

Newsletter

Summer Term: 6th June 2025



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

Dear Parents,

The children came back from half term ready and raring to go for this final half term of the year and what a week it's been! With MapQuest in full flow in every class, Year 3 making their final preparations for their First Holy Communion in the most exemplary manner, super swimming galas and then Year 1 topping it all off with a wonderful assembly this morning!

The children have been working hard in their MapQuest learning which will continue into next week too. We wish all of our Year 3 children and families a very special day for their First Holy Communion tomorrow and many thanks in advance to the Year 2 parents who are helping on the day.

Wishing you all a very special Feast of Pentecost on Sunday.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

June 2025

- 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

- 1 July** Choir performance to parents 9.15am
- 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

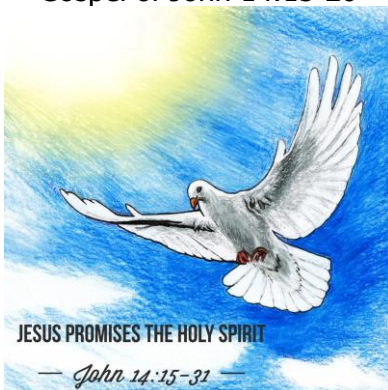
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: Pentecost & MapQuest

In assemblies this week we have been focusing on the Feast of Pentecost as well as introducing our MapQuest topics. We learnt about how God sent us a special Helper who is kind and gentle, patient and loving - the Holy Spirit. We talked about how, if we listen to the Holy Spirit and are Led by His voice, we will grow well and bear the fruits of the spirit. The children gave some excellent examples of how they can follow the fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as self-control and focusing on how we react to different situations.

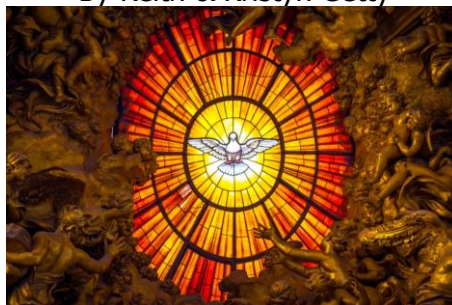
Story of the Week

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit
Gospel of John 14:15-26



Music of the Week

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God
By Keith & Kristyn Getty



Art of the Week

The Descent of the Holy Spirit,
Print by Gustave Doré



Sensational Superheroes!

Well done to our very worthy Class of the Week, Year 1, for their wonderful assembly all about inspirational people and all that they have done and continue to do to help us. They taught us so many fascinating facts, sang beautifully and certainly put on a superhero-worthy performance – well done, Year 1!



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! 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 21st June – 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!

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!

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.

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.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, which occurred ten days after the Ascension, on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost—a feast that celebrated the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. This is significant because the New Pentecost fulfills the Old: through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the New Law is established. This Law is no longer written on tablets of stone, but upon our hearts, through Baptism and Confirmation. The New Law is the Holy Spirit Himself, given to us; His action within us enables us to keep the moral law as a living expression of our love for God, and thereby conforms us to Christ, who kept the law perfectly in loving obedience to the Father.

Mass at Little Oratory this Sunday

There will be a Mass at the Little Oratory at 11.15am this Sunday. If your child would like to sing in the Mass, please ensure they arrive at 10.45am for a rehearsal.

First Holy Communion



Please pray for our Year 3 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time tomorrow. This is a very special day for the children and their families on their spiritual journey and we wish them well. The children had a rehearsal this week so they are aware of where to meet before the Mass and where to sit in Church. Please remember that the children should be taken to the burgundy door at the back of the courtyard between 10.15 and 10.30am and parents and guests should take their seats in the main Church once the morning Mass has finished.

Parents are invited to Monday's celebration lunch in school at 1pm, followed by the assembly at 2.30pm where the children will be presented with their certificates and gifts by Father James.

Wednesday Word: Wednesday 21st May 2025

Superb Swimmers!



A huge well done to our wonderful Oratorian swimmers in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who all represented the school superbly in a swimming gala. They showed The Oratory Way from beginning to end and won many of their races – well done spectacular swimmers!

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.

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Statutory Assessments

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](#)

Map Quest Fortnight

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the first week of 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 are taking part in a number of activities in class and for homework and then will also complete their quiz at the end of next week 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!

Well done Year 2!

Well done to our brilliant Year 2 children who have now finished all of their assessments and finished the week with a very well-deserved bubble party on the roof!



Year 6 Visit to Ellesmere House Care Home

As part of our work with the TimeGivers charity, half of our Year 6 children (the other half are going in a couple of weeks) visited Ellesmere House Care Home this week. Mr Alton returned beaming with pride in the way in which the children had demonstrated The Oratory Way on their visit. Georgina, from TimeGivers, sent me the following email about our wonderful Year 6 children:

'I just wanted to let you know that we had a wonderful visit to Ellesmere House with some of the Y6 students yesterday. The children were truly a credit to the school – thoughtful, compassionate, and so willing to step out of their comfort zones to engage with the residents. It was a joy to see them chatting, helping, and showing such kindness - their presence made a real impact and brought smiles to everyone! They're really looking forward to welcoming the rest of the class in a couple of weeks.'



