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END OF TERM - This term will end tomorrow, Friday 4.4.25 at 3:15pm. We return on TUESDAY 22.4.25 at 8:40am. Monday is a Bank Holiday.

NUM-BOTS: We are excited to introduce a new online maths programme available for children to use at home and at school. *Numbots* is a sister product to the highly successful *Times Tables Rock Stars* game, and focuses on improving children's understanding and automaticity of number bonds, subitising, addition and subtraction, all of which are vital to ensure children succeed at maths. If your child already uses *TTRS*, they can use the same login details for *Numbots*.

Simply log in at <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/16824> or via the free app.

If your child does not use *TTRS*, a letter with your child's *Numbots* login details will be sent home this week.

How it works: *Numbots* has two game functions:

In story mode, the emphasis is on understanding mathematical concepts. Games are set out in a series of stages (starting at 'Rust'), each containing a number of levels. To unlock the next level, children must achieve 2 or 3 stars on each task.

In challenge mode, the focus is on improving children's response times and accuracy. Children try to answer as many questions as they can in 1 minute. Challenge mode is initially locked and is unlocked when players pass Iron stage: level 26 in story mode.

Spaced practice (practising little and often) has been proven to be much more effective than blocked practice (practising for a long time in one go). So, as with *TTRS*, it is recommended that children play *Numbots* for 5 minutes a day, at least 4 times a week.

We hope you enjoy trialling this game over the Easter holidays!



PTA DISCO: Thankyou to the PTA for organising, and all for supporting. £400 raised for further events!

AUTISM BUS:



Every April Autism Speaks celebrates World Autism Month, beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. On Friday, staff members were allocated some time to attend a virtual reality experience where it highlighted how people with autism interpreted the world around them. This will help our staff to understand these difficulties and differences and better accommodate for them at our school. I am looking into booking the bus again so that families can also have the same experience.

PRAISE WINNERS!



TRUMPETS!



Whitchurch trumpet club are performing with aplomb! If only you could hear this picture! Well done Salvation Army, and thank you!

BROADLANDS OPEN DAYS

Join us for our **Year 4 and 5 taster days!**

Experience our school in Science, Design & Technology and PE

Dive in for a fun-packed day at Lift Broadlands

Pick any of the following dates:
Thursday 5 June, Thursday 12 June, Thursday 19 June, Tuesday 24 June, Thursday 26 June

We can't wait to meet you!

Want to come along and see what makes Lift Broadlands great?
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DOGS: A reminder that no dogs should be on school grounds. This is a council rule, please help us abide by it

CAR PARK: Blue badge holders only, please consider the safety of all if using.