

Newsletter

Summer Term: 13th June 2025



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

Dear Parents,

School has been a buzz of learning this week with so much going on! Started off brilliantly by celebrating our Year 3 children and their First Holy Communion, as well as our hard-working Year 1 children showing off their phonics knowledge and then Year 4 wowing Miss McVeigh with their multiplications. On top of all this, the children have continued to endeavour with their MapQuest learning and should feel very proud of their well-earned certificates. Next week is set for more excitement, with our Year 6 children heading off on their much-anticipated and well-deserved school journey in the sunshine. This week's newsletter is full of important information and wonderful learning from the children so do enjoy reading on!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

June 2025

16-20 June Y6 School Journey
21 June Brompton Oratory Summer Fete
23 June Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
23 June Sports Week
25 June Junior Sports Day 9.30am (Battersea Arena)
26 June Sports For Champions Day
27 June Reception Class Assembly
27 June Year 1 Cake Sale
30 June Infant Sports Day at St Luke's 2pm

July 2025

1 July Choir performance to parents 9.15am
2 & 3 July Parents' Evening
3 July Oratory's Got Talent!
4 July Summer Mufti & Danceathon 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

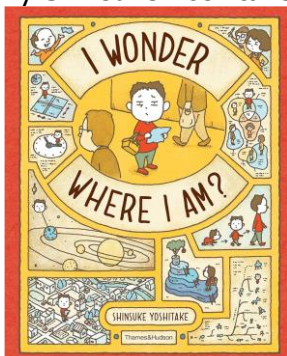
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: MapQuest

In assemblies this week we have been focusing on MapQuest. We read a story by Japanese author, Shinsuke Yoshitake, all about different sorts of maps, what they are used for and how they can help us. We studied out artwork of the week carefully, in which Matthew Cusick was inspired by Hokusai's 'The Great Wave' and has meticulously collaged pieces of a map together to create 'Ocean Storm'. We also tested our geographical knowledge with the geography quiz of all geography quizzes!

Story of the Week

I Wonder Where I Am?
By Shinsuke Yoshitake



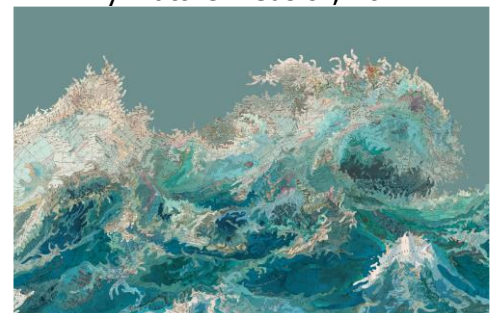
Music of the Week

Home Again
by Michael Kiwanuka



Art of the Week

Ocean Storm
By Matthew Cusick, 2024



First Holy Communion

What a very special week it has been for our Year 3 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday on what was a truly memorable day for all. Celebrations continued in school on Monday where the children enjoyed a delicious lunch and then put on a very reflective assembly in which they received their certificates and medals from Father James. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who put so much thought and effort into making the day so memorable - from the preparations to the celebrations. Special mention also to the Year 2 parents who did such a fabulous job of ensuring the reception on Saturday ran so seamlessly – thank you! And of course, a huge well done to all of the children for the reverence, maturity and pride they showed throughout – wonderful representatives of The Oratory Way!



Year 6 Surrealist Portraits

Our Year 6 artists have created these brilliant surrealist portraits using black and white photos of themselves which they then arranged to create these brilliant results.



Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale

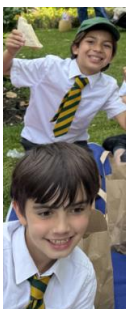


We will be having a coffee morning and uniform sale on
Monday 23rd June from 8.30am

in the school hall to which we have also invited any new families who will be joining us in September.

