

Newsletter

Summer Term: 23rd May 2025



We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful International Week we have had, developing ties in the community and strengthening the children's important sense of self-worth and confidence. Thank you so much to the many parents that have come in throughout the week to share your cultural heritage – this is such a special part of International Week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed your visits!

We have whizzed busily and productively through this short first half of the summer term and it's hard to believe we are already at half term! The children have all been working so hard and thoroughly deserve plenty of rest and play over half term, ready and raring to go for our MapQuest Fortnight when they return. See you all on Monday 2nd June. Wishing you all a wonderful week!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

June 2025

2 June Children return
6 June Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am
7 June Y3 First Holy Communion
9 June Y3 First Holy Communion lunch 1pm
11 June Class Photos
16-20 June Y6 School Journey
21 June Brompton Oratory Summer Fete
23 June Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
25 June Junior Sports Day 9.30am (Battersea Arena)
27 June Reception Class Assembly
27 June Year 1 Cake Sale
30 June Infant Sports Day at St Luke's 2pm

July 2025

2 & 3 July Parents' Evening
4 July Summer Mufti Day
9 July Summer Music Concerts
10 July PTA Garden Party
16 July Year 6 Play 6.30pm
17 July Leavers' Mass 2pm – Year 5 & Year 6
18 July End of Term 1.30pm

Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

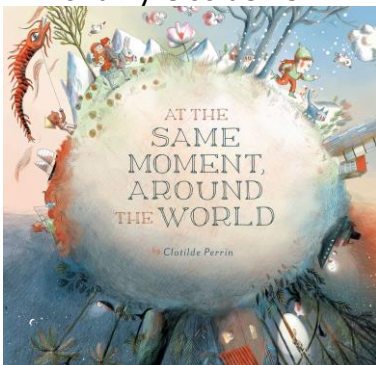
This week's theme: INTERNATIONAL WEEK

In assemblies this week we have been celebrating our International Week. We read a story about all the different things that different people are doing around the world at the same moment in time. We also celebrated the array of wonderful cultures on display with the children's splendid outfits yesterday and some children taught us all how to say good morning in languages from around the world.

We also had a lovely assembly this morning with Fr James in which he taught the children about the life of our Year 3 Class Saint, St Philip Neri, ahead of his feast day on Monday.

Story of the Week

At the same moment around the world By Clotilde Perrin



Music of the Week

Wavin' Flag
By K'Naan



Art of the Week

Several Circles
By Kandinsky



International Week

We have had such a wonderful week celebrating the children's huge variety of culture and heritage. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful learning and activities they have been doing in class for their class country focus. Well done, everyone!



International Evening

Well done to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children who put on a fabulous performance for our International Evening last night. Thank you for the amazing array of national dishes that we were all able to enjoy together. It was a very special evening that I hope the children will always cherish.



National Flowers Project

As part of International Week, the children have been taking part in a whole school 'National Flowers' project (which has also tied in very well with Chelsea Flower Show this week!). Every child has drawn their National Flower (from the country that they are from) and then painted them beautifully using watercolour paints. We will be displaying all of the flowers together to make a sensational spectacle for everyone to admire but, in the meantime, here are some beautiful results from our Year 6 artists.



Daffodil - Wales
By Isabelle



Rose - England
By Tamara



White Lily - Italy
By Bram



Red Poppy - Belgium
By Balthazar



Thistle - Scotland
By Grace



Sampaguita - Philippines
By Aeryn



Lotus - Vietnam
By James



Scabiosa Corolla - Mongolia
By Mandy

Year 3 First Confession

Well done to our Year 3 children who had their First Confession this week and carried it out beautifully. Here they are celebrating with a well-deserved biscuit in the sunshine afterwards!



Lost and Found is Overflowing!

The Lost and Found is bursting at the seams—with jumpers, PE clothes, blazers, pencil cases, and even a few berets! If your child is missing any items, please take a moment to check the Lost and Found corner during pick-up time, or encourage your child to have a look. You might just find that long-lost item!

Please note that any unlabelled clothing items that have been in the boxes for over a month will soon be washed, and some may be selected to be sold at our upcoming Second-Hand Sale events. Thank you for helping us keep our Lost and Found manageable! Agata & Ina

Tremendous Tudor Portraits by Year 5

Well done to our Year 5 Artists for these beautiful Tudor Portraits!