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

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

It has been a wonderful first week back after the half term break. The Year 6 children have returned with plenty of energy and have enjoyed the variety of learning that we have done - both inside and outside of the classroom. Here is a summary of what has been covered:

English: Text Focus: Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah. Writing focus: Analysing and organising information from original sources. Writing informally from the perspective of a character. Drama: preparing and auditioning for end of year dramatic production!

RE: The Transforming Spirit: To understand and reflect on how the popes lead us to Jesus.

Science: Living Things & Their Habitats: Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences. Understanding the life and work of Carl Linnaeus and the impact of the Linnean classification system.

Geography: Mapquest: To know and use the 8 points of the compass; To identify and locate the English counties; To use index and contents pages to find information in an atlas; To use 4 figure and 6 figure grid references; To know and understand the importance of the Prime/Greenwich meridian and how it relates to time zones; To select the most appropriate route from A to B and give directions using grid references.

PSHE: Relationships, health and sex education: understanding human reproduction.

Computing: Using digital resources to produce a presentation suited for a particular audience.

Art: Cubism - creating photorealistic portraits.

Music: Waltz & School production song preparation

PE: Athletics

Next week, we will be full steam ahead with our school production rehearsals as well as our second week of Mapquest! It will also be the final week before School Journey!

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week this week and they have been very focused for their second week of assessments. The children have also 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, as part of a focus on 'Position and Direction', we have been reading and plotting coordinates and have been investigating translation, reflection and lines of symmetry in shapes.

-In English, linked with our text 'Tom's Midnight Garden', we have been comparing the main character's Tom and Hattie and understanding the author's choices for these character's traits.

-In Geography, as part of our Map Quest focus, we have been exploring the countries of South and North America. We have also been learning about 4 and 6 figure grid references.

-In French, we have been locating cities in the countries of North and South America.

-In PSHE, we have been looking at the risks of non-illegal and illegal drugs.

-In PE, we have been looking forward to Sports Day, practicing our athletic and team work skills to help us on the big day!

-In Art, we studied heraldry and designed our own heraldic symbols.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Cornes and Mrs Watkins



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another busy week. Here's a look at what we have been working on.

English: In English, we started our new book Odd and the Frost Giants. We made predictions based on our cover and made inferences about our new protagonist Odd, based on our initial chapters. We practised using and identifying the difference between plural and possessive -s.

Maths: We have started to explore shape this week. We learned compared different types of angles and also discussed and categorized equilateral, isosceles and scalene triangles. We have also been working hard on our timetables!

R.E: We discussed the importance of our church family and how our parish community can help us to be followers of Jesus.

French: We discussed our favourite hobbies and our schedules this week. We wrote paragraphs describing our weekly activities and what activities we are going to do in the near future.

History: We continued our exploration of the Anglo-Saxons and examined some of the artefacts discovered at Sutton Hoo.

Geography: We started our Mapquest journey this week. Using our maps and atlases, we learned about the continent of Europe, the different countries on the continent and also about the EU.

P.E: We developed our ball handling and passing skills along with our teamwork through a variety of different games.

Art: In art, we completed our national flowers, first sketching and completing them in watercolour. Well done everyone on a fantastic week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Miss McVeigh

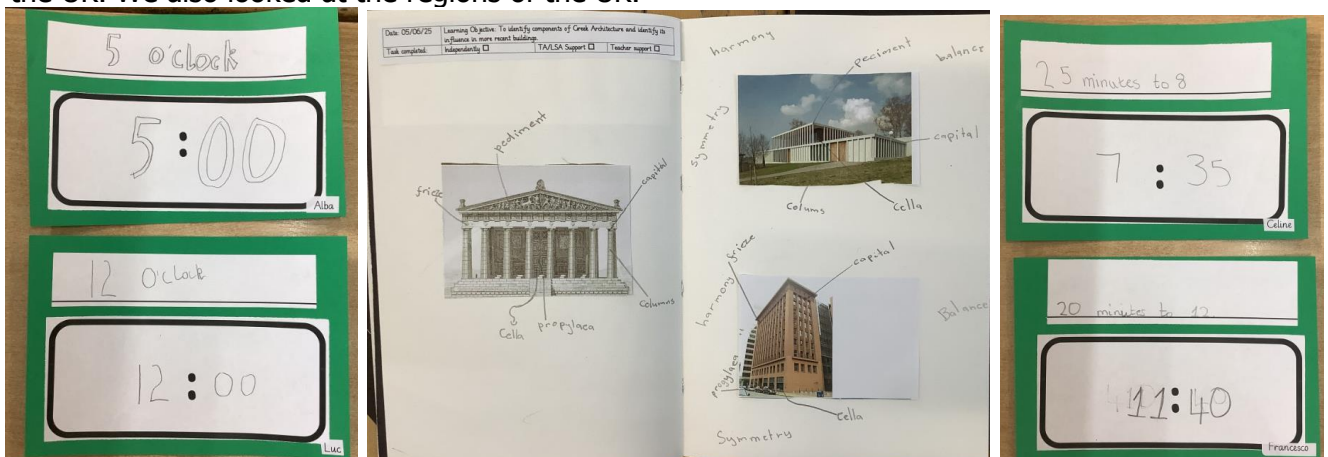


Year 3:

