

Newsletter

Summer Term: 4th July 2025



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see many of you in school this week, both for our Infants' Sports Day on Monday afternoon and of course for Parents' Evenings. No doubt you read your children's reports with pride; I certainly enjoyed reading about all of the excellent progress they have all made when I wrote my comments on them.

Well done to every member of our School Council who have led the week in their usual exemplary manner, organising brilliant activities for everyone to enjoy together. The children looked fantastic in their 'summer danceathon' outfits today and very much enjoyed dancing the day away!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

**With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart**

Upcoming dates

July 2025

7 July Choir performance to parents

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

September

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

3 Sept Children return

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

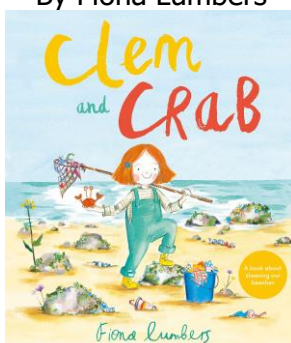
This week's theme: SUMMER SCHOOL COUNCIL WEEK

School Council have taken the lead this week. They started the week by providing all of the details of the exciting events that they organised...firstly, willingly putting themselves forward for 'Sponge School Council' (all in the name of charity!), then the much-anticipated 'Oratory's Got Talent' and then onto today's brilliant 'Danceathon Day'! Well done to our wonderful School Council team for organising such a fun-filled week that has been hugely enjoyed by the whole school.

Story of the Week

Clem and Crab

By Fiona Lumbers



Music of the Week

Summer

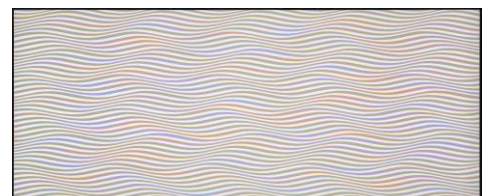
By Antonio Vivaldi



Art of the Week

To a Summer's Day

By Bridget Riley



Summer School Council Week!

What a fantastic week it's been, all thanks to the excellent efforts of our wonderful School Council children! From the hilariously popular 'Sponge School Council' (which they bravely took on in the name of charity and seemed to thoroughly enjoy having wet sponges hurled at them!) to a terrific Talent Show that showcased some amazing skills, and finally today's very fun Danceathon, the week has been full of our Oratory Way school spirit and hugely enjoyed by all. A huge well done and thank you to our School Council for their organisation and enthusiasm in making it a very special week for all!

Sponge School Council



If you haven't already done so, please log onto your [Parent Pay](#) account to make your much appreciated donations for Sponge School Council & the Danceathon Day – we ask for a minimum of £2 donation for each child – thank you!

Oratory Definitely Has Got Talent!

What a wonderful 'Oratory's Got Talent' show we were all treated to yesterday. The children were transfixed from beginning to end from superb singing to mesmerising magic, dazzling dancing to magnificent musicians ... the talent was endless and so enjoyed by us all. Another huge congratulations to all of the children for having the courage to perform so brilliantly. And of course, an extra congratulations to the two very worthy runners up and winners!



Danceathon Day!

The children have certainly danced the day away today ... starting in assembly with a whole school boogie, they have then been stopping in their classes throughout the day to show off their impressive dance moves! We then finished the day with another whole school dance before hometime. Well done, dazzling dancers!



Music Concerts



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

We are very happy to invite parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to a music performance in the hall on **Wednesday 9th July at 2pm.**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

We will then be inviting parents of children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to a music performance in the hall at **2.30pm.**

This will be an opportunity for you to see just how much brilliant learning the children have been doing in their music lessons with Miss Buller.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

In July we concentrate our devotions on the Precious Blood of Jesus. This devotion reminds us that our salvation was bought at the highest cost possible: God the Son made man shed His Blood to the last drop, to redeem us from sin and make us heirs to Heaven. Of course, He could have redeemed us without suffering, and yet He decides to suffer for us so as to give us tangible proof of His love for us: sacrificing one's self for the beloved is the highest possible expression of love. The Christian life can be summed up as responding to God, Who loved us first, by loving Him back; accepting His love by opening our hearts to Him.

Wednesday Word: [Wednesday 2nd July 2025](#)

Leavers' Mass for Y5 & Y6

Families of children in Y5 and Y6, please put **Thursday 17th July at 2pm** in your diaries as we will be celebrating our very special Leavers' Mass, bidding farewell to our leavers, as well as awarding Y5 with their Prefect roles.

