

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 3rd October 2025



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for all of your generous donations for our Harvest Assembly this morning which was a great success – read on for more details! Particular thanks to the brilliant parents that gave up their time to pack and transport all the donations to the foodbank who were incredibly grateful to receive it all. Next week will be our Autumn Eco Week with fantastic Eco workshops for the children to look forward to. Just a reminder that the nursing team will also be visiting next Thursday for the flu immunisations so don't forget to complete the consent form that was sent by the office on Classlist. Have a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

October

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

November (cont.)

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

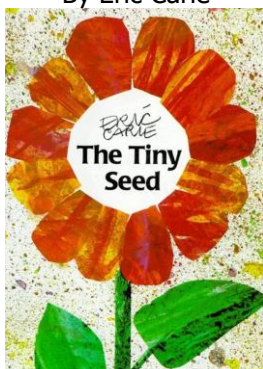
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: HARVEST

This week in assemblies we have looked at the theme of Harvest. We learnt about what harvest means and why we celebrate it at this time of year. We read the story 'The Tiny Seed' and then the children thought about the 'seeds' that they would like to sow this year such as, kindness, respect, gratefulness, trustworthiness and joy. We also had a brief celebration for National Poetry Day on Thursday but are looking forward to our upcoming Poetry Fortnight where we will celebrate our love of poetry in much more depth!

Story of the Week

The Tiny Seed
By Eric Carle



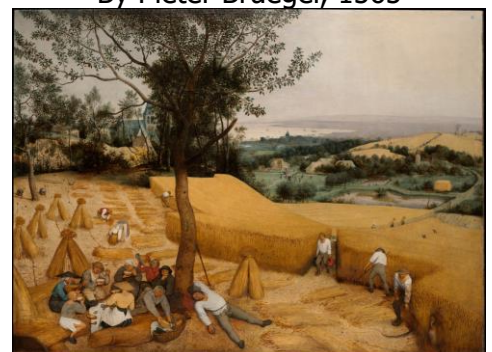
Music of the Week

A Time of Wonder
By Alexis Ffrench



Art of the Week

The Harvesters
By Pieter Bruegel, 1565



Harvest Assembly

We enjoyed our Harvest Assembly this morning in which the children learnt about foodbanks and why they are so important. They learnt about the huge variety of people they will be helping at Trussell Trust with their generosity this morning. Father James then blessed the food, before a team of kind parent volunteers left for the food banks in laden cars! Thank you everyone!



Autumn Mufti Day



As our theme next week will be Autumn, we will be having our Autumn mufti day next Friday 10th October.

The children can dress as autumnal themed as they like. Please log onto Parent Pay to make a donation for the mufti day. All donations go towards important learning resources for the children. Thank you!

[Parent Pay Login](#)

Autumn Eco Week!



We are giving our Autumn Week next week an Eco theme, focusing on learning about how we can be sustainable and play our part to preserve God's beautiful creation. The week will be kicking off with some fantastic Eco workshops for all classes, with the Junior children making some beautiful cork fish on Monday and the Infants making 'bug hotels' for our roof playground on Tuesday. No doubt the children will thoroughly enjoy these fantastic workshops!

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!

Sports Captain



Hello! I am Red House Sports Captain and I am looking forward to helping my house win Sports Day!

Fun Fact: I love running and am very fast!

Art Prefect



Hi! I am Art Prefect and am so excited to have this role as I love art.

Fun Fact: I am already feeling sad about leaving this school at the end of the year!

ICT Prefect



Hello! I am one of the ICT Prefects and love having this important role.

Fun Fact: I want to do Fashion GCSE because I love fashion!

Well-being Prefect



Hi! I am one of the well-being prefects and am looking forward to looking out for everyone.

Fun Fact: I love to sing!

Year 1 Class Saint St Therese of Lisieux



Year 1 had a lovely day on Wednesday, celebrating their Class Saint Day. We also learnt about St Therese in assembly on Tuesday and thought especially about how we can follow her 'little way'.

Reception Class Saint

Tomorrow will be the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, our Reception Class Saint.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Amen.



