

# Newsletter

Autumn Term: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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

## Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly special end to the term, with the Juniors performing beautifully for their Carol Service on Tuesday evening and then of course all of the fun festivities that the children have enjoyed so much this week. As I said last week, none of this would be possible without you and your unwavering support and help for the school and for that I sincerely thank you, especially to the many parents that made Children's Day so wonderful for the children yesterday.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would also like to thank you for all of your incredibly generous gifts – it is hugely appreciated by us all. I have also received so many kind words about the wonderful work that the superb Oratory staff do and I'd like to thank the amazing staff team who put so much care into all that they do - making the school the incredibly special place that it is for each and every child.

Finally, wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again on 6<sup>th</sup> January, when we will be celebrating the very special Feast of Epiphany together.

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

## Upcoming dates

### 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)

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

### 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
- 13 Feb** Half Term 3.30pm
- 23 Feb** Children return
- 24 Feb** Individual & sibling photos
- 25 Feb** Y6 SATs & School Journey Meeting 3.45pm

### March

- 2 March** Book Week
- 5 March** World Book Dress Up Day
- 16 March** Coffee Morning & uniform sale in hall 8.30am
- 18 March** Spring Music Concert: 2pm Infants, 2.30pm Juniors
- 24 March** Y4 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 25 March** Y5 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 26 March** Y6 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 27 March** End of term 1.30pm

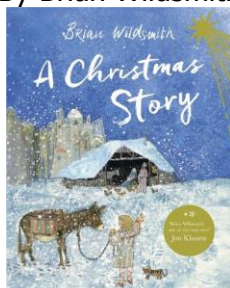
## This week's theme: LOVE

In assemblies this week we have looked at the theme of Love during Advent and lit the fourth candle on our Advent wreath. We thought about how we can spread love during this special season. The grand finale was the teachers very own Nativity performance in assembly this morning – much enjoyed by all!

### Story of the Week

*A Christmas Story*

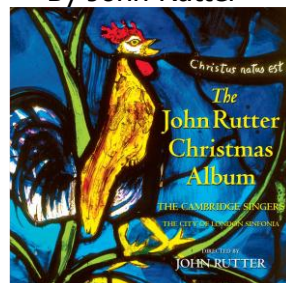
By Brian Wildsmith



### Music of the Week

*What Sweeter Music*

By John Rutter



### Art of the Week

*The Mystical Nativity*

By Sandro Boticelli





## Children's Day

What a wonderful day the children all enjoyed for Children's Day yesterday. Adorned in their Christmas outfits, they were treated to pantomime performances, Christmas craft making, a brilliant balloon artist, a delicious Christmas lunch full of carol singing, disco dancing and of course a special visit from Father Christmas himself. What a day full of joy!













## HOUSE OF THE TERM!



Congratulations to

### GREEN HOUSE

who have earned the most house points this term and won House of the Term. As a reward for their efforts, children in Gree House may wear their own clothes to school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

## The Grumpy Hedgehog & The Joy of Christmas!

The children enjoyed watching the staff in assembly this morning tell the story of Holly the grumpy hedgehog who thought there wasn't room for everyone in her stable, until she realised that love makes room for everyone and felt only hope, peace, love and joy at the birth of baby Jesus!



## Outstanding Payments – Autumn Term

As we come to the end of another wonderful term 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 Christmas.

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## **Year 3 Class Mass & First Holy Communion Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2.15pm**



On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm, we will be celebrating the Year 3 Class Mass which will then be followed by a meeting about First Holy Communion arrangements.

## **Wednesday Word**

[Christmas Holidays](#)

### **Chaplain's Corner – Fr James**



The days leading up to Christmas are usually busy with preparations for the feasts to come, such as putting up decorations and buying gifts. Important as this is, we mustn't allow it to overshadow the much more important kind of preparation for Christmas, which is spiritual. The best way to prepare our souls to meet Our Lord anew at Christmas is to make a trip to Confession, where He awaits us with open arms, no matter the number or degree of our sins. Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas and New Year!

### **Staff News**

This morning in assembly we showed our enormous gratitude to Mrs Kaczmarek who has done such a wonderful job of guiding our Year 6 children through their first term. Though she has promised to come back and visit lots, we will all miss her but also look forward to welcoming Mr Alton back in the new year.

We are also saying farewell to Miss Pinson, our Year 4 teaching assistant, who has successfully secured a place on a graduate training programme in digital consultancy. We wish her lots of luck with this exciting new chapter. We look forward to welcoming Miss Eve Linney as our new Year 4 teaching assistant in January.

**Wishing our whole Oratory Family a very blessed Christmas filled with hope, peace, joy & love.**

