

Newsletter

Summer Term: 18th July 2025



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly special final week of the year. One full of happy memories, emotional farewells and one that has certainly filled me with pride as I have witnessed every single child fulfil our school motto of togetherness and unity in such a wonderful way. We celebrated our tremendous Year 6 children in assembly this morning – our brilliant Owls who are more than ready to spread their wings and fly onto their exciting new adventures. We also celebrated and gave huge thanks to Miss Sharp, Miss Leclercq, Ms Scmitt and Mr Powell who are off to pastures new. As we always say, once an Oratorian, always an Oratorian and we know that every child, staff member or parent leaving our school today, will always keep the Oratory in their hearts. You are always very welcome here as members of our Oratory family.

I would also like to thank each and every member of staff who are a hugely dedicated and remarkable team and place the children at the very centre of everything that they do. I know that they'd all like to join me in thanking you all for your very kind cards, gifts and words – it is hugely appreciated. Thank you all for your wonderful continued support of our very wonderful school.

With my very best wishes for a spectacular summer,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

September

1 & 2 Sept Inset days (school closed to pupils)

3 Sept Children return

4 Sept Reception Group 1 start 9.15am

8 Sept Reception Group 2 start 9.15am

16 Sept Start of year Mass at Brompton Oratory 10am

19 Sept Meet the teachers evening 6.30pm (school hall)

This week's theme: GIVING THANKS & MOVING ON

This week we have focused on what we are thankful for and thinking about the next chapter, whether that is a new class, a new school or even a new country! We particularly celebrated our wonderful Year 6 children as they embark on their exciting adventures of secondary school. Aim high and fly, wise Owls!



Sensational Sherlock & Cinders!

We were certainly wowed by our wonderful Year 6 children in their West End-worthy performance of Sherlock & Cinders. A wonderful finale to their last few days – well done to the entire Year 6 team!



Magnificent Mosaics!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with Adam Stanley (mosaic artist) over the last few weeks to create these stunning mosaics. Our very smart school logo one will be displayed in the entrance of the school to welcome visitors; and our very special 'Pilgrims of Hope' (using all of the children's brilliant designs) will be proudly displayed on the stairs for the children to admire every day.

We very much look forward to continuing to work with Adam next year to create more magnificent mosaics. Well done, children and thank you, Adam!



Special Visit from our smallest Oratorian

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed meeting Mr Alton's adorable Emmett yesterday! Emmett also enjoyed his first visit to school and smiled his way round the whole school...much to the delight of all of the children!



Summer Building Works

We are pleased to announce that essential building works will begin soon to repair our school's windows.

This much-needed project will help enhance the overall environment for our pupils and staff.

Work is scheduled to commence over the summer and will continue throughout the autumn term. While we are excited about these improvements, we would like to make families aware that there may be some small disruption due to scaffolding around parts of the school especially in the side playground during this period.

The leadership team and governors are working closely with contractors and will continue to update you on the progress of the works. Watch this space for some much-anticipated and smart new windows!

WeSee Education Parent Masterclasses Supporting Connection at Home

Looking for ways to better understand and support your teen (or pre-teen)?

These short, [practical masterclasses](#) — created by [WeSee Education](#) and based on recent school workshops — offer encouragement, insight, and tools to help deepen your connection and respond more calmly and confidently to parenting challenges.

Click on the links above to access this excellent support.

SEPTEMBER SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a reminder that given that September is often still warm, children can return to school in their summer uniform for the first part of the Autumn term if they would like to.
Thank you!

Beautiful Embroidery by Year 5



Parent Reps

First of all, I know you will all want to join me in showing our appreciation and huge thanks to this year's parent reps. Your support to the school has been so valuable and I am incredibly grateful to you all –
thank you!

I am pleased to let you know the parent reps for next academic year.

Thank you so much to everyone that offered their help.

