Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Not the week we had planned for but unfortunately things were out of our hands. The heating system had broken down over the weekend and when the heating engineer came out on Monday, he said it needed a new part which would take 2-3 days to arrive. The LA insisted we closed as we had no heating or hot water.

Thank you for your support with the online lessons over the last three days – it was much appreciated and it was lovely to see the activities children were engaged with at home.

The diary for next two weeks is now extremely busy as we fit in all the nativity plays – please see the updates in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Stars of the Week
2nd December 2024

Rec :	Szymon & Aidan
Yr1:	Rosa &
Yr2:	Diana & Gabriel
Yr3:	Yana & Elijah
Yr4:	Artin & Amelia M
Yr5:	Emily Rose & Lawrence
Yr6:	Ellie & Louie





Writer of the month
November



Rec :	Mateo
Yr1:	Mia
Yr2:	Leon
Yr3:	Wanda
Yr4:	Mads
Yr5:	Ahmed
Yr6:	Libby

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. 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	119
St Andrew	120
St George	116
St David	181
St John	125
Overall Winner	St David's

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	3	98	3
2nd	2	96.4	0
3rd	4	96.1	3
4th	5	93.7	5
5th	Nur	93.6	5
5th	1	93.6	4
6th	Rec	93.3	1
7th	6	91.6	1







Congratulations to Year 3 on their 98% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates November/December

Monday 9th December
6:00 GB meeting
- Reception height, weight & vision check
- Y5/6 girls football tournament

Wednesday 11th December
9:00 Nursery & Reception nativity—parents welcome

Friday 13th December
8:50 Piano assembly
3:15-5:15 Christmas fete—school hall

Monday 16th December
- Christmas parties & toy day

Tuesday 17th December
- Y1/2 Christmas production
- Christmas lunch

Wednesday 18th December
9:00 Yr5/6 Junior carol service
9:45 Yr3/4 Junior carol service

Thursday 19th December
9:00 End of term mass—all parents welcome

Friday 20th December
1:00 End of term

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.

The calendar is updated on our website. Please take a look to note new dates and updates.

The School Council presents 'Disney on Ice'





A huge thank you to the School Council for promoting our next fundraiser at our whole school assembly on Wednesday morning - **'Disney on Ice.'**

As a result of a very generous donation from JC in Year 3, we are in a very fortunate position to raise funds for our school. There are 12 VIP tickets up for grabs to see Disney on Ice on **Sunday 5th January 2025**

You can purchase tickets after school from our school councillors or via parentmail.

We will be drawing the raffle for the next 3 Fridays.

We will announce the winners after our assembly each Friday

Tickets do not roll over to the following week.

This is an amazing opportunity for your child to see an amazing show

Good luck!

Please log onto Google classroom or Parentmail for more details of this event

Disney on Ice winners

Congratulations to..



So far we have raised £625—thank you everyone for your support.

Tickets will be on sale all next week via parentmail for next weeks raffle, which will be held next Friday

Children can also purchase tickets from their class councillors.

School councillors will also sell raffle tickets during the day to Reception, Yr1 &Yr2. Good luck

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

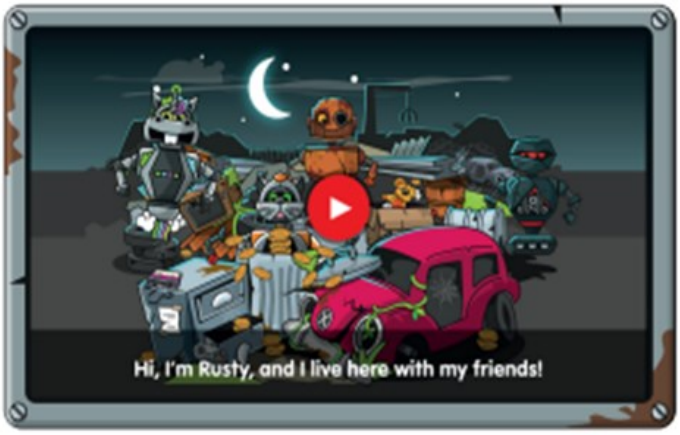
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HOW THE GAME WORKS

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.

