

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 19th September 2025



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

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teachers' Evening last night and thank you for all of your positive feedback following it. We have had a wonderful week focusing on 'belonging' and the children are doing a great job of demonstrating the many ways they can make everyone in our school community feel a special sense of belonging.

Next week we will be celebrating languages – with so many different languages to celebrate in our wonderful school! Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

September

- 22 Sept** Languages Week
- 24 Sept** Secondary Transfer Meeting Y5&Y6 3.45pm
- 26 Sept** Y6 Cake Sale

October

- 3 Oct** Foodbank donations for Harvest Assembly
- 9 Oct** Optional Flu immunisations for children
- 9 Oct** PTA welcome social in hall
- 10 Oct** Autumn Mufti Day
- 13 Oct** Poetry Fortnight begins
- 20 Oct** Y1 & Y5 Class Family Mass 2.15pm
- 22 Oct** Parent Forum 10am
- 24 Oct** Half Term 3.30pm

November

- 3 Nov** Inset Day (no children)
- 4 Nov** Children return
- 7 Nov** Y6 Class Remembrance Assembly 9.15am
- 7 Nov** Y5 Cake Sale
- 10 Nov** Friendship Week
- 10 Nov** Odd Socks Day!
- 13 Nov** Spirituality Day
- 13 Nov** PTA Fundraising Social club night
- 17 Nov** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
- 18 Nov** Y6 & Reception Class Family Mass 2.15pm
- 19 & 20 Nov** Parents' Evening
- 21 Nov** Glass Door pyjama & hot choc fundraising day

December

- 2 Dec** Christmas Fair in hall 3.30pm
- 11 & 12 Dec** Infant Nativity 2pm
- 16 Dec** Junior Carol Service 7pm
- 18 Dec** Children's Day (Christmas party)
- 19 Dec** End of term 1.30pm

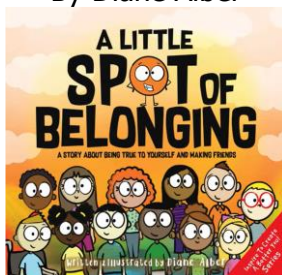
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: BELONGING

This week in assemblies we have looked at the theme of 'Belonging' and what it means to belong to our very special school community. We used our story of the week, 'A Little Spot of Belonging', to reflect on the many (and very easy!) ways we can make everyone feel that they belong, such as starting a conversation, a simple smile and ensuring everyone is included. We then looked at all of the special ways we belong to the Oratory School Family and what that means for us. It was wonderful to hear from the teachers in certificate assembly this morning about the many ways that the children have been living out The Oratory Way throughout the week.

Story of the Week

A Little Spot of Belonging
By Diane Alber



Music of the Week

Mr Blue Sky
By Electric Light Orchestra



Art of the Week

The School of Athens 1509-1511
By Raphael



WE PLAY TOGETHER

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their first few playtimes of the year together – catching up again, making new friends and helping everyone feel a sense of belonging to our Oratory community.



Chaplain's Corner – Fr James



Parable of the Unjust Steward

**Luke
16:1-15**

The parable of the unjust steward (Luke 16:1-13) conveys two truths: first, that relieving the needy gains us an eternal reward if done for the sake of Christ. Second, that we ought to be shrewd like the unjust steward, by taking action in the present to secure our eternal salvation. Our life on earth is the time we are allotted to choose whether we want to be with God forever in the next, a choice that is manifested in our thoughts, words, and actions, and which we need to renew each day.

Wednesday Word

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Secondary Transfer Meeting

We will be holding a Secondary Transfer Meeting on Wednesday 24th September at 3.45pm in the Year 6 classroom. This is a repeat of the meeting that was held in the summer term. We will go over the application process that Year 6 parents need to complete this term, including all deadlines etc.

We will also discuss secondary transfer in general if any Year 5 parents would like to join.

All secondary application information will also be sent out to Year 6 parents following the meeting.

Winter Uniform Monday 29th September



We will be transferring to winter uniform only from

Monday 29th September.

This includes blazers, caps and berets. We especially ask you to ensure that your child is wearing their school cap or beret when they arrive at school in the morning – thank you!

Year 6 Cake Sale!



Harvest Collection for 'The Trussell trust'

Friday 3rd October

The Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. They support more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK to provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face.

On Friday 3rd October we will be holding a special harvest assembly with Fr James, and we are asking each child to bring a donation to the Trussell Trust. We will then need some kind parent helpers to take the food along to the collection centre after the assembly – so please do let Mrs Steinart know if you are able to help. Please look at the list below to find out which item of food your child should bring.