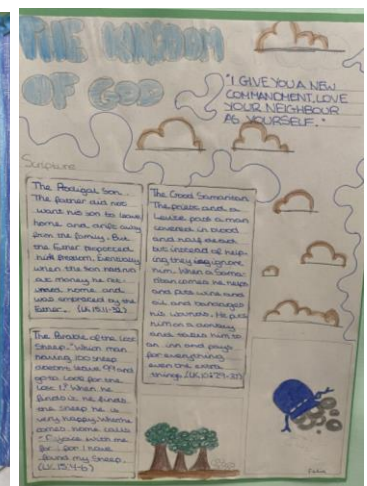
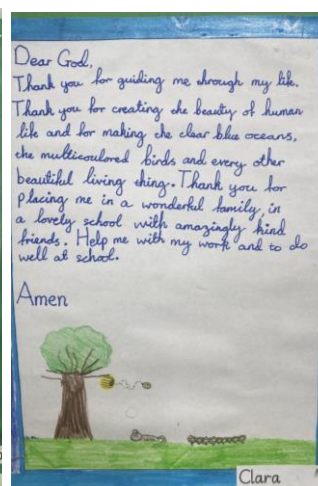
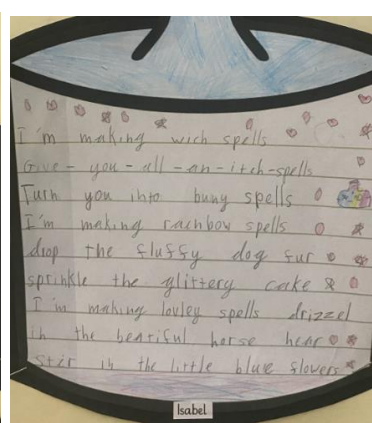
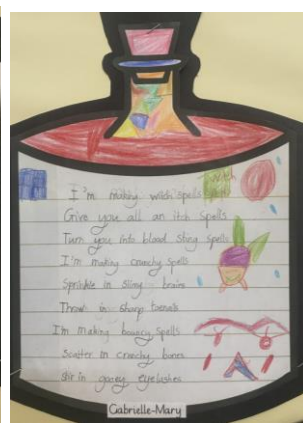
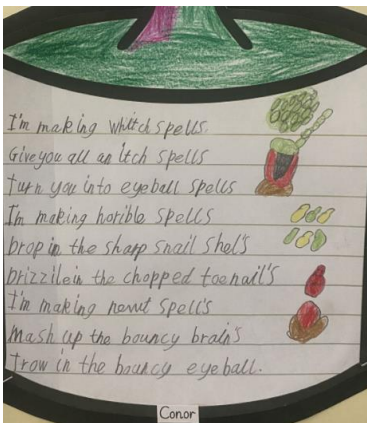
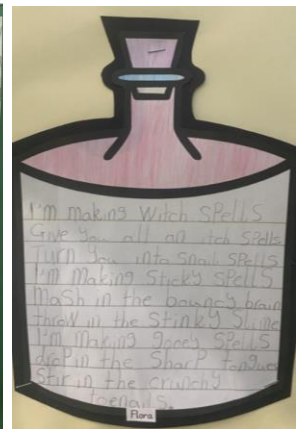
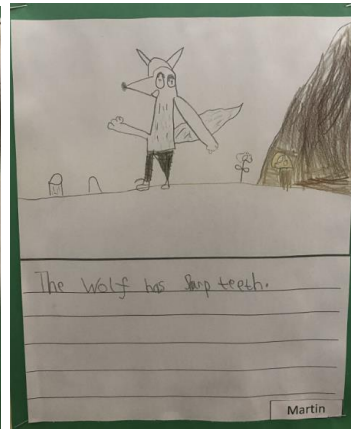
Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

On 2nd October, the Church celebrates the Guardian Angels. Each human being is assigned one. We know this from Our Lord's words in Matthew 18:10, and the Church's constant Tradition. Our Guardian Angel watches over us and protects us from evil, especially sin which is the ultimate evil because it separates us from God. Our Guardian Angel does not interfere with our freedom to do good or evil, but rather inspires us gently by prompting us to choose good over evil. We should invoke our Guardian Angel each day, especially in the morning and in the evening.

Wednesday Word
[Wednesday 1st October 2025](#)

Excellent Endeavour Everywhere!

The walls all around the school are being adorned with fantastic work, all showcasing excellent effort and endeavour across the curriculum from every child. Keep up the great work, Oratorians!



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



PARENT SOCIAL

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet the Head Teacher, your Parent Reps, and members of the PTA.

