

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 7th November 2025



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and an incredibly special week of Remembrance which culminated in a beautiful assembly led so professionally by our Year 6 children this morning. We will be marking the two minutes silence in school next Tuesday too.

Next week is our Friendship Week which we are thoroughly looking forward to – read on for more details as we have lots of exciting activities arranged for the children...especially about Odd Socks Day this Monday! Wishing you a special Remembrance weekend.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

November

- 10 Nov** Friendship Week
- 10 Nov** Odd Socks Day!
- 12 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

January 2026

- 5 Jan** Inset Day (no children)
- 6 Jan** Children return
- 9 Jan** House of the term mufti day
- 12 Jan** Winter Week
- 13 Jan** Y3 Mass & First Communion meeting 2.15pm
- 16 Jan** Winter mufti day
- 16 Jan** Year 4 Cake Sale
- 19 Jan** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale
- 19 Jan** Parent & Child Book share 3.45-5.30pm
- 26 Jan** STEM Week
- 26 Jan** Y2 & Y4 Family Mass 2.15pm
- 28 Jan** Parent Forum 10am
- 30 Jan** PTA Gala Breakfast! (8.30am)

February

- 6 Feb** Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 9 Feb** Children's Mental Health Week
- 10 Feb** Safer Internet Day
- 13 Feb** Pupil Chaplaincy Team Lent Assembly
- 13 Feb** Year 3 Pancake Sale

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

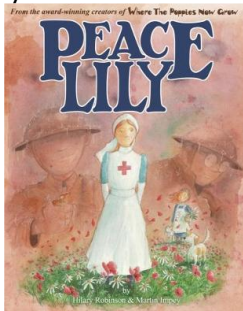
This week's theme: Remembrance

This week in assemblies we have looked at the theme of Remembrance. We read the story 'Peace Lily' and learnt about why we wear poppies at this time of year and why the poppy has become the symbol of remembrance and peace. Year 6 have been studying Paul Nash in their art lessons and did a wonderful job explaining the symbolism behind our artwork of the week, 'The Menin Road'.

Story of the Week

Peace Lily

By Hilary Robinson & Martin Impey



Music of the Week

Nimrod

By Edward Elgar



Art of the Week

The Menin Road

By Paul Nash, 1919



Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

Year 6 did a fantastic job in their very moving Remembrance Assembly this morning. They taught us all about the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day, recited numerous pieces of poetry from heart and sang beautifully.

Well done to our Year 6 prefects who all went home with a hugely deserved Super Steinart!



Remarkable Remembrance Poppies by Year 6

Year 6 have been working very hard in their Art lessons to create these beautiful watercolour poppies, as well as clay poppies, inspired by artists Paul Cummins and Tom Piper's poppy installation. Well done Year 6 artists!



School Council News

Pyjama Fundraising Day

Our wonderful School Council have decided that they would like to repeat the fun from last year and have another Pyjama Day to raise money for our Autumn term charity, [Glass Door](#). This is an opportunity for the children to think about and raise important funds for those who are not as fortunate as us. We know that having a cosy bed, warm water and a hot meal to go home to are things to be treasured.

On **Friday 21st November**, the children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas (and even bring a teddy!) ... thank you to the Parents' Association who will also be serving hot chocolate for the children to enjoy in their pyjamas!

Please log onto [Parent Pay](#) to make your donation to Glass Door.



School Uniform

Just a few uniform reminders to please note:

- Trainers should be white
 - Children should enter and leave the school wearing their caps and berets **not** beanie hats
 - Jewellery is not to be worn. This is for reasons of safety. Children will be asked to remove jewellery worn to school.
 - Children with hair longer than their collar should tie it up with a band
 - Blazers **or** duffle coats are to be worn to school each day
- Thank you for your support and action on this.

Friendship Week

**Next week we will be celebrating FRIENDSHIP WEEK.
Each class will be taking part in different activities throughout the week:**

Monday: We will be thinking about what makes a good friend and celebrating ODD SOCKS DAY!

Tuesday: We will be celebrating differences and taking part in Anti-bullying workshops in the hall, as well as Friendship and Kindness workshops in class with our Mind practitioner, Gabbi. Please log onto [Parent Pay](#) to contribute towards the cost of the Anti-Bullying workshops.

Wednesday: We will be celebrating Spirituality Day, where each class will spend some time in the hall and reflectively work their round special prayer stations

Thursday: We will be learning about how we can work together to solve problems and making kindness superhero masks

Friday: We will celebrate our Friday Friendship Assembly all about using our 'Power for Good' and proudly wear our kindness superhero masks

For more information on Anti-Bullying Week 2025 please click here: [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#)



Don't forget to wear your odd socks to school this **Monday 10th November!**

Girls can wear their odd socks over their tights if they would like to.