Year 3 Animal Workshop

Our very worthy Year 3 Lydia Lang Award winner from last summer very much enjoyed her treat for achieving this wonderful award with all of her class today. Year 3 took part in a fantastic animal workshop where they met mischievous meerkats, remarkable reptiles, skinny pigs and so many more! They were enthralled from start to finish and then headed off with a lovely picnic in the sunshine, topped off perfectly with a refreshing ice lolly. Lucky, Year 3 and well done to our Lydia Lang Award winner!



Juniors' Sports Day Wednesday 25th June

Battersea Athletics track

Our Juniors' sports day takes place on Wednesday 25th June from 9.30 until 12pm.

- We will be leaving school with the children at 9am promptly. Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.45am on this day.
- We hope you will come and watch! Please meet us at Battersea Park Athletics track at 9.30am.
- It is too early to see an accurate weather forecast, but if it is likely to rain, please ensure your child brings their school raincoat if they have one. Otherwise, please put suncream on your child in the morning, and ensure they wear their house-colour sun cap and bring extra water.
- School P.E. uniform must be worn, including white trainers.
- The pupils will sit in their house groups; see the small map to the right to find out where your child will be sitting. Parents: please feel free to wear your child's house colour, cheer loudly and enter the parents' races!
- We will be following the same new format as last year, with Year 5 and Year 6 starting with their track events while Year 3 and Year 4 take part in some fun field events inside the track. The two sets of year groups will then swap and then we will conclude with the final relays.
- We will then have the presentation to find out the winning house and present the trophy to the winning house Sports Captain.
- We will eat packed lunches in the park after Sports Day. Please make sure your child brings a lunch that is good for a picnic. Children who usually have school lunch will need a packed lunch please!
- The children will then walk back to school with their class teacher and pick up will be as usual on this day.

Stands

Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
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Track and field

Staff supervision at the stands:

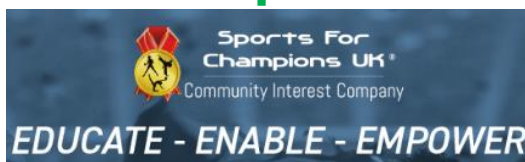
Red House: Miss Cornes
Yellow House: Mrs Bailey
Green House: Ms Schmitt
Blue House: Miss Mark

Infants' Sports Day Monday 30th June 2pm

On Monday 30th June from 2pm, the Infant pupils will enjoy their races at St Luke's pitches. Please meet us in the pitch nearest the Church. Parents wait on the left-hand side, and pupils sit opposite, on the right. Year 6 prefects will be assisting us. Remember that the children should wear their PE kits to school. Sun cream should be applied at home in the morning and they should bring their house-coloured school sun cap and a water bottle.

Parents- don't forget to wear sensible shoes so that you can take part in the adults' races!

Sports For Champions at Oratory



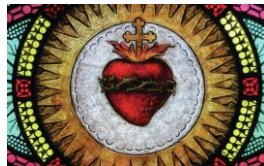
We are so excited to let you know that as part of our upcoming Sports Week, we will be supporting the fantastic charity *Sports for Champions*, which helps promote physical activity, resilience and well-being in schools by connecting pupils with professional athletes. The charity raises funds to support unsponsored athletes on their sporting journeys while also encouraging young people to lead healthier, more active lives. As part of our fundraising efforts, we are thrilled to be welcoming World Champion gymnast, Courtney Tulloch, to our school on the morning of Thursday 26th June. Courtney will be leading an assembly followed by a fun and inspiring fitness circuit for the children. He will share his journey to the top of his sport and the importance of determination and perseverance. You will have seen that every child brought home a sponsorship form yesterday – please do have a look at this which has more information on it. It promises to be a memorable and motivating morning for all of the children!

Geography Quiz!

Well done to these brilliant Oratorian Geographers who took part in a very tense Geography Quiz in assembly this morning! They all represented their houses brilliantly, scoring numerous points for their fantastic geographical general knowledge...from the capital of Canada to which country has the most islands...they performed fantastically well! Special congratulations to Green House who came out as the victorious team!