For our new parents, this is a great chance to get to know the school community better in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Please join us in numbers to show how we celebrate the 'Oratory Way'!

Thursday 9th October 2025

**7-9pm
School Hall**

Finger food, Snacks & Bubbles provided

Y1 & Y5 Family Mass



We are looking forward to celebrating our first Family Mass of the year on Monday 20th October at 2.15pm in the school hall. We warmly invite all families of children in Year 1 and Year 5 to celebrate this special mass with us. The children will be leading the liturgy, including choosing their favourite hymns!

PTA Club Night Social & Auction!

We can't wait to see you there! Auction prizes needed – please let Markus know if you can donate any prizes!

PTA CLUB NIGHT & Auction

SAVE THE DATE

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OCTOBER ROSARY CLUB



As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, Fr James will be running a Rosary club every Monday lunchtime during October.

This will be a time when children that would like to, can come together and spend some reflective time praying the Rosary together.

Children can bring their own rosaries if they would like to, though we will have rosaries available for the children in school.

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

Another excellent week in Year 6 – well done to all of you!

English: Continuing with our traditional tales unit, the children worked in groups to put together 'pitches' for their own traditional tales and went on to design trickster characters. They then planned their individual stories and are looking forward to drafting and publishing them next week.

Maths: Reviewing properties of number: factors, multiples and prime numbers; identifying and using rules of divisibility

History: this week, we looked at the use of propaganda during WWI and analysed a range of examples.

Art: continuing with our Great War theme in art, we explored the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and painted our own water colour poppies.

RE: this week we discussed how compassionate Jesus was, and used Bibles to find examples of how He showed compassion to all through His miracles.

Science: reviewing our circuit work from last week, learning how to use scientific symbols to draw scientifically accurate circuit diagrams

Latin: To understand that Latin nouns have gender and translating sentences describing different animals into English



Year 5

Year 5 has had another fantastic week of learning! The children have been working hard on their writing across a range of subjects and are showing real pride in their presentation as they aim to earn their pen licenses!

In Maths, we've started a new unit on Addition and Subtraction. The children have been learning how to add four-digit numbers, including those requiring exchanges, and have progressed to adding whole numbers with more than four digits.

In English, as part of our book study *The Caribbean*, the class has been busy planning and writing news reports about the surprising outcome of the big race — when underdog, Toad, beat Donkey! We've explored how to use witness statements and persuasive techniques to engage and inform our readers.

In RE, we've been reflecting on the story of 'The Fall' and discussing the big question: 'Whose fault was it?' This has led to thoughtful conversations about the idea that God gave us freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for the Earth.

In PSHE, our focus has been on fairness, exploring the difference between equality and equity through meaningful discussions.

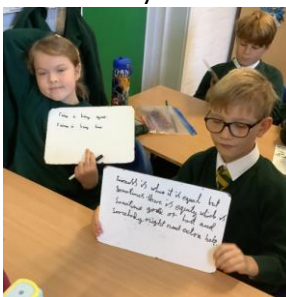
In PE, the children are continuing to enjoy their handball lessons, showing teamwork, energy, and growing skill.

In Science, our learning about life cycles has taken us into the fascinating worlds of mammals and birds, with some great observations and questions being shared.

In Art, we've proudly finished our Queen Nefertiti pieces — and they look amazing!

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend! Miss Cornes, Miss Carmody and Miss Ffyon



Year 4:

Year 4 have been working hard this week as always across all subjects.

English: In English we have been learning about narrative structures. We identified features of introductions and also examined how to create tension during the rising action section. We started to generate ideas for our own fairytales.

Maths: We focused on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

R.E: We learned about God's call to Moses and the promise he made with him.

P.S.H.E: We discussed the uses and benefits of the internet.

History: Through examination of different artefacts, we explored what life was like at Vindolanda and discussed the importance of Hadrian's wall during the Roman rule of Britain.

P.E: We practised our skills and developed our teamwork through exciting handball games.

Art: We created our own mosaic pieces for our fruit mosaics.

Science: Following last weeks investigation of melting points, we explored the change from liquid to gas and back again during our experiment to demonstrate evaporation and condensation.

French: We learned new vocabulary and labelled different parts of the body.

Well done to all on another wonderful week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Miss McVeigh



Year 3:

Year 3 have worked wonderfully this week.