Map Quest Fortnight

After half term, every class will be taking part in our Map Quest fortnight for which the children have the opportunity to learn about different areas of the world, building on their developing locational knowledge. The children will be taking part in a number of activities in class and for homework and then also complete their quiz at the end of the two weeks to achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate.

A reminder of the topics by year group:

Reception:	North/South Pole, Equator & locate UK and London in the world
Year 1:	7 continents and 5 oceans (equator north/south pole)
Year 2:	4 countries/ capital cities of the UK; surrounding bodies of water
Year 3:	Rivers, mountains, regions of the UK; major UK cities
Year 4:	Europe
Year 5:	The Americas
Year 6:	Counties of UK

Class Photos



On Wednesday 11th June, the children will be having their whole class photographs. The photographs are being taken in St Luke's Park. Please make sure your child comes to school in clean uniform, the correct shoes (no trainers), grey socks for the boys and white socks for the girls. Long hair should be firmly tied up in case it is windy. The children will not wear their cardigans/jumpers for the photos. Year 5 and Year 6, who usually wear PE kits on Wednesdays, should come into school in full uniform rather than PE kits (Year 5 still need to bring their swimming kit in as usual) and Year 6 will do PE on Friday instead that week. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Chaplain's Corner - Fr James



The Feast of St Philip, coming up on 26th May, is an opportunity for all of us to entrust ourselves anew to this great saint, who is patron of our school and of the Oratory parish. St Philip was gifted with an attractive personality, full of sweetness, humour, and kindness, and it is thanks to these traits, perfected by the work of grace in his soul, that his apostolate was so successful. Whatever character we've been given, God uses us as instruments to spread the Gospel. All we need to do is to be docile to His action, by remaining close to Him through prayer and the sacraments. Grace never suppresses our natural traits but perfects them, and it is through our unique character that God leads us to holiness and makes us instruments of His Providential care for the world and ambassadors of Christ.

Feast of St Philip Mass Times

THE LONDON ORATORY
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OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT PHILIP
MONDAY 26TH MAY 2025



MASS: 7.00 am, 8.00 am (1962 Missal), 12.30 pm,

6.30 pm SUNG HIGH MASS (LATIN)

Preacher: The Revd. Patrick van der Vorst
Precentor Westminster Cathedral

Missa Osculetur me Lassus with period brass

TRIDUO DEVOTIONS TO SAINT PHILIP

THURSDAY 22ND MAY

6.30 pm Holy Hour & Benediction followed by Devotions

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

6.30 pm Devotions & Benediction

SUNDAY 25TH MAY

3.30 pm Vespers & Benediction followed by Devotions

Wednesday Word: [Wednesday 21st May 2025](#)

Statutory Assessments

Year 2 Assessments

Although now optional, our Year 2 children will still complete the KS1 SATs papers as a measure of progress and to address any areas of consolidation needed. These tests are far less formal than the Year 6 SATs, and the children will complete them in small groups with Mrs Halls & Mrs Reber the week before and week after half term. Please use the following link for more information for parents about the end of KS1 and KS2 assessments:

[KS1 Optional Tests Information for Parents](#)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check:

At the beginning of June, Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables check.

Please use the following link for more information:

[Year 4 Multiplications Check Information for Parents](#)

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check:

In the week beginning Monday 9th June, Year 1 will have their Phonics Screening Check. This is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. Please click on the link below for more information:

[Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents](#)

Reminder: Holiday dates

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Friday 18th July at 1.30pm.**

Families **should not** book holidays before this date. Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate. The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you.

Next Academic Year



If your child will be leaving at the end of the academic year, please let the school know in writing as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to a child on our waiting list.
Thank you.

Chirpy Chirpy Chicks in Reception

Our Reception children have been very excited to welcome some new fluffy members of Reception class this week. Our new mini Oratorians have made an excellent start to school life with Reception by their side!



Reception Plant Hunt at Chelsea Physic Garden

Well done Reception Class for showing The Oratory Way so brilliantly on your trip this week!