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.

Parent Reps

As we are now approaching the time of year when we start to finalise arrangements for Parent Reps for next academic year, then please do let me know if you are interested in becoming a parent rep for your child's class and of course if current reps are happy to continue. Many thanks!

Infants' Sports Day

We had a sizzling afternoon on Monday for our Infant Sports Day! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all did a fantastic job in their races and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship skills. A particular thank you to our Year 6 children who supported the younger children in their usual caring manner in extremely hot conditions!



PTA Social & Fundraiser Event

Drinks, Food & Snacks will be available for purchase - all proceeds go to the PTA and our rooftop playground project! Bring your picnic blankets and enjoy a wonderful summer evening with live musical performances 🎵

Let's come together, celebrate, and make this another unforgettable Oratory summer party! 🍷



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

It has been an extremely full week of special events for the Year 6 children! From Monday's roles helping during Infants Sports Day to Wednesday's Sponge the School Council to Thursday's Talent Show and finally Friday's Danceathon - there has been a lot going on! This has been in addition to the increased rehearsals for our school play.

English: Reading Focus: Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah; Writing focus: drafting and editing Yearbook personal statements. Spelling focus: words ending in -ibly.

Maths: Fractions revision: adding and subtracting fractions, comparing fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers.

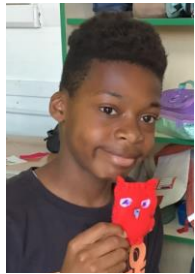
Science: Evolution & Inheritance: to identify how animals are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

RE: To identify the seven Sacraments; To understand what the Sacrament of Confirmation does for us.

Computing: Identifying bugs in computer program algorithms and using coding programs to debug based on an intended outcome.

PE: Athletics

Art: Creating scenery for end of year production; Using felt and sewing techniques to create Owls for Reception Owlets.

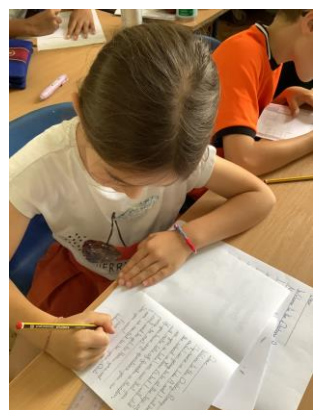


Year 5

We have had a lovely week in Year 5. The children have been working hard at their learning. We have had an exciting week – the children found out the names of their Owlets and made lovely booklets in preparation for meeting the new Reception children. Here is what else Year 5 have been up to this week:

- **In Maths**, we have been making conversions using millimetres and millilitres and have been converting units of length.
- **In English**, we have been investigating the main character from our novel 'The Final Year,' through inferences and retrieval to write a detailed character description.
- **In History**, we have been comparing and contrasting maps from Tudor times and present day to investigate change over time.
- **In Art**, have created our own pieces of embroidery, inspired by Tudor fashion.
- **In PSHE**, we have been working so very hard on making our Owl and Owlet booklets. We are so excited to build a positive relationship with our new Owlets.
- **In PE**, we enjoyed playing dodgeball with our peers. In addition, we thoroughly enjoyed our danceathon on Friday!

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Cornes and Mrs Watkins



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another jam-packed week of learning. We've also enjoyed all the wonderful events run by the amazing school council, especially our danceathon on Friday!

English: We continued reading our novel 'Odd and the Frost Giants', making some predictions as we reach our final chapter. We also have been coming up with ideas for our own picture books. We developed characters and character traits and discussed different structures and pacing. We have also started to map out and plan our spreads to fit our plot.

Maths: We started to learn about coordinates and positions of points on a grid. We plotted points to create 2D shapes and worked on translating them on our grids.

R.E: We discussed Jesus' mission for the disciples. We looked at Pope John Paul II and St Teresa of Calcutta and how they carried out their missions in their lives.

History: We learned about the features of Viking longships and what made them so essential to the Vikings in battle and in their exploration.

Science: We continued our learning of the digestive system. We conducted an experiment which replicates the mechanical and chemical digestion that takes place in the stomach.

P.S.H.E: We discussed some of the harmful effects of alcohol and addiction.

French: We learned about different types of transport. We used our vocabulary to describe holiday trips and how we come to school.

Well done all on a fantastic week of learning. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

It has been a very busy, fun and dance-filled week for Year 3!