Important: Please wait until **Friday 3rd October** to send your child in with their item, as we have nowhere to store them until then. Please only send one item per child as they will need to carry it to assembly on their own. Items need to be in original packaging and be well within their 'best before' date. Thank you!

- Reception: Cereal



- Year 1: Sweet Biscuits



- Year 2: Tinned food



- Year 3: Lentils or dried pulses



- Year 4: Rice



- Year 5: Savoury biscuits/crackers



- Year 6: Dried pasta



WORLD CLEAN UP DAY 2025

This September 20th will see World Clean Up Day upon us again and this time the initiative is being spearheaded by a member of our Year 3 class, Olimpia, who will be gathering a group of people who are passionate about protecting and supporting Battersea Park.

Please join us on Saturday 20th September to Clean Up Battersea Park

This moment will be vital in supporting the maintenance and continued health of Battersea Park. World Clean Up Day is dedicated to tackling the pervasive global waste issue and this year we wanted to use the moment to teach our children to not only support their local communities, take an active role in society but also realise that if you see a problem YOU have the power to start fixing it.

You will need a litter picker (link [HERE](#)) and we can help with the rest, ie heavy duty rubber gloves, strong refuse bags.

11am - Meet outside Putt in the Park Cafe by The Adventure Playground to decide on the routes

11.20 - Set off

1pm- Finish at Pear Tree Cafe

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Fantastic First Full Week for Reception!



Meet the Prefects!

Every year our Year 6 pupils take on the very privileged responsibility of becoming prefects – a role which equips them with important leadership skills. Each role entails different responsibilities & jobs & we thought you might like to know a little more about the pivotal role that they play in our school community.

In our Friday assemblies we have been meeting a few of our Prefects & will continue to do so until they have all had the opportunity to introduce themselves. Much like assembly, we will introduce you to a few prefects every week.

They have taken to their new responsibilities excellently so far. Well done Prefects!

Deputy House Captain



Hello! I am Deputy House Captain for Green House and enjoy encouraging my house.

Fun Fact: I am funny and love to tell jokes: 'I tried to tell a science joke but I didn't get a reaction!'

House Point Prefect



Hi! I am one of the House Points Prefect and enjoy announcing house of the week in assemblies.

Fun Fact: I love to play tennis and a play it a lot!

Sports Prefect



Hi! I am Blue House Sports Captain and am enjoying ordering new equipment for playtimes.

Fun Fact: I can do 3 different types of flips on the trampoline!

Wellbeing Prefect



Hello! I am one of the lovely Wellbeing Prefects and love to look for others in our school community.

Fun Fact: I can't wait to win Gladiators when I am older! My Gladiator name will be Shark-face!

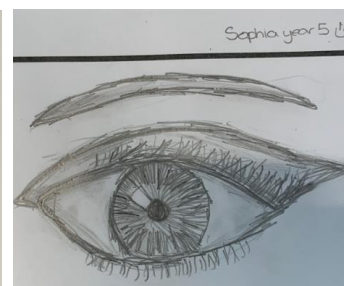
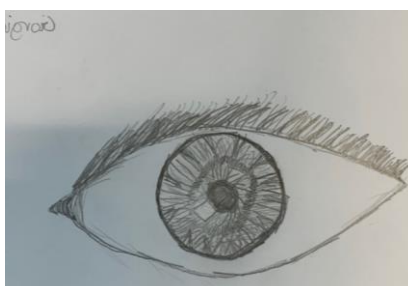
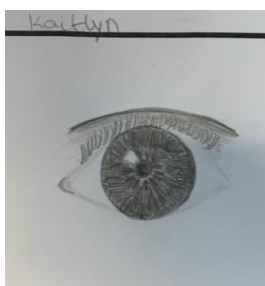
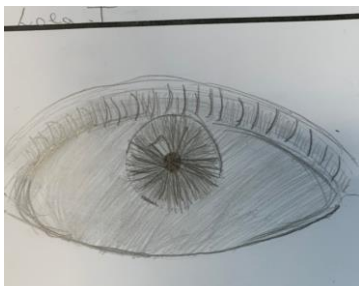
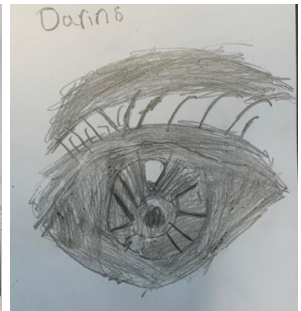
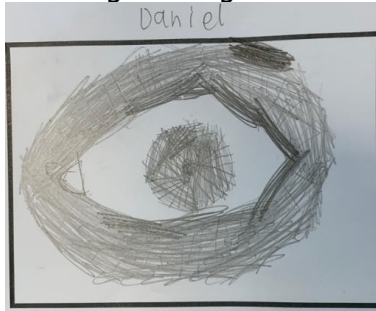
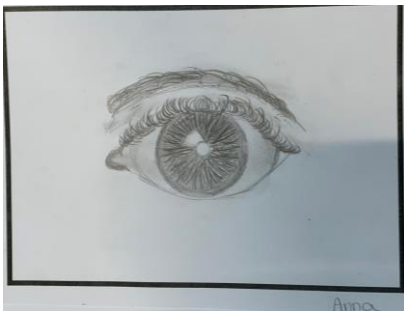
PTA Welcome Social in the Hall Thursday 9th October 7pm