We can't wait to see all the amazingly odd socks!

School Choir News



The School Choir are incredibly excited to be singing Carols in Peter Jones, Sloane Square on Monday 8th December at 2pm.

So, if you happen to be doing a spot of Christmas shopping at this time you will be sweetly serenaded as you shop!

Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead. Death does not sever our ties with our loved ones. Through our prayer for them, we continue to exercise practical charity toward them, as our prayers aid them on their journey from Purgatory to Heaven by a special disposition of God's Providence. We should never take it upon ourselves to make judgments as to whether someone is in Heaven or in Hell, as we cannot know this. We always do well to pray for the dead, because if they are in Purgatory our prayers will hasten them on their journey to Heaven.

If not, God will simply apply our prayers to someone who needs them.

Wednesday Word

[Wednesday 5th November](#)

Children's Mass this Sunday

There will be Children's Mass at the Little Oratory this Sunday at 11:15am.

Parent Workshops

A reminder of the information that was sent out on Classlist explaining the brilliant Mind Parent Workshops that we have planned. The next one is 'Sleep hygiene' on Wednesday 12th November (in school at 9.10am).

Oratory Parent Mind Workshops:

Sleep Hygiene:

Wednesday 12th November (F2F)

Online Safety:

Wednesday 26th November (online)

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, especially as this is our biggest and best fundraiser of the year for our wonderful school – thank you!



Parent Helpers Needed!

There are many wonderful upcoming events where parent helpers are very much appreciated – please let Markus or your rep know if you are able to help at any of the following:

12th November: Spirituality Day (a few parents required on a rota basis throughout the day to help man prayer stations).

21st November: Glassdoor Pyjama and Hot Chocolate Fundraising Day (parents needed to serve the hot chocolate to all classes).

1st December: Wreath making for the Christmas Fair.

2nd December: Christmas Fair in the hall 3.30pm (help needed with set up, manning stalls and clear up)

11th & 12th December: Infant Nativity Play (help needed with handing out drinks and nibbles after the performance)

18th December: Children's Day (help needed with setting up the hall for lunch, serving lunch, clearing the hall ready for discos in the afternoon, helping at Junior discos).

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant first week back, culminating in their moving Remembrance Assembly this morning. We are all very proud of how well you learnt your lines, poems and songs and the maturity and grace with which you performed. We were delighted to have a special little visitor watching our assembly and visiting us in class today. We have been busy completing assessments this week, which will continue into next week. Aside from this, here is what Y6 have been learning:

English: Planning descriptive language using the senses and practising different sentence openers, in preparation for our Visual Literacy suspense writing: Over the Top

Maths: Reasoning and Arithmetic assessment; reviewing long division

RE: Understanding the meaning of justice and how we are called to justice

Science: Comparing and giving reasons for variations in how components function; creating hypotheses and testing them through scientific enquiry

History: Preparing for our Remembrance Assembly: we especially enjoyed practising the hymns (see photo!)

What a great first week back! Well done Y6. We look forward to our trip next week to Westminster Abbey.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week of learning this week. It is Assessment Week and the children have been focused and have been working hard. Here is what they have been up to:

In Maths, we continued our unit on Multiplication and Division. We have looked at prime numbers and square numbers.

In English, we have started our new book, 'High Rise Mystery' by Sharna Jackson. We have made predictions about the text and have investigated new vocabulary around the genre of mystery. We also completed some English Assessments.

In RE, we have begun our new unit on 'God's Covenants,' reflecting on the meaning on the word 'covenant.' We also reflected on God's covenant with Noah and what that means for us today.

In Art, we started painting our facsimile Egyptian tomb painting focusing on accuracy and control.

In French, we have begun learning how to say classroom instructions.

In PE, we have begun our 'Rugby' unit and have looked at how to pass a rugby ball correctly.

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



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a wonderful week following half-term. Here's what we have been up to:

English: We made predictions before starting our new text 'Escape from Pompeii'. We made inferences based on the text and created phrases using appropriate verbs based on our story's setting.

Maths: We learned about area and practised finding the area of shapes and also drawing rectilinear shapes with different areas.

R.E: We discussed the meaning of trust and the importance of trusting in God.

French: We learned different classroom instructions and actions in French.

Science: We started our new topic which is sound. We learned that sound is created by vibrations and experimented with tuning forks to see and feel the effect of these vibrations on water.

D.T: We explored axles and started to plan our own designs.

P.E: We practised our dodging and tagging skills in tag rugby.

Well done everyone on a great week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend.