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we have compared and ordered 3-digit numbers up to 1,000. We have also learnt how to count in 50s.
- In English, we have focused on the use of conjunctions in joining clauses together. We used conjunctions and paragraphs to write a persuasive letter to the Mayor of Hamelin Town.
- In RE, we learnt what happens during Sacrament of Baptism and the meaning behind the symbols that are used in a Baptism.
- In PSHE, we thought about our emotional wellbeing. We learnt that there is a normal range of emotions and what might be an overreaction to a situation.
- In French, we learnt numbers up to 20 in French.
- In PE, we practised our gross motor skills when throwing and catching.
- In Science, we looked at the human skeleton and what we need it for.
- In Art, we continued our work on our pop-up cities inspired by Barbara Gilhooley's work.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week this week and have been putting lots of effort into their learning.

-In **Maths**, we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 100 using our place value. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

-In **English**, we have been writing instructions for Rapunzel on 'how to defeat the witch'. We have been using command sentences and imperative verbs in our writing.

-In **RE**, we learnt about Moses' life and how God chose him to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt and we created artworks showing the parting of the Red Sea.

-In **Science**, we learnt about 'microhabitats' and minibeasts. We went into our rooftop garden to spot and identify minibeasts.

-In **History**, we thought about the events of the Great Fire of London and placed them into chronological order.

-In **PSHE**, we thought about different things we can do to manage our emotions. We used the book 'Lost and Found' to discuss ways we can help both ourselves and others to manage our emotions using different strategies.

-In **Computing**, we thought about how we can use technology safely and respectfully. We talked about ways that we might respond to messages in a polite and respectful manner.

-In **Art**, we continued to look at the work of Josef Albers. We used watercolours to mix paint and investigated the relationship between colours.



Year 1:

This week we have been learning:

In Maths we have been using our numberlines to identify numbers and to find numbers that are greater and less than a given number. We have also been recognising number words and have been comparing numbers.

English: In English we have been learning about adjectives this week. We have collaboratively mindmapped our ideas, planned and written a big piece of writing to describe the character of Little Red. We used adjectives to describe the way she looks as well as her personality.

Science: In Science this week we focused on the sense of Taste. We completed an experiment to discuss and compare different tastes. We loved the popcorn, but were not too sure about the marmite!

Geography: In Geography this week we learnt the different points of a compass and the different ways to use a map.

Religious Education: In Religious Education this week we were learning how to be aware of our responsibility to look after God's world. We compared good choices and poor choices and made posters to encourage others to look after our planet.

PSHE: In PSHE we discussed different things that we liked about ourselves and compared our personalities with our friends.

Phonics: In Phonics we learnt the sounds 'oy', 'ea' and 'ay'

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team.



Reception:

The children have had a great week of learning and have been so engaged with their learning across all areas. They have settled well into school routines and are certainly showing the Oratory way!

Literacy: This week, we have begun reading our new class text "Dogger". The children have been making predictions about the text and are becoming familiar with key vocabulary.

Phonics: This week we have learnt the sounds – e,h,r,m.

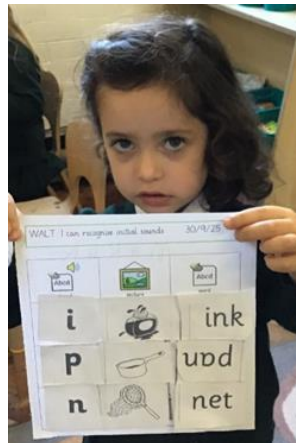
Maths: This week, the children were introduced to measurement when they had to order objects by size and explored mass using a balancing scales.

EAD: This week, the children used cutting and pattern techniques to create a "Jack in the Box" toy

UTW: This week, we read the story "So Much" and discussed different families and celebrations.

PSED: This week, we began to talk about the different emotions. The children have been naming and recognising different emotions.

PD: The children have been practising their fine motor skills, making letters using beads. We have also continued practising jumping and running in PE.



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	Richard	Amelia
Year 1	Ignacio	Mateo
Year 2	Anna	Maria
Year 3	Marcus	Frederica
Year 4	Bella	John
Year 5	Marta S	Baltazar
Year 6	William	Lola L
Special Act of Kindness		Marta S (Y5)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Green House	Reception (For settling so well into school)