ite all parents to the first PTA Welcome Social of t
to be a lovely evening filled with drinks, canapés and of course great company! This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends after the summer break and to warmly welcome the new families who have recently joined our school community. Whether you're a long-standing parent or new to the school, we look forward to seeing many of you there!

Art Club

Our Junior Lunchtime Art Club enjoyed their first session with Ms Nuttall this week and what a brilliant start with these mesmerising drawings of their eyes. Well done, Art Club!



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work hard this week, approaching all their learning with maturity and focus and setting high expectations of themselves.

English: we continued our unit on traditional tales with a focus on characterisation. The children developed the character of a 'trickster' through the use of dialogue and powerful verbs, before writing a monologue in role as 'The Boy Who Tricked a Troll'.

Maths: Continuing with our unit on place value, we have used number lines to explore numbers to 10, 000, 000, used place value to understand numbers that are 10, 100 or 1000 times the size of numbers, and we have compared and ordered integers.

RE: we continued to explore the Kingdom of God, reading parables such as 'The Lost Sheep' to show that the Kingdom of God is for everyone, and 'The Good Samaritan' to teach the new commandment- to love everyone. We considered the ways in which we can share the good news of the KOG.

History: we discussed what it is to be a historian and the use of primary and secondary sources.

Science: We began our topic on Electricity by reviewing what we already know and what we'd like to found out.

Latin: We learnt about the origins of Latin and how English (and many of the other languages spoken in our class) are influenced by Latin. We learnt how to introduce ourselves.



Year 5

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 5. Here is a snippet of what we have been up to this week:

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on place value. We have been looking at numbers to 10,000 and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

In English, we continue to enjoy our new text 'Tales from the Caribbean,' by Trish Cooke. This week we have been investigating the character 'Brer Anansi,' known as a trickster. We have used this investigation to write a well detailed and engaging character description.

In Science, we have started our topic on 'Living Things and their Habitats' by learning about the life process of reproduction in plants. We have been dissecting plants to investigate each part of a flower.

In RE, We are beginning to think about Creation in RE. We continued our discussion on the difference between scientific and theological truths and we used scripture to discuss this. We thoroughly enjoyed Fr James coming to support us with our learning.

In History, we have started our focus on the Ancient Egyptians in Topic. We have placed Ancient Egyptian civilisation on a timeline in relation to other periods.

In PE, we have enjoyed playing handball tournaments.

In Art, we used careful measuring to transfer a silhouette of Nefertiti onto card and began their mosaics.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Cornes, Miss Carmody and Miss Ffyon



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another busy week of learning. Here's a look at what we have focused on this week.

English: We continued with our story Mac Barnett's retelling of the Billy Goats Gruff. We discussed persuasive writing features and wrote our own persuasive speeches in role.

Maths: We practised flexible partitioning of 4-digit numbers and increasing and decreasing numbers by 1, 10, 100 and 1,000.

R.E: Continuing our study of the Bible, we used Bibles to find different references and reflect on them. We also discussed God's call to Abram.

History: We discussed different reasons that the Roman's invaded Britain. We examined different artefacts and drew conclusions on why they were useful to the Romans.

Science: We examined the viscosity of different liquids in an experiment and discussed the properties of liquids.

P.S.H.E: We identified different strategies we can use to help regulate our emotions.

French: We learned the names of different body parts and practised using our new vocabulary in pairs.

P.E: We developed our passing and blocking skills during handball.

Art: Developing our understanding of Roman culture, we examined and drew different mosaics.

Well done to everyone on another wonderful week of learning. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

Year 3 have shown how hard they can work this week, they earned their first Golden Time!

This week we have learnt:

-In Maths, we have represented 3-digit numbers in different ways and worked on partitioned 3-digit numbers flexibly and non-flexibly.

-In English, we have been researching rats for a non-chronological report. We have organised our work into paragraphs.