Year 3:

Year 3 have come back from half term ready to learn, well done! We were lucky enough to spend the day at the Science Museum, exploring forces and magnets in a special show and the technological advancements in video games in Power Up.

This week Year 3 have learnt:

-In Maths, we learnt how to add and subtract two 3-digits numbers from each other, without exchanging.

-In English, we have begun our new class novel. We have used expanded noun phrases to describe the setting.

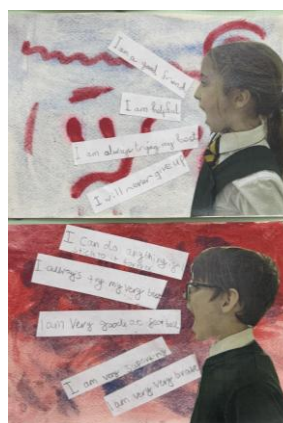
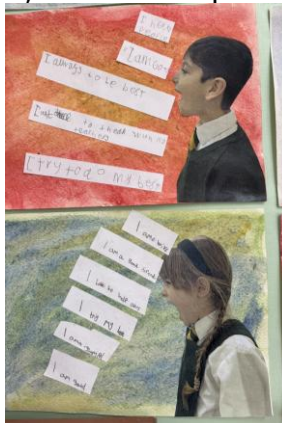
-In RE, we looked at The Annunciation and discussed what a huge responsibility Mary took on because she had faith in God.

-In French, we learnt what classroom instructions were in French.

-In PE, we used our strength built up using Corefulness to focus on some key core workouts through a circuit.

-In Science, we began our learning on Forces and Magnets through a show at the Science Museum.

-In PSHE, we used our positive affirmations from last term to create our own self-worth posters.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to this half term! The children have settled back into school routines well and have approached their learning and first week of assessments with great enthusiasm! Here is what they have been up to this week:

- In **English**, we have started a new book: 'The Lonely Beast'. We have been making inferences on the character based on illustrations and making predictions about the story.
- In **Maths**, we have been subtracting numbers from and across 10.
- In **RE**, we have been focusing on the mystery of the Holy Spirit. We discussed how the Trinity helps us understand that God is three persons.
- In **Science**, we learnt about simple food chains. We discussed how plants and animals get energy from food.
- In **History**, we identified different viewpoints about how the Great Fire of London started and debated over who was to blame for the fire.
- In **Art**, we focused on weaving. We looked at the artists, Terri Friedman and Sheila Hicks, and started our own weaving.
- 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.



Year 1:

Year 1 have had a wonderful start back to the term. They have settled well back into their routines and have thoroughly enjoyed their DT day on Friday with Ms Nuttall. This is what we have been learning:
Maths: In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and using our part-part whole model to add numbers together. We were introduced to a bar model and have started to represent addition sums in different ways.

English: In English we are reading the book 'Mr Underbed'. This week we have been predicting the outcome of the story and asking Mr Underbed questions to find out more. We have been using question words and learning when to use a question mark. We also designed our own monster that we would like to find in the story.

History: In History we have been learning about Mary Anning and why she was significant. Using our observation and questioning skills we looked at a range of photos and artifacts to predict why she was important.

DT: In DT this week we enjoyed planning, making and writing instructions to make fruit tarts! We especially enjoyed eating our creations afterwards.

Phonics: In Phonics we have been recapping our split digraphs and learning the tricky words used for questions- who, what, where, why.

Handwriting: In Handwriting we have been practicing our capital letters.

Science: In Science we have started our new topic about Materials. This week we learnt about the five main materials groups- wood, metal, plastic, glass and fabric. The children sorted different everyday items into these groups.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team.



Reception:

Reception have had a wonderful start to another term at the Oratory!

Phonics: We have been practising reading and writing words with consonant blends eg: **clap**, **stick**, **crack**

Literacy: This week, the children have been reading "The Train Ride". They made predication about where the train might be going and we discussed the types of transport they have been on before.

Maths: This week, we have been learning about composition of numbers to 3, learning that bigger numbers are made up of smaller numbers.

UTW: We have been learning about how different modes of transport travel by land, water and air.

EAD: The children have enjoyed using paint, pattern and design create hot air balloons using different materials.

PD: The children have been practising their name writing using different pens and pencils.

C&L: The children have enjoyed using new language and vocabulary in the train station role play area.

RE: This week, we have been learning about the story of how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary.



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	Oliver	Vittoria
Year 1	Paul	Constanca
Year 2	Antoine	Clementine
Year 3	Omair	Vega
Year 4	Sebastian	Enzo
Year 5	Philip	Ava Grace
Year 6	Yanis	Fernando
Special Act of Kindness		Lorenzo (Y4)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Blue House	Year 6 (For their wonderful assembly)