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion centres around Our Lord's heart as the symbol of His compassion for each one of us. While His heart is human, it is filled with the Divine Love that flows from His Divine Nature, such that it burns with unquenchable love for us. It is this love that drives Our Lord all the way to the Cross to redeem us from sin and make us worthy of Eternal Life. By remaining close to His Heart, His love for us flows into our own hearts, transforming them from hearts of stone, to hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26) that are to fully share in God's Love in Heaven.

Wednesday Word: [Wednesday 11th June 2025](#)

Summer School Council Week!

Our School Council team have been busy preparing lots of exciting events for our Summer School Council 'take-over' Week at the beginning of July. Here are a few of the highlights:

Wednesday 2nd July: Sponge School Council! More details to follow but don't miss the opportunity to sponge your school council (who willingly put themselves forward!) for their chosen charity. Well done, School Council!



Thursday 3rd July



Oratory's Got Talent!

– **Oratory's Got Talent!** The children can audition (if they would like to) over the next few weeks for 'Oratory's Got Talent'. The chosen finalists will then be performing in Oratory's Got Talent on Thursday 3rd July.

Friday 4th July – Sensational Summer Danceathon Day! As well as our Summer mufti day, this will also be our 'Danceathon Day' which will involve everyone stopping every hour and dancing to the same song across the school...there are even rumours of a teachers' dance...watch this space!

Year 6 School Journey



Our Year 6 children will be away for their very exciting residential trip at Marchants Hill in Surrey next week. Miss Cornes, Miss Oswald, Miss Carmody and Mr Powell will be accompanying them. In their absence, Year 5 will be taught by Mr Alton and Mrs Steinart and Year 3 by Mrs Nuttall and Mrs Reber.

We wish Year 6 a hugely enjoyable and memorable week (with hopefully lots of sunshine)! Good luck also to our Year 5 class who will have their first experience of being the leaders of the school for a week – we know you're going to rise to the challenge and do an excellent job!

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We're thrilled to be supporting the Oratory Church Summer Fête for the Fathers on Saturday, 21st June, and we need your help to make the Children's Tent (second-hand toys, books, and clothes) the success it always is!

We're currently collecting donations for the Children's Tent, and would greatly appreciate if families could contribute any 'AS NEW' toys or games (complete and in working condition), children books, as well as children's clothes in GOOD CONDITION.

Donations can be dropped off at the Porter's Office at the Oratory House, in a bag clearly labelled CHILDREN'S TENT. Alternatively, parents are also welcome to leave donations at the school office during drop-off or pick-up time.

Thank you!
Agata & Ina



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.

The Sound of Music

We're excited to share that TLC Property Management and The Earl's Courtiers, generous sponsors of our School Garden Party (10th July – more details to follow!), are once again staging a play at the Beatrix Potter Globe.

This year's production is The Sound of Music, and we are proud that several children from our school will be taking part.

There will be six performances over two weekends, and we encourage families to attend and support this wonderful local event.

Please see the attached flyer for performance dates and all the details you need - tickets are limited, so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

[Click here for tickets](#)

The Earls Courtiers Present

The Sound Of Music

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE
Suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp

WHERE
The Beatrix Potter Globe
Bolton's Place SW5

WHEN
Friday 27th June 7pm
Saturday 28th June 2pm
Saturday 28th June 7pm

Friday 4th July 7pm
Saturday 5th July 2pm
Saturday 5th July 7pm

TICKETS
Adults £15
Kids £10
(15 & under)

Get your tickets here

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This amateur production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organization.
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Expressive Charcoal Drawings by Art Club



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

It has been another brilliant week in Year 6! The children have enjoyed continuing their preparations for our end of year production and all eyes are now set on next week's School Journey! In the classroom, the children have focused on the following:

English: Reading focus: Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. Writing focus: informal letter planning, drafting and editing; diary entry planning, drafting and editing.

Maths: Scale factors relating to mapping; Measuring and calculating distances between two locations.