This week we have learnt:

- In Maths, we have been able to identify and mark parallel and perpendicular lines. We also drew our own 2D shapes and described 3D shapes.
- In English, we have used Edward's experience in the rubbish dump to inspire sense poems.
- In RE, we discussed the significance of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist.
- In Art, we created our own natural dyes using avocados, red cabbage, beetroot and turmeric. We used these dyes to dye swatches of cotton, and were delighted with the results.
- In Science, we explored how we can keep plants alive and healthy.
- In PE, we took a look at gymnastics. We learnt many different positions, rolls and jumps, and how to smoothly transition between them.



Year 2:

We have had a lovely week in Year 2! The children enjoyed their Sports Day at the beginning of the week, they had a wonderful time taking part in and watching Oratory's Got Talent and we have finished the week with lots of dancing! Here is what else we have been up to:

In **English**, we have finished writing persuasive letters to Bear to convince him why he should be honest with Bird. We have also been thinking about how Bird feels and whether he is starting to get suspicious of Bear.

In **Maths**, we have been consolidating our understanding of adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers within and across 10. We have been tackling one-step and two-step word problems using addition and subtraction.

In **RE**, we looked at Peter's escape from prison. We roleplayed as Peter and Rhoda to reflect on how they must have felt and we recalled the events of the story.

In **Science**, we have been learning about the first steps in bulb growth and all about germination. We have set up an experiment to observe the growth of bulbs over time in our classroom.

In **Geography**, we identified and compared weather patterns in the UK and The Gambia. We wrote and read our own weather reports for London and Banjul.

In **Art**, we continued to experiment with colour using watercolour paints, drawing inspirations from the art of Alma Thomas and J.M.W Turner.



Year 1:

We have had an exciting week with Holland Park, our talent show and finishing today with our Dancathon! This is what we have been learning in our lessons:

Maths: This week we have been continuing to learn about numbers from 50 to 100. We have been focusing on tens and ones. We learnt how to find one more and one less of a given number and we enjoyed playing a game of bingo on Monday to help us read our numbers!

English: In English we have been using adjectives and onomatopoeia to describe a setting. We have been using thought bubbles and speech bubbles to describe what a character is thinking or saying. We have also been linking Mini enjoying to cook with his mother to our own experiences. We spoke about things we enjoy to do with our family.

Science: In Science we have been learning about habitats, weather patterns and seasonal changes in the Summer.

History: In History we learnt about Captain Scott.

Religious Education: In Religious Education we learnt about the first miracle that Jesus performed for his mother. We spoke about different ways that Jesus shows his love to us and ways we can show love to others too.

PE: We enjoyed our Sports day!

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



Reception:

What a busy week of learning we have had in Reception!

Literacy: We have been reading a new class text "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain". The children have been focusing on using new vocabulary to use in their writing.

Maths: This week, we have been using our problem solving and reasoning skills to compare numbers to 20.

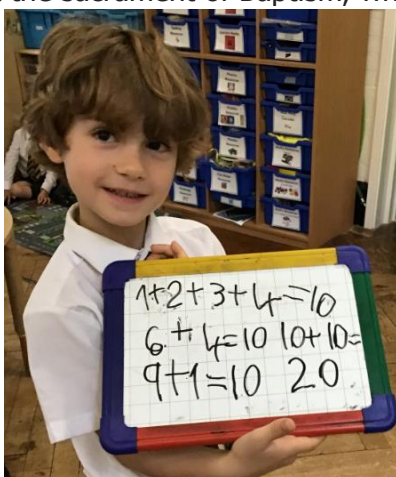
UTW: This week, the children have enjoyed learning about the water cycle and creating a craft to represent their learning.

C&L: This week, we focused on learning new vocabulary specific to the class text and using this in writing and play.

EAD: The children enjoyed creating umbrellas using colour, patterns and design.

PD: This week, the children used amazing running, jumping, coordination and balance to compete in sports day!

RE: This week, we looked at the sacrament of Baptism, what it means and how it is celebrated.



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	Kenenna	Daniella
Year 1	Sienna	Conor
Year 2	Amelia	Vitti
Year 3	Romy	Attila
Year 4	Taliya	Marta S
Year 5	Anna	Maria
Year 6	Bram	Naomi
Special Act of Kindness		Leo Mattia (Y4)

 **House of the Week** 

Yellow House

 **Class of the Week** 

School Council
(For organising such a wonderful week)