Reception: Marta Suarez Martinez (mother of Jaime) and Pilar Moroto (mother of Lucas)

Year 1: Richard Evans (father of Isabella) and Lisa Bajardi Ambrosini (mother of Renzo)

Year 2: Katya Aleksandrovich (mother of Alex) & Sirio Quintavalle (father of Ludovica)

Year 3: Marion Pritchard (mother of Hayden & Xander) and Egle Bareckas (mother of Olivia)

Year 4: Alvaro Sainz (father of Alvaro S) and Jaime Gonzalez Montes (father of Carmen)

Year 5: May HOUNG Tran (mother of Alex N) and Ignacia Simonetti (mother of Baltazar)

Year 6: Rosario Orchard Vergara (mother of Rosario) and Tiffany Moody (mother of Maria Sole)

Thank you all and I look forward to working with you all in September!

Outstanding Payments – Summer Term

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at the Oratory, please refer to your ParentPay account [ParentPay](#) for any outstanding dues. 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 before the break for the summer.

School Office

Wednesday Word: [16th July 2025](#)

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

What a final chapter for our Amazing Year 6s! This week was a fitting finale for the incredibly talented Leavers of 2025. On Tuesday afternoon, they wowed the younger children and school staff with their dress rehearsal of *Sherlock and Cinders*. Even with how brilliant that was, they saved their best for last: a show-stopping performance on Wednesday evening to parents and families. With splendid singing, awe-inspiring acting and loads of laughs, the children did not miss a step and we could not be prouder of them. For all parents and families who attended, thank you for your wonderful support.

Thursday afternoon brought around one of Oratory's most special traditions: Leavers' Mass. The Year 6 children were rightly celebrated for all they have accomplished both this year and throughout their entire time with us here at Oratory. It is always a bittersweet moment sending our Year 6 children off at the end of the year - we will miss them very much, but know that they are ready!

Congratulations on a brilliant Oratory journey - we were lucky to have you! Don't forget to come visit!



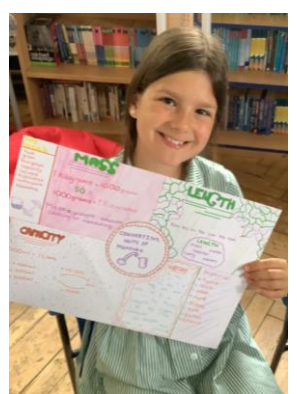
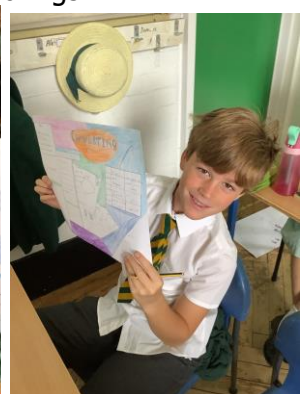
Year 5

What a fantastic final week we've had in Year 5! The children have made the most of their last days of the term and shown such enthusiasm, creativity, and maturity. We are so proud of everything they have achieved this year!

Here's what we've been up to during our final week:

- **In English**, we reflected on the theme of *change* and wrote some beautifully thoughtful poems. We also had great fun using our drama skills to perform plays in groups – the children showed wonderful expression and teamwork!
- **In Maths**, we consolidated our learning on converting units of measurement, showing great accuracy and confidence in our final lessons.
- **In RE**, we attended our special Leavers' Mass, a reflective and meaningful way to mark the end of the year. We also proudly accepted our new *prefect roles* – a big well done to everyone for stepping up with responsibility and pride!
- **In Science**, we completed our end-of-unit assessments, showing how much we've learned and remembered throughout the term.

It's been a wonderful year full of growth, learning, and memorable experiences. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and to parents and carers for your continued support. Have a restful and enjoyable summer break – we can't wait to see what Year 6 brings!



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a wonderful final week of the year, showing that they are ready for the adventures of Year 5!

English: We wrote book reviews on our class text 'Odd and the Frost Giants.'

Maths: We consolidated our learning on written methods for addition and subtraction.

R.E: We researched Our Lady's Feast days and created information posters on our chosen Feast day.

History: We discussed Viking life and culture, exploring their religion, hobbies and clothing.

Science: We continued our learning on food chains.

P.E: We practised our batting and fielding skills during rounders.

Art & DT: We designed, cut out and sewed felt pencil toppers.