Science: To describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, with a focus on micro-organisms (bacteria, viruses and fungi).

Geography: Mapquest focus: English counties. Geography skills: Use and understand the need for O.S maps – symbols and keys; Measure straight line distances between two points on a plan and translate into km (or miles) using the scale; Select the most appropriate route to get from A to B and give directions; Understand the difference between a political and topographic map

RE: Called to Serve: To understand that we are all called to be disciples; To reflect on our response to this invitation. To reflect on how I can be a disciple of Jesus today.

Computing: Preparing a digital presentation for a specific audience using presentation tools.

Art: Photo realistic surrealist portraits.

Music: Waltz & singing practice for school production

PE: Athletics

School journey is a highlight for all of our Year 6 classes and this year will be no exception. Rest up and be ready for a week of fun in the sun!

Year 5

What a great week we have had! The children have been continuing to explore 'the Americas' for our Map Quest focus, and have been working hard towards their final quiz! Here is what else they have been up to this week:

In Maths, we have moved on to our second unit of 'Decimals'. We have been continuing to use effective strategies to help us when adding and subtracting decimals within and across 1.

In English, linked with our text 'Tom's Midnight Garden', we have been discussing Tom's experience between his own time and Hatty's time. We have been debating the question: Should Tom remain in Hatty's time and stay in the Midnight Garden?

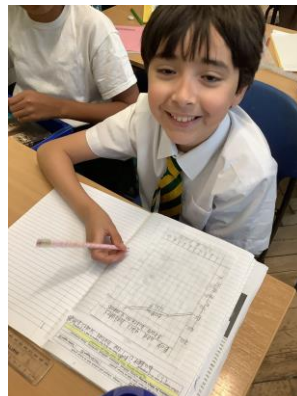
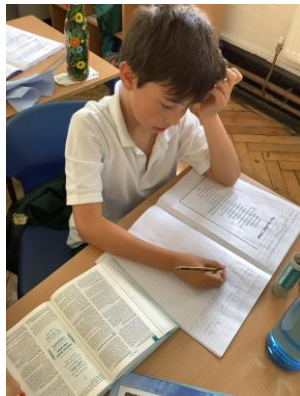
In RE, we have been learning about what the Church teaches about other faiths.

In French, we have been looking at different modes of transport.

In Science, we have analysed, interpreted and evaluated graphs on human growth.

In Geography, we have been looking at time zones as part of our work for Map Quest.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Cornes and Mrs Watkins



Year 4:

Year 4 have worked brilliantly across all subjects this week.

English: We continued reading our novel 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. We made predictions during our reading. We wrote a diary entry in role as Odd recounting a strange event and also practised adding suffixes to words and using these in our writing.

Maths: We continued our learning of shapes this week. We classified different polygons, learned about lines of symmetry and completed symmetrical figures and patterns.

R.E: We discussed what a sacrament is and how the sacraments help us on our journey through life and faith.

Mapquest: We have been learning all about the geography of Europe and have been using maps to learn about bordering countries, population, seas and mountains and also have discussed the European Union.

Science: We continued our learning of the digestive system and looked at the teeth and mouth as the first step. We learned about the different types of teeth and their functions.

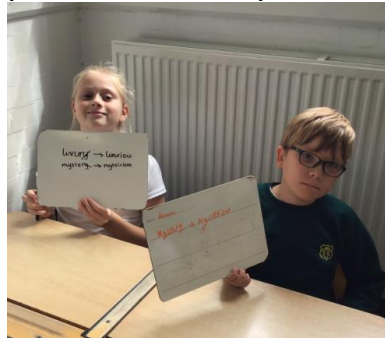
P.E: We started athletics and learned about good running technique. We put this into practice in different races and relays.

French: We learned new vocabulary on different countries and practised saying where we live and where we are going.

P.S.H.E: We discussed how we grow and change over time and changes that take place during puberty.

Art: We used clay to make brooches inspired by Anglo-Saxon brooches.