Help Needed for Oratory Church Summer Fete

As you will have seen from the Dates section above, the Oratory Summer Fete will be taking place on Saturday 21st June. Our two parents who run the second-hand uniform sales, Agata and Ignacia, will be running the stall and are currently organising a volunteer team to help on the day:

We're looking for anyone who can offer face painting, simple games, or any child-friendly activities. So far, we've arranged nail painting and temporary tattoos, but we would love to add more interactive options to keep the children engaged throughout the day.

Please do get in touch with Agata and Ina if you are able to help in any way on the day. They can be contacted on the following email address: pa.uniform.sale@gmail.com

Outstanding Payments – Summer Half Term

As we come to the end of another wonderful half term at the Oratory, please refer to your ParentPay account [ParentPay](#) for any outstanding dues on your account. We are always appreciative of your generosity to the children and the school community and would be grateful if these could be settled as soon as possible.

Thank you, School Office

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

Year 6 has had a fantastic week in the afterglow of finishing their SATs so strongly last week!

International Week has been our ongoing focus this week and the children have enjoyed participating in different activities to help their learning for our study of Mexico.

English: Analysing and investigating Mexican folk tales; Researching and presenting on the Day of the Dead. Reading , rehearsing and performing sections of Year 6 play.

Geography: Participating in Creative Perspectives project at Francis Holland School; Comparing and contrasting life in UK and Mexico; Understanding why people migrate.

RE: The Transforming Spirit: To understand how the Holy Spirit worked through the Apostles and reflect on how the experience of the Apostles can help us. ; To show understanding of the transformation that took place in Paul and link these teachings to my own life.

Art: Designing, sculpting and decorating clay Day of the Dead Masks. Drafting, sketching and water colour painting national flowers.

DT: Designing, preparing and evaluating Mexican cuisine.

Music: Waltz; Prepare songs for International Evening.

PE: Tennis & Gymnastics

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this half- term. It is difficult to believe that after the break, we will be in the final stretch! Well done everyone and enjoy your holiday!



Year 5

What a lovely week we've had celebrating International Week together! We focused on Australia and enjoyed learning everything from folk tales, geographical facts to a fun quiz! A big thank you to our supportive parents, Mrs. Australia and Mrs. Brazil, for enriching our learning experience. Here's a snapshot of our other learning moments:

- **In Maths**, we began exploring coordinates and learned how to translate them on a grid.
- **In English**, we used our understanding of imperative verbs to write informative recipes for Anzac biscuits (which were very tasty!). We also completed our Grammar and Punctuation assessment, where everyone showed great perseverance!
- **In DT**, we baked Anzac biscuits, tying into our Australian theme for the week.
- **In PE**, we continued developing our hand-eye coordination and practiced passing to rally with our peers.
- **In Art**, we completed our beautiful Elizabeth I portraits and created artwork representing our heritage using watercolours.
- **In Geography**, we located the different regions of Australia on the map.

Have a great weekend, Miss Cornes and Mrs Watkins



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another busy week to close out this half term.

English: We continued our work on speech and punctuating reported speech. We wrote our own news reports. We also read some traditional Irish folk tales as part of International week and our own procedure to make traditional Irish soda bread which we really enjoyed!

Maths: In maths, we focused on time, converting seconds to minutes, minutes to hours and practiced calculating elapsed time.

R.E: We discussed the challenges faced by the apostles. We also discussed what Saul lost and gained as a result of his conversion.

History/Geography: We looked at the geography of Ireland and discussed similarities and differences between Ireland and England. We looked at significant landmarks, Irish language and culture.

Art: We drew and decorated our own illuminated initials in the style of the Book of Kells. We also drew a draft sketch of our national flowers.

P.S.H.E: Following our previous discussion on wants and needs, we discussed what factors influence our spending and how we can make sensible choices.

Well done everyone on a brilliant week. I hope you all enjoy the half-term break.

Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

Year 3 has ended this half term off strong, persevering in their learning and showing off their knowledge in their assessments. This week we have learnt:

- In Maths, we have begun our topic of 'time'. We learnt the roman numerals up to 12 and told the time to five minutes.
- In English, we have focused on our reading skills with some reading comprehension assessments. We have also sequenced a series of events from our class novel, in preparation for a retelling.
- In RE, we read about The Ascension. We reflected on what Jesus's Ascension means for us and how we can prepare for Him.
- In History, we looked at Ancient Greek Olympics. We compared the Ancient Greek Olympics to our modern day Olympics.
- In Science, we explored the different skeletons that can be found. We looked at vertebrates and invertebrates.
- In PE, we practised our racket skills, building up to tennis.
- This International Week, we were very lucky to have had two parent visitors! We made and tasted some delicious Austrian cuisine of chicken schnitzel and apfelstrudel, from Markus. We also learnt all about Argentina from Paola, from Gauchos to Mate tea to tango, and to top it all off we had a taste of dulce de leche!
- Our country focus was Morocco this year. We learnt about their culture and their faith, and we were able to make our own tagine!



Year 2:

A huge well done to Year 2 who have completed the first week of their SATs assessments! They sat tests in Reading Comprehension and SPAG. We are so proud of the children and have been very impressed with the perseverance they been showing.

Here is what else the children have been up to:

In **English**, we have planned and written book reviews of 'The Secret of Black Rock'.

In **Maths**, we have been telling the time. We have focused on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past.

In **RE**, we discussed what happened during Pentecost. We asked questions about how the apostles felt and what they will do now. We thought about how the Holy Spirit helped the apostles.

In **Art**, we continued to look at the work of Alma Thomas. We used watercolour paints and drew inspiration from Alma Thomas' use of a warm colour palette in her own paintings.

In **PE**, we started to learn skills in rallying using tennis rackets. The children also took part in a wonderful dance workshop led by Lili's mum. The children really enjoyed learning routines and moving to the music.

For **International Week**, our country focus has been on China. We learnt all about the Chinese Zodiac and decorated traditional silk robes inspired by those worn by emperors. We listened to a traditional Chinese folk story and retold the story through illustrations on willow plates. We made our own Chinese lanterns and drew and painted our national flowers using watercolour paints.



Year 1:

We have had a very exciting week with International Week where we have been learning all about Kenya! Thank you so much to the parents who came in to teach us about Italy and Belarus. This is what else we have been up to:

Literacy: This week we have been planning and writing a diary entry as Funni focusing on first person, time adverbials and conjunctions. We have also been converting verbs into past and present tense using 'ed', 'ing' and 'er'.

Maths: This week in Maths we have been learning to recognise and find a half of objects, numbers and shapes. We have also been practically sharing objects between two.

PE: In PE we have been practising our jumping by having competitions focusing on distance and speed.

Religious Education: In Religious Education we have been learning that Jesus returned to Heaven after forty days. We have been linking our own experiences by remembering a time a loved one had to return to somewhere.

Art: This week in art we have been creating an Kenyan sunset picture with animal silhouettes.

DT: This week we have been reading Handa's surprise and creating fruit kebabs based on the fruits from the story.

International Week: We used watercolours to draw our countries flowers and made flags.

Phonics: This week we consolidated 'ch' and 'sh' and practiced for our Phonics Screening Check.

Have a lovely half term! Miss Wood



Reception:

We have had a very busy week of learning in Reception this week!

Literacy: The children have been enjoying reading the story of "Superworm". We have been retelling the story through actions and writing speech bubbles for the characters.

Phonics: We have continued practising reading tricky words and reading and writing sentences.

Maths: The children have been using their knowledge of shapes and positions to learn about tangrams.

UTW: This week, we have been focused on the country of India and looking at similarities and differences and celebrations in different cultures.

PSED: The children have enjoyed sharing their heritage and talking about where they are from.

EAD: The children have created Indian artwork using rangoli patterns and Mehndi hand patterns.

PD: This week, the children continued practising their kicking skills, dribbling and kicking accurately to their teammates.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK & ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to these children who have had an extra special week and received Pupil of the Week and Act of Kindness awards. Keep up the great work!

	Pupil of the Week	Act of Kindness
Reception	Matthias	Giulio
Year 1	Alex	Lavinia
Year 2	Cahl	Zixiao
Year 3	Alba	Philippe
Year 4	Noa	Oscar
Year 5	Lola A	Camille
Year 6	Joshua	Joseph
Special Act of Kindness		Tommy & Isabelle Y6

 **House of the Week** 

Yellow House

 **Class of the Week** 

Reception

(For showing The Oratory Way on their trip)