P.S.H.E: We thoroughly enjoyed spending some time in Year 5 with Miss Cornes where we learnt all about life in Year 5.

Well done on a fabulous year and have a well-deserved and superb summer holiday! Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

I am incredibly proud of how hard Year 3 have worked this year, all the way up to the end. Well done, Year 3!

This week we have learnt:

- In Maths, we interpreted and drawn our own pictograms and bar charts. We were also able to interpret two-way tables.
- In English, we have used our writing skills that we have learnt over the year to create 'How to Survive Year 3' guides for the next class.
- In RE, we thought about the importance of prayer. We looked at the sermon on the hill and the meaning behind the 'Our Father' prayer.
- In Art/Science, we spent some time in St Luke's spotting the plants and sketching them.
- In PE, we played some great games of cricket.
- In History, we explored the Greek alphabet.



Year 2:

We have had a wonderful final week of term in Year 2! A huge well done to all of the children for all of their hard work this year. We are so proud of them! Wishing everyone a lovely and well-deserved summer break! Here is what we have been up to for our final week:

In **English**, we made inferences about how Bird might be feeling and wrote diary entries in the role of Bird. We also mapped out a story of our own 'Bear and Bird' adventure!

In **Maths**, we have been consolidating our understanding of place value and addition and subtraction.

In **RE**, we finished our Holy Spirit art.

In **Science**, we have continued to observe the growth of bulbs over time in our classroom.

In **Geography**, we compared the human and physical features of London and Banjul in The Gambia. We enjoyed a fruit salad of strawberries and mangoes to compare the fruit grown from both climates.

In **Art**, we carefully observed still life of oranges and lemons using watercolour paints.



Year 1:

It has been a wonderful last week of Year 1. We will miss the children and hope you all have a restful summer! This is what we have been up to this week:

Maths: This week we have been learning about time. We have been finding o'clock and half past. We have been drawing different times on empty clocks and answering written time problems.

Literacy: in Literacy this week we have been writing descriptive settings. We thought of a new place that Mini Rabbit would travel to on her way to find cake. We also used our five senses and adjectives to describe the setting.

Religious Education: this week we wrote prayers to give thanks to the adults who have helped us to learn this year.

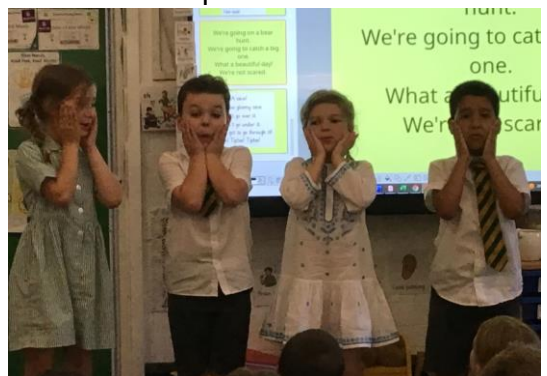
History: we learnt about why Amelia Earhart is significant.

PE: We played some attack based games and did some calming yoga.

PSHE: We discussed our worries and things we were looking forward to in Year 2 and wrote a letter to our new teacher to let her know about us.

Art: we created a piece of art using different coloured dots and paints. The skill we focused on this week was shading.

Have a wonderful Summer. Best wishes, Miss Wood, Ms Fyers and Ms Leclercq



Reception:

Reception have had a lovely last week to end their first year in Reception!

Phonics: We have been practising reading and writing tricky words and sentences using our phonics sounds.

Literacy: We have discussed our favourite books and characters that we have read throughout the year.

Maths: We have been consolidating learning on number to 20 and have been revising odd and even numbers.

PSED: We have been talking about our favourite memories in Reception and moving onto Year 1.

PD: The children enjoyed using running, jumping, crawling and climbing skills in an obstacle course this week!

EAD: The children have been busy painting pictures of pirate ships and treasure islands.

We are very proud of the progress and dedication to learning that the children have shown throughout the year and thank you for your support along the way!



Goodbye and Good Luck to our wonderful Year 6 Leavers!
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*Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams.
Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need.*