Well done all on a busy week! I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

Year 3 has had the most wonderful week! Beginning with First Holy Communion Lunch and Assembly, following with a trip to Chelsea Physic Garden and ending with the most incredible animal workshop and picnic to celebrate the Lydia Lang Award winner in our class.

This week we have also learnt:

- In Maths, we have used am and pm to tell the time. We also learnt the number of days in each month, year and leap year.
- In English, we have started our new class novel 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We made predictions and inferences.
- In RE, we thought about what it means to be a Christian and follow in Jesus's footsteps.
- In Art, we made our own sketches of the Parthenon.
- In Map Quest, we have explored the regions, major cities, mountains and rivers of the UK.
- In Science, we were lucky enough to go to Chelsea Physic Garden to begin our topic of Plants. We explored the parts of a plant and learnt all about seed dispersal.
- In French, we learnt about the parts of the body and we were even able to sing heads, shoulders, knees and toes in French!



Year 2:

We have had a great week in Year 2! The children have enjoyed the second week of Map Quest and they have been putting lots of effort into their learning. Here is what the children have been up to:

In **English**, we have started a new text 'Bear and Bird'. We have been continuing to make inferences and Bear and Bird and have been comparing the two characters. We completed a dictogloss, taking down information about how to look after plants in preparation for writing a letter of advice next week.

In **Maths**, we have been continuing to tell the time. We have focused on telling time to the nearest 5 minutes. We have also been reading and interpreting pictograms.

In **RE**, we learnt about who the First Christians were and what they did. We thought about how they followed Jesus' footsteps and reflected on how we could do the same in our own lives.

In **Science**, we started our new topic on 'Plants'. We planted sunflower seeds and we are excited to observe them as they grow!

In **Geography**, we thought about what jobs people might do in London and Tobermory and compared them.

In **Art**, we continued to look at the work of J.M.W. Turner. We used watercolour paints and drew inspiration from Turner's use of a cool colour palette to create mood in his own paintings.

In **PSHE**, we learnt about what it means to be responsible and we thought about how our behaviour can affect others.

For **Computing and MapQuest**, we researched information about the countries of the United Kingdom and we created information posters about them.



Year 1:

I have been exceptionally proud of the children for completing their Phonics Screening Check this week. Their hard work and perseverance paid off! This is what else we have been up to:

English: This week in Literacy we have been comparing different locations, writing letters of advice and have been describing a character using the conjunction 'because'.

Maths: In Maths we have been comparing and finding quarter of objects, numbers and shape.

Geography: For our MapQuest topic we have been finding the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We have learnt about Brazil and learnt about the compass points. The children then plotted a journey on a map.

Art: In Art we designed our own abstract paintings and printed them using cardboard and string.

Religious Education: In RE we began to understand how compassion motivated many people to act for the good of others. We also reflected on how we could help one another.

Phonics: We continued to consolidate our sounds.

Science: In Science we continued with our fortnightly weather chart and compared the difference in sunlight between Summer and Winter. We also discussed what the differences were between the two seasons.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Wood, Ms Fyers and Ms Leclercq



Reception:

It has been another busy week of learning in Reception!

Literacy: This week, we have been retelling the story and thinking in role of the different characters in the story.

Phonics: We have continued to practise reading and writing words with consonant blends.

Maths: This week, we have been learning about dividing and sharing into equal groups.

UTW: This week, the children have been learning facts about underwater creatures.

EAD: The children have been using painting, cutting and sticking skills to create jellyfish and underwater shadow pictures!

PD: We have continued playing games for listening and understanding.

RE: This week, we have been discussing the First Christians, and how we are all apart of Gods family.



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	Alberto	William
Year 1	Ellis	Lily
Year 2	Olimpia	Myles
Year 3	Carmen	Alvaro B
Year 4	Kai	Claudio
Year 5	Max	Raphael
Year 6	Matteo	Frankie
Special Act of Kindness		Isabella (Y3)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Blue House	Year 2 (For all of their endeavour and brilliant effort!)