-In RE, we thought about what we mean by 'The Church'. We discussed our own churches and how we feel a part of the community of 'The Church'.

-In History, we looked at aerial photographs of Chelsea and maps of Chelsea to explore our local area further.

-In PSHE, we discussed the Zones of Regulation. We filled our wellbeing toolboxes with strategies to support us in each zone.

-In French, we looked at introducing ourselves and asking for someone's name.

-In PE, we put into practise our skills from last week into a game of handball.

-In Science, we used our knowledge of food groups and nutrition to create our own balanced meal.

-In Art, we spent time in our local area studying the buildings and made architectural sketches.



Year 2:

It has been another wonderful week of learning in Year 2. The children have been continuing to grasp the classroom routines with smiles and positivity and they have been focusing on their 'whole body listening'.

-In **Maths** this week, we have been focusing on counting objects to 100. We have partitioned numbers into tens and ones using place value charts and part-whole models.

-In **English**, we have been writing diary entries in the role of Rapunzel. We have also written our own potion poems, with a focus on using exciting adjectives to describe nouns.

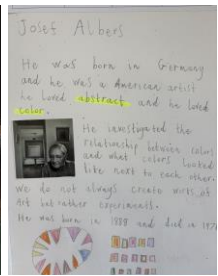
-In **Science**, we have been continuing to explore and compare the differences between things that are living, things that have lived and things that have never been alive. We continued to learn about the life processes that help us to identify this.

-In **RE**, we have thought about Abraham being one of God's chosen people. We reflected on Abraham's trust in God, and God's promises he kept.

-In **History**, we continued to explore the differences and similarities between Stuart London and Modern London.

-In **PSHE**, we talked about the Zones of Regulation and thought about our different emotions. We put together a 'toolkit' of ways we can try to regulate our emotions when we find ourselves in each of the zones.

-In **Art**, we started looking at the work of Joseph Albers and thinking about the relationship between colours.



Year 1:

Another busy and productive week in Year 1! This is what we have been learning this week:

English: In English we have had a very busy week. We started by acting out 'thought' and 'speech' bubbles to show what the characters in Little Red Riding Hood were saying. We then planned and wrote a retell of the story.

Maths: This week we continued with our place value topic. We matched numerals to their words, counted on using a number track and found on more of a given number. We played lots of games to help us learn.

Geography: This week we learnt about the equator, northern and southern hemisphere. Using a globe and our maps we learnt about climate and where the equator is. We compared Africa with Antarctica.

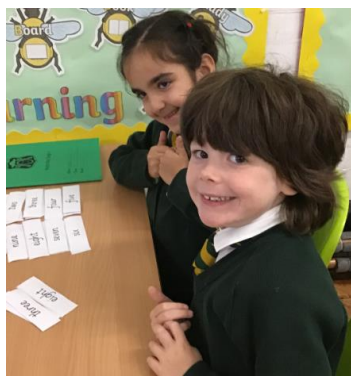
Phonics: This week we played 'ck' bingo, we went on a sound hunt to find words ending with y making the 'ee' sound and practised our short vowel sounds.

Art: In Art we used pastels to create our Picasso inspired roosters.

Science: This week we focused on our facial features. We learnt about eye and hair colour and compared them to our friends.

RE: This week we learnt about the creation story. We learnt what God made on each of the seven days and had lots of fun creating 'creation hats' to show this.

Have a lovely weekend.



Reception:

Reception have had a wonderful first full week in school! They have been busy completing activities around the classroom and settling into classroom routines.

Literacy: This week, the children have begun reading our class text "Super Milly and the Super School Day". We have focused on making predictions about the text and learning key vocabulary.

Phonics: This week, the children have focused on learning the single sounds – s,a,t,i

Maths: Our learning focus this week had been on matching and pairing. The children have practised this sorting skill through pictorial and real life representations.

UTW: This week, we have been learning about the weather. We have focused on recognising and naming the different weather types.

EAD: The children have been practising their painting skills, creating beautiful pictures of weather scenes. They have also gotten creative using loose parts to represent the weather.

PD: This week, we practised walking and the use of using space safely.

C&L: The children have been using key vocabulary from our class text in their discussions and in their play.

PSED: We have continued to focus on school rules and settling in routines.



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	Domitilla	Otto
Year 1	Alberto	Giulio
Year 2	Gabriela	Joshua
Year 3	Yohan	Olivia
Year 4	Celine	Carmen
Year 5	Ava Grace	Charlie
Year 6	Rosario	Raphael
Special Act of Kindness		Marta P (Y5)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Blue House	Year 2 (For becoming such responsible top Infants!)