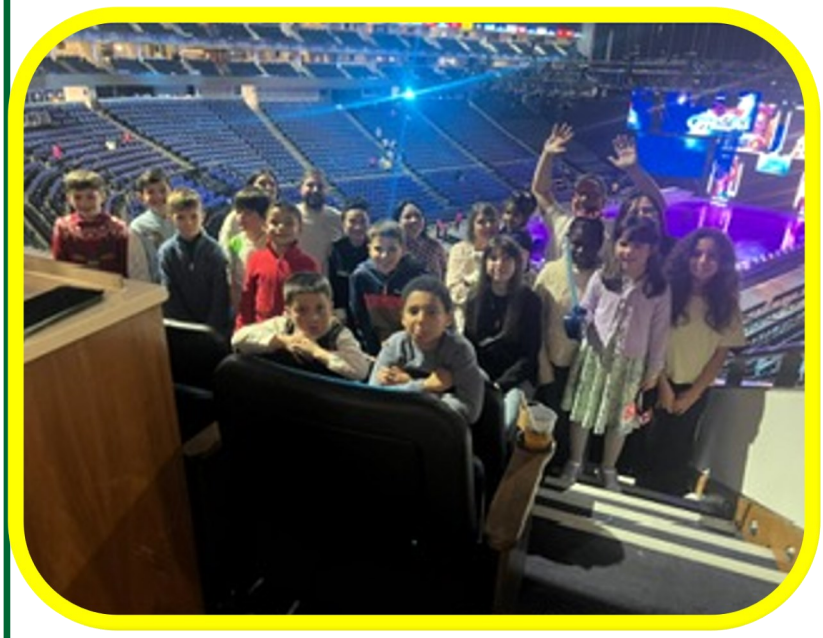
Disney on ice

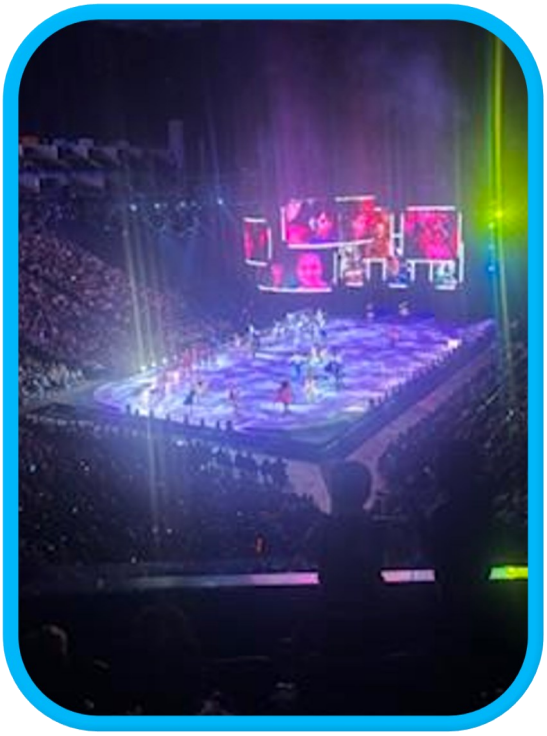
Oh what a wonderful time we all had at Disney on Ice. We got to see a whole range of Disney characters: Mickey Mouse & Minnie Mouse, Buzz Lightyear, Ariel, Elsa and Anna, Toy Story and Moana to name but a few.

The atmosphere was amazing and the children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the show, dancing and singing along too.

The children (and adults) were spoilt rotten and enjoyed watching the show in luxury.

Once again thank you to JC and his family for providing us all with this wonderful opportunity





Congratulations to Theo on receiving his pen licence.





Altar servers

Congratulations to our altar servers. After serving for one year, the following were admitted to the Guild of St. Stephen and received their medals on Boxing Day:

Obafemi Akinwale, Theo Burns, Ellie-Francesca Cuddihy, Daniel Lane-Spollen, Julia Plowiec and Nadia Strozak

The following pupils have just started serving and should receive their medals on Boxing Day later this year:

Amelia Dela Rosa, Otto Dickinson, Vivien Strozak and Gabriella Wilinska.

These children perform a great service for both the parish and for our school.





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

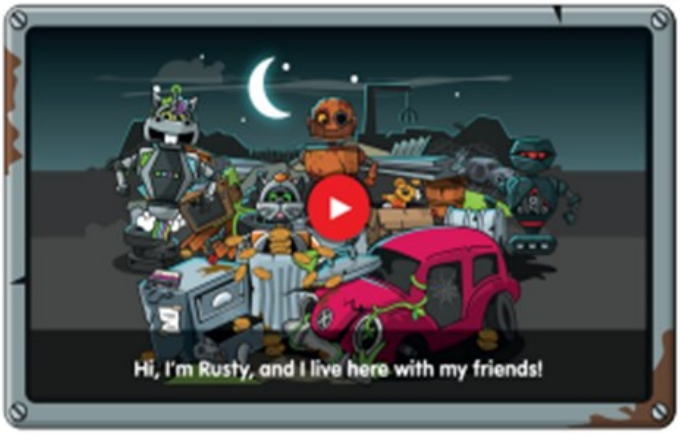
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