Year 3 has had an extremely busy week learning about regions of the UK in Map Quest, worked hard in our assessments and, most importantly, preparing for their First Holy Communion.

This week we have learnt:

- In Maths, we have completed our Maths assessments, showing off our skills we have learnt this year. We have also learnt how to tell the time on a digital clock.
- In English, we have created a detailed recount of Omar and Daniel's adventure across London.
- In RE, we learnt about the Pentecost. We thought deeply about how the apostles must have felt.
- In History, we looked at the Ancient Greek gods. We learnt about what they were prayed to for.
- In Art, we looked at the architecture of the Parthenon and made sketches from it.
- In PE, we practised our running skills in relay races.
- In Map Quest, we have learnt how to use an atlas, and used them to place major rivers and mountains on the UK. We also looked at the regions of the UK.



Year 2:

A huge well done to Year 2 who have completed the last week of their SATs assessments! They sat tests for Maths this week. We are so proud of the children who have worked very hard in the lead up. They have shown wonderful perseverance and tried their very best! We finished the week with a little bubble party on the roof! Here is what else the children have been up to:

In **English**, we have started a new text 'Bear and Bird'. We have been making inferences about the two main characters in the story, focussing on what they might be thinking and feeling.

In **Maths**, we have been telling the time. We have focused on telling time past the hour and to the hour.

In **RE**, we continued to think about what happened during Pentecost. We created our own artwork inspired by religious artworks depicting the Pentecost. We thought about what symbols we could include to link with scripture.

In **Science**, we learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly.

In **Geography**, we compared the geographical features of London and the seaside town of Tobermory.

In **Art**, we learnt about the life and work of J.M.W. Turner. We looked at how he uses colour in his watercolour paintings to create mood.

In **PSHE**, we thought about our needs as we grow and change. We identified how many of our needs change as we grow but some stay the same.

For **MapQuest**, we learnt the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities and we identified the bodies of water surrounding the UK. We also used an atlas and symbols to identify the key mountains and rivers of these countries.



Year 1:

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 1. Miss Fyers, Ms Leclercq and myself were exceptionally proud of the children in their assembly. They worked so hard! This is what we have been learning:

English: We have been started a new new book called the Yeti and the Bird by Nadia Shireen. This week we have been focusing on using the conjunction 'because'. We have also been using commands to write a letter of advice to the Yeti to make new friends. We introduced the suffix 'est' to describe the Yeti.

Maths: In Maths this week we have continued our fractions topic. We recapped on halves and introduced quarters to the children.

History: In History we compared Mary Seacole with Florence Nightingale.

MapQuest: In our first week of MapQuest we have learnt about the continents: Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia (Oceania) and North America. We have been using Maps to locate the different continents and some countries within these continents. They have been learning about currency, flags, traditional food and additional information.

Religious Education: In RE this week we have been learning about our new topic of 'Miracles'. We retold the story of Jesus calming the sea of Gailee and discussed our own experience of when we turn to Jesus for help and support in times of need.

Science: In Science we have been conducting an experience where we are recording the weather over the next fortnight. The children learnt about weather symbols and how to read a weather report.

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Wood



Reception:

Reception have had a great first week back and are looking forward to a busy final term in Reception!

Literacy: We have been reading our class text "The Rainbow Fish" where the children have been retelling the story and writing sentences to describe the rainbow fish.

Phonics: This week, we have been practising reading and writing consonant blends such as cross, green and train.

Maths: This week, the children have been practising using positional language and giving instructions.

UTW: Our focus this week has been on MapQuest and learning about the equator and the poles.

EAD: The children have enjoyed printing sparkling scales to make their own rainbow fish!

C&L: This week, the children have been using the role play area of the Travel Agents and the arctic table to use new language and knowledge of the world and the poles.

PD: The children have been playing listening and understanding games, where they had to follow the rules and work as a team.

PSED: This week, we used the story of the rainbow fish to discuss how to be a good friend.



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	Daniella	Leo
Year 1	Adele	Clementine
Year 2	Vincent	Darin R
Year 3	Tina	Luc
Year 4	Claudio	Ava-Grace
Year 5	Ariel	Anna
Year 6	Anthony	Giovanni
Special Act of Kindness		Philippe (Y3)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Green House	Year 1 (For their superb assembly!)